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**WORK
BOOK**



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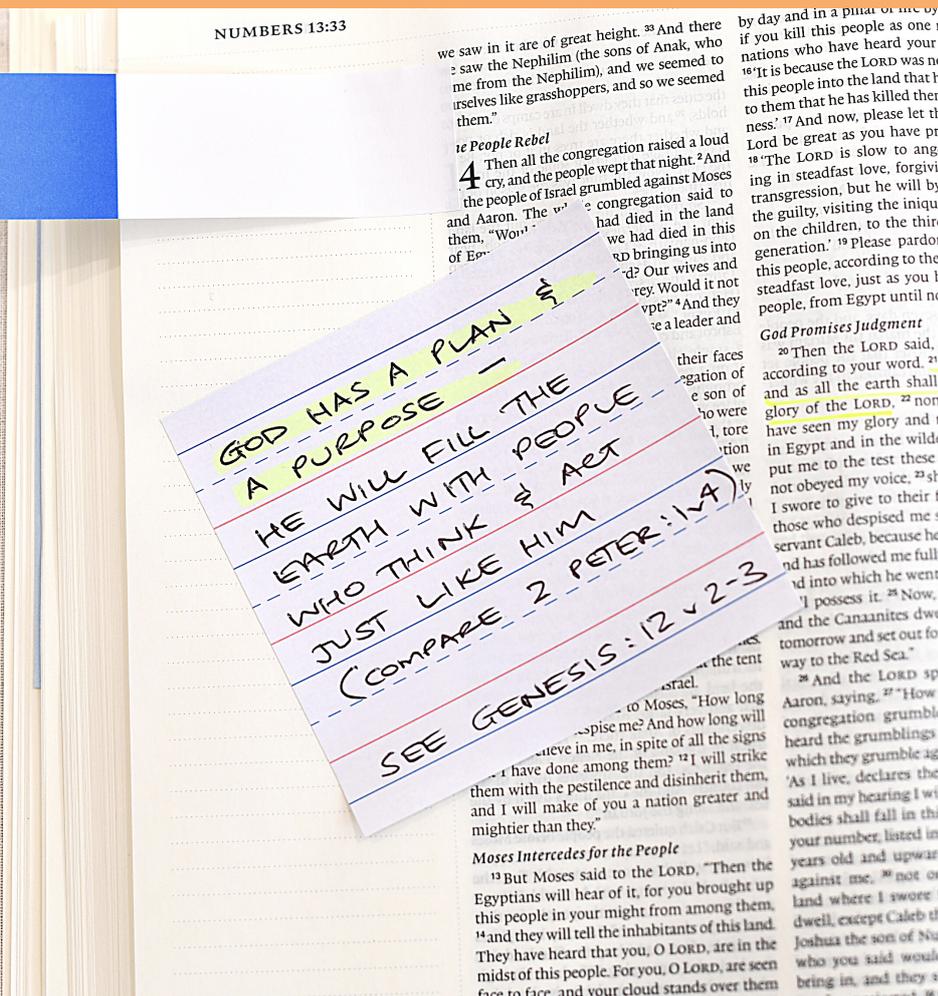
The "Loved Bible Project" began in Pittsburgh, USA, when a woman named Anne-Marie saw a need for a camping toilet for some homeless men living under a bridge. She knew that the potty wasn't enough on its own to really help the men, so she highlighted passages and included prayers and notes in a compact Bible and gave it to the men along with the camping toilet. The next time she walked by the bridge, one of the men asked her for a Bible that had been "loved". The effort and care she had put into that Bible had had a profound effect on him and he wanted more of God's Word.

Anne-Marie began to struggle to keep up with the demand for "loved Bibles" so gathered her friends together to start working on "The Loved Bible Project".

The idea of giving the Bible away is not just to give and walk away, but to let it be a way to begin walking alongside someone and growing a relationship with them as you share God's amazing Word.

"Here I am.
Send me"

Isaiah 6:8



EQUIPMENT

This isn't so much about being artistic, as highlighting, guiding and helping someone else navigate the Bible as though you were sitting there explaining it to them. You just need a new Bible, a pen, a highlighter and some sticky notes.

ADD YOUR NOTES/HIGHLIGHTS

A great place to start is your first principles notes, or the Statement of Faith, to help you work out what to highlight and what kind of notes to include.

GIVE YOUR BIBLE AWAY

Once you have marked up your Bible, you can pray about who to give it to. Is there someone at school, work, in your street or a struggling person that you could give it to? Give it away with love, prayer and humility. God's timing and perspective are far above ours and His Word accomplishes His will. Don't forget to include your contact details.

Intro...



This is a rough guide to the kind of notes you might like to include in your loved Bible.

Starting with the simple but wonderful message of the Gospel, you can then include whatever other information you would like. You could include favourite verses, encouragement, prayers, ideas for Bible study, scripture memory or meditation. You can make it as simple or elaborate as you like.

