

## Chapter 1 : The Bible: So Misunderstood It's a Sin

*I read the Bible first thing each morning, so I don't get side-tracked by something else. Distinguish between reading and study. When I am reading, I don't try to do word studies, read commentaries, or chase cross-references.*

To download a free copy of the reading guide, [click here](#). Though friends in your small group may guffaw at your punny-ness, kids are more likely to laugh hard and share a few of their own. Here are 23 of the best Bible jokes and riddles: Because he knew there was something fishy about it. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation. On the side of his head. Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible? What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? How does Moses make his coffee? How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman? By his net income. Who was the smartest man in the Bible? He knew a Lot. Because Noah was standing on the deck. Who was the fastest runner in the race? Adam, because he was first in the human race. Why did the unemployed man get excited while looking through his Bible? He thought he saw a job. What animal could Noah not trust? Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? He brought the house down. What kind of man was Boaz before he married? On the Ark, Noah probably got milk from the cows. What did he get from the ducks? Which Bible Character is a locksmith? Which Bible character had no parents? Joshua, son of Nun Joshua 1: Where is the first baseball game in the Bible? In the big inning. Eve stole first, Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel. The Giants and the Angels were rained out. Think these were funny? What Bible joke have you heard that we can add to the collection? Leave your answer as a comment on this blog.

Chapter 2 : 10 Way to Get Kids Excited About the Bible – blog.quintoapp.com

*I read some of each of these for my studies and fun reading. Sharing - It brings Scripture to life when we can share it with others. Sharing your reading with your small group, a group of guys or girls at a coffee shop or a couple of people from work helps energize you for the passage.*

Should they read the King James Version? All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work. As we read the Word, we not only touch God as the Spirit, but we also breathe in more of who He is. Thus, when deciding which Bible translation you should read, consider which one you will actually read. You can always pray to the Lord about difficult or confusing parts. We want to be ones reading and examining the Scriptures daily. However, there are some things that we need to know about different Bible translations. I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this scroll; and if anyone takes away from the words of the scroll of this prophecy, God will take away his part of the tree of life and out of the holy city, which are written in this scroll. Thus, we cannot add to or take away from the Bible. They may add a book or two or more, or they may alter key verses. The full verse of John 1: Through this verse, we see that the Word who was with God in the beginning was also God Himself. This Word refers to Christ, who was in the beginning with God and who is God. A central item of the Christian faith is that God – not part of God and not another god, but the God – became the man named Jesus Christ so that He could save us. Hallelujah for such a wonderfully mysterious verse that describes our wonderfully mysterious Christ who was with God and who is God! This is the first thing we need to know about which Bible translation to read. Some Bible translations are more accurate than others. The next thing we need to know is that some Bibles are translated more accurately than others. Nevertheless, there are some versions that are more accurate than others. Other translations, like the Recovery Version and the English Standard Version, focus on translating the Bible word-by-word, producing a more literal translation. These types of translations stick as close as possible to the original language. All of the Bible versions fall on a spectrum with paraphrase versions at one end and literal, or word-by-word, at the other. And the majority of versions fall somewhere in the middle, leaning one way or the other. Of the versions available, the more literal translations are generally better for studying the Bible because they more accurately communicate what is written in the original language. There are even some excellent sites online where you can compare English translations not only with one another, but also with the original languages. Here are some practical ways: Pray about which translation you should read. Since some translations are more accurate than others, ask the Lord which translation is the right one for you to read. When you genuinely open to the Lord and ask Him questions like this, He will lead you and guide you about which Bible is the best one for you to read. Collect different translations and compare them. It also includes footnotes and cross-references that help to guide the reader into a better understanding of the Scriptures and a deeper experience of Christ. Have you been wondering about which Bible version is the best one to read? Leave a comment to share your experience.

