Discover why the Hands-On Bible is the book you can’t put down.

These quick, funny overviews are written in a style you can relate to.

INTRODUCTIONS tell you about things you won’t want to miss in each book of the Bible.

Sends you straight into the BIBLE!

COOL facts!

Valuable INFO!

What Else?
Every introduction includes a TIMELINE to show you when the action took place. Dates from world history add to the fun!
This Bible will excite, ignite, and invite you to experience the Bible as you read it. Science experiments, crafts, journals, snacks—you’ll do the Bible. And that means you’ll remember the Bible!

Learn it!

Do it!

Share it!

Live it!

Can you find the secret message in this activity?

That’s why we’ve included SECRET MESSAGES throughout the Bible that send you searching for other places in the Bible. Think of it as a Bible treasure hunt! You’ll explore the Bible like never before and discover that God’s Word is an amazing whole, not just disconnected books under one cover.

BONUS Free Family devos, music, and more at MyHandsOnBible.com
The biggest stories you absolutely have to know.

Creation
Genesis 1-2

Consider this:
- The giant squid’s eye can be as big as a tennis racket. (That’s three inches bigger than your ruler)
- A cockroach can live up to a year without a head breeze!

The Whatsa-ma-jiggy
1. Make your own animal by wrapping together the following:
   - 5” dia. of foam
   - 1/2 cup of salt
   - 3” dia. of clay
2. Stamp your creation, then compare your creation to God’s creation by reading Genesis 1.
3. Why did God go to all the trouble of Creation?

FROM CREATION TO HEAVEN—
these full-color extravaganzas will wow you as you discover that you are part of God’s BIG plan.

THE JESUS CONNECTION
God wants you to grow in your friendship with Jesus. Read THE JESUS CONNECTION in every book introduction and on every Bible Bonanza page. Discover how the focus of the Bible is Jesus!

Why did God go to all the trouble of Creation?
The main reason was that God wanted to have a relationship with you! You can have a relationship with God by putting your faith in Jesus. Check out these verses to learn more:

John 3:16; Romans 8:23; Romans 10:9-10, and John 15:15-17.

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The contents of the Bible are organized into two main sections:

**THE OLD TESTAMENT**
- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
- 1 Chronicles
- Ezekiel
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Songs
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations

**THE NEW TESTAMENT**
- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John
- Acts
- Romans
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians

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GodUsesCommonObjects: About the New Testament
GodUsesCommonNames: Between pages 000 and 000
David, Elijah, Daniel, Psalm 23: Between pages 000 and 000
Jesus’ Birth, Jesus’ Miracles, Jesus’ Resurrection, Heaven: Between pages 000 and 000
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How to Use This Bible

You've got the world's coolest Bible in your hands, so where do you start? Anywhere! Any page you open to in this Bible will be a good place to start. God's Word is great, from the first page to the last. Every word is true, inspired by God, and written for you!

If you've opened this Bible, you've probably noticed all the fun activities inside. Good! Here are a few tips about them.

Before you start any activity in this Bible, always check with a parent or teacher first. Here's why:

- Some activities require adult help or supervision. An adult may know some safety precautions you haven't thought of.
- Sometimes it'll be easier to have an adult get the supplies you need.
- Some people have food allergies that can be dangerous. So before you do a snack activity, an adult can help you carefully read food labels to check for hidden ingredients that can cause allergy-related problems.

So, are you ready to get started? Good for you! Remember, this is your Bible.

Alphabetical Listing of Bible Books


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How to Find Your Way around the Bible

Finding your way around the Bible is easy!

The first thing is finding the book you want. Just go to the “Contents” page at the beginning of this Bible and look for the name of the book. That'll tell you what page to turn to. (If you already know the order of the books, look it up that way. If not, you can look up the name in the “Alphabetical Listing of Bible Books.”)

Next, you'll want to find a certain chapter in that book. Each book of the Bible is divided into chapters and verses, and each chapter and verse has a number. The bigger numbers on the pages are the chapter numbers. You can also find the chapter numbers at the top of every page. The smaller numbers are the verse numbers.

Here’s how a Bible verse is usually written. Let’s say you want to find the first verse in the Bible. It would be written like this: Genesis 1:1. Here’s what that means:

**GENESIS 1:1**

Here’s the Book... the Chapter... the Verse.

See? It’s the book of Genesis, chapter 1, verse 1. It’s kind of like each verse has its own address. Let’s try another one! Let’s look up a verse about when Jesus was born.