**Chapter 3 : How to Read the Bible - A Beginners Guide (Updated)**

*The NLT version of the Bible is most readable while still being literal in its translation; the Study Bibles contain footnotes that explain difficult to understand passages of Scripture.*

The New International Version has been ranked at a grade level of 8. Grade level wise, the King James Bible should not be difficult to understand for most. Over the years, I have met many learned men. After listening to them, I soon realized that I have many young children in my junior church that know more of what the Bible means than they. They just tried to figure it out with their own intelligence, interpretations, and opinions, like so many others have tried. Understanding the meaning of the Bible takes more than just having a superior intellect. It, again, takes God to show anyone what it means. It is God that has to open the spiritual eyes of the beholder; so that they can see the wondrous truths of God Psalms The only ones that truly can understand His Word are His own: Many try to, even from the pulpit! It is not Huckleberry Finn or Tom Sawyer. It is the Word of God; so it will not be easy to understand. Do not expect to read it once and understand it all. Do not try to read some of it and expect to understand all of it! All words and verses in the Bible are important. Having knowledge of all scriptures, not just a few verses, will help one understand more. A good example is found in the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Reading the prophecies about Jesus the Messiah in the Old Testament will even make it clearer Who He really is, and why He is so important. I have heard many explain what the scriptures meant, and then it was found out that they had never read it for themselves. They were just reciting what someone had told them they thought the scriptures meant and taught. There was a preset mind of what they thought God would say or think. One cannot understand the mind or thinking of God without reading His Word! These people do not understand the Bible because they do not seek or want to understand it as it was intended. What may have happened in those instances is they did not need the truth before that time; and when God wanted them to know, He gave them the understanding of the scripture. He considered hiding His will from Abraham one time: Today, not all have understanding in all things. Many times, only those have understanding of certain truths from the Word of God if they have need of it. A suffering Christian has more understanding of comforting verses than one who has not yet experienced such severe heartaches. A dying Christian certainly has more understanding of the scriptures regarding grace in difficult times, than one whose health is not in question. All born-again John 3: There is one God and one Word. Do not rely on some translator to make it clearer. It only takes the translating Spirit of God to help one understand His Word. All can understand the Bible.

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A slave worships his owner, the assembled of Satan worship an angel, and Roman soldiers mocking Jesus worship him. By translating the same word different ways, these modern Bibles are adding a bit of linguistic support to the idea that the people who knew Jesus understood him to be God. In other words, with a little translational trickery, a fundamental tenet of Christianityâ€”that Jesus is Godâ€”was reinforced in the Bible, even in places where it directly contradicts the rest of the verse. But the publishers of some Bibles decided to insert their beliefs into translations that had nothing to do with the Greek. Which raises a big issue for Christians: So where does the clear declaration of God and Jesus as part of a triumvirate appear in the Greek manuscripts? And in that deception lies a story of mass killings. It seems nonsensical, but the belief that he refused to convey a clear message has led to the slaughter of many thousands of Christians by Christians. In fact, Christians are believed to have massacred more followers of Jesus than any other group or nation. Groups who believed Jesus was two entitiesâ€”God and manâ€”killed those who thought Jesus was merely flesh and blood. Some felt certain God inspired Old Testament Scriptures, others were convinced they were the product of a different, evil God. Indeed, for hundreds of years after the death of Jesus, groups adopted radically conflicting writings about the details of his life and the meaning of his ministry, and murdered those who disagreed. For many centuries, Christianity was first a battle of books and then a battle of blood. The reason, in large part, was that there were no universally accepted manuscripts that set out what it meant to be a Christian, so most sects had their own gospels. Christianity was in chaos in its early days, with some sects declaring the others heretics. Constantine was a brutal sociopath who murdered his eldest son, decapitated his brother-in-law and killed his wife by boiling her alive, and that was after he proclaimed that he had converted from worshipping the sun god to being a Christian. Yet he also changed the course of Christian history, ultimately influencing which books made it into the New Testament. By that point, the primary disputes centered on whether Jesus was Godâ€”the followers of a priest named Arius said no, that God created Jesus. But the Bishop of Alexander said yes, that Jesus had existed throughout all eternity. The dispute raged on in the streets of Constantinople, with everyoneâ€”shopkeepers, bakers and tradesmenâ€”arguing about which view was right. Constantine, in a reflection of his shallow understanding of theology, was annoyed that what he considered a minor dispute was causing such turmoil, and feared that it weaken him politically. So he decided to force an agreement on the question. Cody Walsh, 18, left and Eric Hogle, 21 center dance and sing during the opening musical act of the non-denominational prayer and fasting event, entitled "The Response" at Reliant Stadium August 6, in Houston. Invitations were sent around the world to bishops and leaders of various sects, although not all of them. The group included the educated and the illiterate, zealots and hermits. Constantine arrived wearing jewels and gold on his scarlet robe and pearls on his crown, eager to discuss the true essence of a poor carpenter who had died years before. Things that are today accepted without much thought were adopted or reinforced at Nicaea. For example, the Old Testament was clear in declaring that God rested on the seventh day, making it the Sabbath. The seventh day of the week is Saturday, the day of Jewish worship and rest. Jesus himself invoked the holiness of the Jewish Sabbath. The word Sunday does not appear in the Bible, either as the Sabbath or anything else. But four years before Nicaea, Constantine declared Sunday as a day of rest in honor of the sun god. At Nicaea, rules were adopted regarding the proper positions for prayer on Sundaysâ€”standing, not kneeling; nothing was said of the Jewish Sabbath or Saturday. The majority of the time at Nicaea was spent debating whether Jesus was a man who was the son of God, as Arius proclaimed, or God himself, as the church hierarchy maintained. The followers of Arius marshaled evidence from the letters of Paul and other Christian writings. But Constantine sided with those who believed Jesus was both God and man, so a statement of belief, called the Nicene Creed, was composed to proclaim that. Those who refused to sign the statement were banished. After they had returned home and were far from Rome, some who signed the document later sent letters to Constantine saying they had only done so out of fear for