**LUKE 2:7**

OK, first you find the BOOK OF LUKE.

Remember how? You got it! Look it up on the Contents page. (The more you read your Bible, the more you’ll get to know the books. Pretty soon you won’t even have to look at the list. Really.)

Next you need to find CHAPTER 2. Just look for the bigger numbers.

Now that you have the hang of it, try looking these up on your own! After you read each verse, write it out in your own words. Here’s a list to start with: John 3:16; Deuteronomy 6:5; 1 Corinthians 13:13; Jeremiah 29:11.

Here’s another one that’s a little tricky: Matthew 28:5-7. See the short line between the verse numbers? It means to read more than one verse. So here it means: Read verses 5 through 7.

Finally, look IN CHAPTER 2 for the little number 7—that’s VERSE 7.

Now read it! See? You just found a verse that tells a very important part of the history of the world. Way to go!

Why Are There So Many Hard Words in the Bible?

What do you mean? Don’t tell me you find Maher-shalal-hash-baz (Isaiah 8:1) hard to pronounce. Or what about Tahtim-hodshi (2 Samuel 24:3)? Piece of cake, right? (OK, just kidding.)

Sure, many words in the Bible are hard to pronounce and understand, especially names of people and places. That’s because the Bible was written a long time ago in faraway places. (Even today, people from other countries have different-sounding names for people, places, and things, don’t they? Try Hellowing, the name of a province in China.)

There are other words in the Bible that might not be as difficult to pronounce, but they’re still not familiar to us. We don’t use the word tabernacle too much in everyday talk, but it’s an important word in the Bible—it’s the tent where God originally lived among the Israelites (see Exodus 25:8-9).

Some other words seem strange to us because they come from other languages. The first book of the Bible, for instance, is called Deuteronomy. What does that mean? Actually, it’s Greek for “second” (deuter) “law” (nomos). It’s called that because in Deuteronomy Moses repeated much of the Law God gave him earlier on Mount Sinai.

Other words have big meanings that are hard to understand. For example, Jesus is called our “Mediator” in 1 Timothy 2:5. A mediator is someone who comes between two people who have a disagreement and works out a solution. God is deeply offended by sin, but Jesus took away our sin. He comes between God and us so we can have a friendly relationship again.

Even though you may stumble over the words once in a while, don’t stop reading the Bible! Every time you open it, God is speaking to you.

Why Are There So Many Different Bible Versions?

The Bible wasn’t originally written in English. In fact, different parts were written in different languages. Most of the Old Testament was written in ancient Hebrew. Small portions of the Old Testament were written in ancient Aramaic. The New Testament was originally written in ancient Greek. See a pattern?

God wants everyone in the world to read, understand, and believe the Bible. To meet this goal, people throughout the ages have translated the Bible into lots of different languages—English, Spanish, Chinese, French, Russian, and Arabic, to name a few. The list goes on and on. In some languages, the Bible has been translated more than once. That’s because languages change over time. People don’t speak and write English today the same way they did a hundred years ago, right? (Heard anyone say “four score and seven years ago” lately?)

Bible translators have a special calling to make sure the Bible speaks clearly to as many people as possible. That’s the main reason there are so many different versions of the Bible.
A Note to Readers

The *Holy Bible, New Living Translation*, was first published in 1996. It quickly became one of the most popular Bible translations in the English-speaking world. While the NLT's influence was rapidly growing, the Bible Translation Committee determined that an additional investment in scholarly review and text refinement could make it even better. So shortly after its initial publication, the committee began an eight-year process with the purpose of increasing the level of the NLT's precision without sacrificing its easy-to-understand quality. This second-generation text was completed in 2004 and is reflected in this edition of the New Living Translation. An additional update with minor changes was subsequently introduced in 2007.

The goal of any Bible translation is to convey the meaning and content of the ancient Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts as accurately as possible to contemporary readers. The challenge for our translators was to create a text that would communicate as clearly and powerfully to today's readers as the original texts did to readers and listeners in the ancient biblical world. The resulting translation is easy to read and understand, while also accurately communicating the meaning and content of the original biblical texts. The NLT is a general-purpose text especially good for study, devotional reading, and reading aloud in worship services.

We believe that the New Living Translation—which combines the latest biblical scholarship with a clear, dynamic writing style—will communicate God's word powerfully to all who read it. We publish it with the prayer that God will use it to speak his timeless truth to the church and the world in a fresh, new way.

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