their lives. About 50 years later, in A. The Nicene Creed was rewritten, and those who refused to sign the statement were banished, and another wholesale slaughter began, this time of those who rejected the Trinity, a concept that is nowhere in the original Greek manuscripts and is often contradicted by it. To this day, congregants in Christian churches at Sunday services worldwide recite the Nicene Creed, which serves as affirmation of their belief in the Trinity. It is doubtful many of them know the words they utter are not from the Bible, and were the cause of so much bloodshed. To understand how what we call the Bible was made, you must see how the beliefs that became part of Christian orthodoxy were pushed into it by the Holy Roman Empire. By the fifth century, the political and theological councils voted on which of the many Gospels in circulation were to make up the New Testament. With the power of Rome behind them, the practitioners of this proclaimed orthodoxy wiped out other sects and tried to destroy every copy of their Gospels and other writings. And recall that they were already working from a fundamentally flawed document. Errors and revisions by copyists had been written in by the fifth century, and several books of the New Testament, including some attributed to Paul, are now considered forgeries perpetrated by famous figures in Christianity to bolster their theological arguments. It is small wonder, then, that there are so many contradictions in the New Testament. Some of those contradictions are trivial, but some create huge problems for evangelicals insisting they are living by the word of God. Jesus was born in a house in Bethlehem. No wise men showed up for the birth, and no brilliant star shone overhead. Joseph and his family then fled to Egypt, where they remained for years. Later, they returned to Israel, hoping to live in Judea, but that proved problematic, so they settled in a small town called Nazareth. Not the version you are familiar with? No angel appearing to Mary? Not born in a manger? No one saying there was no room at the inn? No gold, frankincense or myrrh? First living in Nazareth when Jesus was a child, not before he was born? Two Gospels—Matthew and Luke—tell the story of when Jesus was born, but in quite different ways. In creating the familiar Christmas tale, Christians took a little bit of one story, mixed it with a little bit of the other and ignored all of the contradictions in the two. The version recounted above does the same; it uses parts of those stories from the two Gospels that are usually ignored. So there are two blended versions and two Gospel versions. There are also deep, logical flaws here that should be apparent to anyone giving the Bible a close read. Many Christians read the Old Testament as having several prophecies that the Messiah will be a descendant of David, a towering biblical figure who was the second ruler of the Kingdom of Israel. Jesus is the son of God, remember? Mary, the mother of Jesus, can be the only parent with a bloodline to David, but neither Gospel makes any mention of that. When brought before Pontius Pilate in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus speaks only two words and is never declared innocent. In the Gospel of John, Jesus engages in extended conversations with Pilate, who repeatedly proclaims this Jewish prisoner to be innocent and deserving of release. That has been one of the key bases for centuries of anti-Semitism. And who went to anoint Jesus in his tomb? In Matthew, it was Mary and another woman named Mary, and an angel met them there. In John, it was Mary alone; no one met her. As told in Matthew, the disciples go to Galilee after the Crucifixion and see Jesus ascend to heaven; in Acts, written by Luke, the disciples stay in Jerusalem and see Jesus ascend from there. Some of the contradictions are conflicts between what evangelicals consider absolute and what Jesus actually said. For example, evangelicals are always talking about family values. But to Jesus, family was an impediment to reaching God. What modern evangelicals want to believe cannot be reconciled with the Bible. Some evangelicals counter these clear words by quoting 2 Peter as saying that, for God, one day is like 1, years. That does nothing to counter what either Jesus or Paul said. And even in ancient times, many Christian leaders proclaimed 2 Peter to be a forgery, an opinion almost universally shared by biblical scholars today. None of this is meant to demean the Bible, but all of it is fact. Christians angered by these facts should be angry with the Bible, not the messenger. The first appears on Page 1, Genesis 1, so that is the version most people tend to embrace. Genesis 1 begins with expanses of water that God separates, creating the earth between them. Genesis 2 describes a world without enough water, which is then introduced. In Genesis 1, man is created after plants and animals; in Genesis 2, plants and animals come after man. This is nothing unusual for the Old Testament. In fact, even though many evangelical Christians insist that Moses wrote the first five books of the Old Testament including Deuteronomy, which talks about Moses having died and been buried, biblical

scholars have concluded that two Jewish sects wrote many of the books. Each prepared its version of Old Testament, and the two were joined together without any attempt to reconcile the many contradictions. The doublets make reading the Old Testament the literary equivalent of a hall of mirrors. Take the Genesis story of Noah and the flood. But the directions changed the second time, with Noah told to bring seven of every kind of clean animal and two of every kind of unclean animal. Then, in the very next verse, Genesis 7: The water flooded the earth for 40 days Genesis 7: But Noah and his family stayed on the ark for a year Genesis 8: Even well-known stories have contradictory versions. There, it says in many versions of the Bible that Elhanan killed Goliath. Other Bibles, though, fixed that to make it coincide with the words in 1 Chronicles, were Elhanan killed the brother of Goliath.

**Chapter 5 : 7 Ways to Make Bible Reading Fun - Ron Edmondson**

*When we don't feel prepared for family Bible time, we read the Bible anyway. When no one's excited about Bible time we read the Bible anyway. Whether we had a great morning or a rough evening, or we still have too much to do we read the Bible anyway.*

By Jason Jackson Who needs to read the Bible? Kings were commanded to read the Scriptures all the days of their lives Deuteronomy The Scriptures have been read aloud for the benefit of various groups of people Exodus It must be read individually as well Psalms 1: The Bible is not an ordinary book. It can make us wise unto salvation, and the word is able to save our souls 2 Timothy 3: The skills for Bible reading are identical, mechanically, for reading a secular document. But a keener appreciation applies to the divine revelation, and additional considerations for the heavenly message are required. Our devotion to the sacred word must be as special as the book itself. Rule One We ought to read the Bible regularly. Neither is it enough for any Christian. Any child of God who needs convinced that he ought to read the Bible regularly is in spiritual peril already. Rule Two We need to read the Bible analytically. For example, the Bible student needs to understand the two major parts of the Bible—the Old and New Testaments. A good Bible dictionary will facilitate this rule. Give the mind an advantage by knowing as much as you can about your reading before you read. This is true with respect to the Bible as a whole, and in connection with chapters and verses. Rule Three We would profit more, I believe, if we read the Bible systematically. A well-organized plan facilitates any objective—even Bible reading. Download it in PDF format at <http://> Take advantage of a method and use it. Devise your own and tenaciously work through it. The most prolific Bible readers with whom I am familiar are people who are systematic in method and time. Other things may be postponed. We have our Bibles to read! Rule Four We must read the Bible persistently. Bible reading can be discouraging for some, especially the new Christian. He may be distracted by what is not readily understood, rather than absorbing what could have been easily grasped. I recommend that you keep a notebook nearby while reading the Bible. Write down the reference of a verse that perplexes you, and keep on reading. Schedule another time for a more exhaustive study to research the difficult text. Avoid interrupting your plan, as a general rule, to ponder about an obscure thought to the neglect of much that could have been understood. Keep reading, and press on. I do not imply that the Bible should be read sloppily. This is indispensable to our growth as well. Such projects, however, usually cannot be accomplished in short periods of time. We need an entire morning, evening, or Saturday afternoon, to devote uninterrupted hours for these special studies. With perseverance and planning, we can devote ourselves to persistent Bible reading with thirty minutes to an hour per day. Rule Five The previous guidelines help us accomplish this one: A plan best accomplishes this, and it certainly ought to be our resolve. Some books of the Bible captivate our attention more than others. Some are more immediately relevant to our spiritual needs. Yet neglect none of them. Read it; read it all—1, chapters. The next several suggestions involve a mind set more than methodology. They are vital for effective Bible reading. Rule Six We must read the Bible reverently. Bible reading is not a matter of Pharisaic self-congratulation. It should not degrade into a mere routine. For reverent readers, Bible reading and prayer are inseparable see Acts 6: The regularity of our reading should not diminish our respect for the words breathed out by God. To the contrary, I believe that the persistent reader will become more reverent through the passing of time. Rule Seven Because this book is from God for our utmost good, we ought to read the Bible expectantly. We must realize that the Bible will do for us what it can do for any person 2 Timothy 3: It is useful for teaching—what we need to know. It is profitable for reproof—what we must reject and refute. It is beneficial for correction—what we must turn away from and avoid. It is good for instruction in righteousness—what we must consider about our lives and duties with respect to God and man. Conversely, spiritual atrophy is the expectation for those who do not open the Good Book. Confident that it is true, but void of its power, defines the complacent attitude toward the Bible in which the Devil, no doubt, rejoices. Rule Eight Read the Bible fervently. By the way, get comfortable, and enjoy this quotation. The rules for reading yourself to sleep are easier to follow than are the rules for staying awake while reading. Get into bed in a comfortable position, make sure the light is inadequate

enough to cause slight eyestrain, choose a book that is either terribly difficult or terribly boringâ€”in any event, one that you do not really care whether you read or notâ€”and you will be asleep in a few minutes. Those who are experts in relaxing with a book do not have to wait for nightfall. A comfortable chair in the library will do any time , We must stay awake to effectively read the Bible. But more than that, we must read it with focus and fervency. Choose a time of day when you are alert. Select a place where you will not become easily fatigued. Provide yourself with adequate lighting. It is work; it is soul-saving workâ€”your own! Rule Nine We need to read the Bible collectively. As friends, dating couples, married couples, entire families, small groups, congregations, we can read the Bible together and all be better for it. While it is worthy of being quoted in its entirety, I cite only the final paragraph: We, however, who are not wavered by infidelity nor distracted by the entanglements of the world, what have we resolved? It requires our attention in addition to our affection Psalm 1: Become, or continue to be, an effective Bible reader. That is exactly what God wants you to be.

**Chapter 6 : Explore the Bible Project | The Bible Project**

*Beginning to End: Read the Bible from start to finish, from Genesis to Revelation. Chronological: Read the Bible as its events occurred in real time. For example, Job lived sometime after the beginning of creation (Genesis 1) but before Abraham was born (Genesis 12).*

Contents How to Read the Bible is an on-going series aimed at helping you read the Bible more wisely, and with greater understanding! What is the Bible? This is episode 1 of an ongoing series that explores the origins, content, and purpose of the Bible. The Story of the Bible Episode 2 summarizes the overall story of the Bible as a series of crossroad decisions. All humanity, followed by the Israelites, redefine good and evil and end up in Babylon. They are followed by Jesus, who takes a different path that opens up the way to a new creation. Literary Styles in the Bible Episode 3 shows how reading the Bible wisely requires that we learn about the ancient literary styles used by the biblical authors. The Bible as Jewish Meditation Literature Episode 4 explores the unique literary style of the Bible that is meant to draw its readers into a lifelong journey of reading and meditation. The Bible is designed as a multi-layered work, offering new levels of insight as you re-read it and allow each part to help you understanding every other part. The Bible is the original meditation literature. Plot In Biblical Narrative An important part of reading biblical narratives is learning how to understand the nature of "the plot," how stories are arranged into a pattern of conflict and resolution. Character in Biblical Narrative Most of us think of characters in Bible as either sinners or saints, good or bad. Setting in Biblical Narrative Every story has to take place somewhere, and very often locations have a special meaning or significance evoked by events that already took place there. Paying attention to locations and timelines in biblical stories unlocks deeper layers of meaning. Design Patterns in Biblical Narrative Design patterns are one of the key ways the biblical authors have unified the storyline of the Bible. Individual stories across the Old and New Testaments have been coordinated through repeated words and parallel themes. These patterns highlight core themes of the biblical story and show how it all leads to Jesus! Poetry is a rich and artistic form of human communication, but often the most difficult to read. Metaphor in Biblical Poetry Understanding how metaphors are used in the Bible is an essential tool for reading biblical poetry. Anytime someone describes one thing to describe another thing, they are using metaphorical thinking whether they realize it or not. Metaphors are everywhere in the Bible and in our everyday speech. About The Series The How to Read the Bible series walks through each literary style found in the Bible, and how each uniquely contributes to the overall whole. While the Bible is one unified story, it cannot all be read in the same way, as each literary style lives by its own rules and structure; this we will explore in detail in each video. The Bible is an ancient Jewish collection of sacred literature made up of many different literary styles. Each biblical book uses, to a varying degree, a combination of all the literary styles to make its unique contribution to the story of the Bible. This series should help you understand what the Bible is, and the story it tells. But, perhaps even more importantly, it will teach you how to read it for yourself in light of the various literary styles that make each section of the Bible unique in its own way. By the end of this series, you will be familiar with every part of the Bible and how it uses language to communicate who God is, who we are, and the big, redemptive story that we are all living.

**Chapter 7 : How to Read the Bible (with Pictures) - wikiHow**

*Using a Bible dictionary, look up the meaning of the word living in the original language. It is the Greek word 'Ζαΐμ' meaning, "not only living, but causing to live, vivifying, quickening." You start to see a deeper meaning: "God's Word causes life to come about; it quickens."*

I am passionate about God. It took 30 years before he called me into his family, and I sometimes feel like I am working double time to make up for that, but I am passionate about my Lord and Savior. I am passionate about my wife. I am passionate about my kids. They are one of the most important things in my life, and would do almost anything for them. And, I am passionate about serving the kids in my local church. I am passionate about leading kids to Christ and helping them to follow him through developing a biblical worldview. That, of course, means that I am also passionate about the Bible. I love to read it. I get fired up about my Bible because it teaches me about my Lord. I love to tell people about it, and I love to teach kids from it. I remember a couple of times as a kid when I picked up the Bible and resolved to read it cover to cover. I would ask myself how anyone could actually sit and read this stuff. It would be more exciting to watch grass grow! For the last several years, I have read through my Bible multiple times each year, not because I have to "but because I get to. In this article I will look at 10 things you can do to help kids catch a sense of excitement and intrigue about their Bibles. Let them see your excitement. People get caught up in the moment. They get caught up in the excitement. Children are no different. Let them see you reading your Bible and enjoying it. Let them sense your excitement at the things the Bible has taught you. When they ask questions, refer to the Bible for answers. Let them see your excitement about the Word of God, and they are likely to feed off of that. When you are teaching kids, make sure that you physically hold your Bible. Whether or not you refer to it during your teaching, the mere fact that you are holding it implies to the kids that the story you are telling them in from that book. Teach them how to use it. Some kids avoid the Bible because it is just so daunting. Take the mystery out of it. Show them how it is organized. Teach them where it came from and how it is arranged. Show them how to look up a verse. Teach them how to use a concordance. Help them to memorize the names of the books of the Bible. Show them the maps at the back. All of this will turn the Bible from a frighteningly thick book into a useful tool in the hands of a child. Explain where it comes from and what is. The Bible is not just any ordinary book. It was given to us by God. Furthermore, they need to understand how they fit into that story. Give them a place to start. Challenge them to start reading somewhere. Figure out what interests them and suggest they start there, or pick a specific book and have them start reading it in small segments. The book of John is a great place to start. Show them how it can be useful to them. It is more than just a bunch of cool stories. It is the very words of the God who created everything they can see. When kids are playing video games at least my teenager is this way , they love books full of cheat codes that show them the hidden levels and how to win the game. The Bible is just that kind of cheat book for life. Encourage them to memorize it. The Bible tells us that we should write the Word of God on our hearts. Kids should start memorizing scripture as soon as possible. Start with some core fundamental verses like John 3: Kids are capable of memorizing scripture before they are even capable of reading it. Playing music based on scriptural passages is another great way to help them memorize Biblical passages. Find out what excites them and show it to them in the Bible. The Bible is a cool book, and we should let kids know that. There is something in there for everyone. Find out what interests an individual child and encourage them to read that story. Use it in your class regularly. Therefore, make sure that the Bible is central to what you are teaching. When you use a verse as part of your lesson, read it directly from your Bible, not just your notes. Let the kids see and hear that the Bible should be central, and a guiding force, in everything we do. Accordingly, prayer is critical in your efforts to teach kids about the Bible. Pray that God would grow a sense of excitement and wonder about his Word in the hearts of your children. Pray that he would give them a burning desire to study his Word, and pray that he would help them to write his Word on their hearts.

## Chapter 8 : I Can't Understand the Bible!"

*To the Ephesians he said, "When you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ" (Ephesians ). To the Colossians he said, "When this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter that is coming from Laodicea" (Colossians ).*

Change Password Logout The Bible is widely considered to be the best-selling book of all time, with estimated total sales of over 5 billion copies. The Bible is available in 2, languages. The King James Bible has inspired the lyrics of more pop songs than any other book. Most scholars say Jesus never viewed himself as creating a new religion per se, just reforming Judaism. China largest supplier of Bibles. The Bible is the most shoplifted book in the world. Bibliomancy is the practice by some people of opening the Bible at random to be guided by whatever verse they see first. Swearing on the Bible is forbidden by the Bible. Possessing Bibles, watching South Korean movies and distributing pornography may be punished with death in North Korea. In , a huge reprint of the King James Bible was recalled and burnt due to a single typo: The Bible contains plenty of puns, funny names, humorous imagery, sarcasm and irony. He came back with Nowhere in the Bible does it say there were three wise men, just three gifts. Nowhere in the Bible does it say that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute or even overtly sexual. The phrase "God never gives you more than you can handle" never appears in the Bible and actually the opposite is said many times. In the Bible, God sent two bears to murder 42 children because they had mocked a man for being bald. He turned Jesus over to the Romans because Jesus asked him to. Satan was never named "Lucifer. In Islam, the Bible is considered a revelation from God which had been corrupted by men. The Gutenberg Bible was the first major book printed using mass-produced movable type. Christopher Columbus showed a keen interest in the Bible and in Biblical prophecies, and would often quote biblical texts in his letters and logs. In Europe before the 17th century, dinosaur fossils were generally believed to be the remains of giants and other biblical creatures. The Pentateuch Torah in Judaism, Old Testament in the Christian Bible , lays down the death penalty for murder, kidnapping, magic, violation of the Sabbath, blasphemy, and a wide range of sexual crimes. The only country to have a Bible on its national flag is the Dominican Republic. Jesus never talks about homosexuality in the Bible.

## Chapter 9 : 23 of the Best Bible Jokes & Riddles

*2. Hold your Bible. When you are teaching kids, make sure that you physically hold your Bible. Whether or not you refer to it during your teaching, the mere fact that you are holding it implies to the kids that the story you are telling them in from that book.*