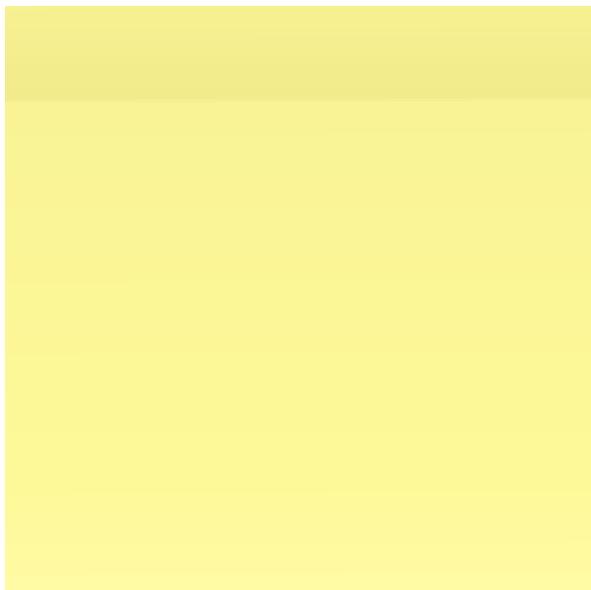


THE ELEVATOR PITCH...

Have you ever had to explain what you believe and why? I'm sure you've been in conversations with other people about your faith before, but have you ever given a short explanation of the Gospel to someone who is really interested in what you believe? A conversation where you are really, consciously aware that their eternal salvation is on the line?

It's really helpful to be able to articulate this for yourself. Use the next two pages of post-it notes to jot down exactly what the most important things are that you would like to share with someone about God's plan with the world. Imagine you only have ten minutes...

This loved Bible is going to be a personal project of yours. You are choosing the pathway of communicating the Gospel to someone who you are trying to save. By all means, get ideas from the post-it notes in this workbook, but at the same time, you may like to include extra things, or less things than what's covered here, for example pointing to favourite verses and why you love them.



here is an
example...



Explanation of verse →

God has a plan
& purpose -
He will fill the earth with
people who have
developed characters
just like His.

Connecting verse (if possible) →

See 2 Peter 1:4

Where to place the note →

Place: Numbers 14:21

God promises to give His nature,
divine nature - living forever
without ageing, without ever
getting sick or tired or depressed,
etc. cp. Isaiah 40:31; Rev 21:3-4

God will do this through His son,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

See John 3:16

Place: 2 Peter 1:4

God provided His
only son as the way
of salvation.

See Gen 3:15

Place: John 3:16

God's first promise to us,
after Adam & Eve had sinned.
This promised seed of the
woman would one day
crush/bruise the seed of the
serpent (sin/death). Who
would this promised child be?

See Isaiah 7:14

Place: Gen 3:15

A virgin will conceive
and bear a son -
who is his Father?

See 2 Sam 7:14

Place: Isaiah 7:14

God speaks of this
promised seed/child
to faithful King David.
God says "I will be his
Father". When would
God do this?

See Luke 1:31-33

Place: 2 Samuel 7:14

I love Psalm 103, it
beautifully describes
God's character as
our loving heavenly
Father.



Place: Psalm 103

Psalm 17:15 shows
that David's hope and
anchor in the O.T. was
the promise of the
resurrection.

Place: Psalm 17:15

here are
some first
principles...



1

THE BIBLE

The Bible is the wholly inspired Word of God.

The Bible, consisting of the scriptures of Moses, the prophets and the apostles, is the only source of knowledge available concerning God and His purpose with the earth. The scriptures were completely given by inspiration of God in the writers, and are consequently without error in all parts.

"And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit" 2 Corinthians 2:13

See also 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:1, 2 Peter 1:21, 1 Corinthians 14:37, Nehemiah 9:30, John 10:35.

THE BIBLE IS THE ONLY BOOK THAT GIVES US TRUE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT GOD, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND SALVATION.

IT WAS WRITTEN BY MEN WHO WERE GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD.

SEE: 2 CORINTHIANS 2:13; 2 TIMOTHY 3:16; HEBREWS 1:1; 2 PETER 1:21; 1 CORINTHIANS 14:37; NEHEMIAH 9:30; JOHN 10:35.

Placement idea: Inside Front Cover

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THE BIBLE

To understand and believe the Bible's message, we need to read regularly, with prayer for God's blessing.

Some parts of the Bible help us to understand other parts
See Luke 24:25-27; 1 Corinthians 2:13.

SOME PARTS OF THE BIBLE HELP US TO UNDERSTAND OTHER PARTS.

READ YOUR BIBLE REGULARLY WITH PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

SEE: 1 TIMOTHY 4:13; PSALM 119:103-105; JEREMIAH 15:16; JEREMIAH 9:24.
SEE ALSO: LUKE 24:25-27; 1 CORINTHIANS 2:13

Placement idea: 1 Timothy 4:13

3

God is the only true God.

(See Isaiah 44:8; Isaiah 45:5; Exodus 20:3; Ephesians 4:6).

He is the Creator of all things.

(See Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 45:18).

GOD

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ALSO SEE GENESIS 1:1; ISAIAH 45:18.

Placement idea: Genesis 1:1

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God has a plan for the future of the earth.

(See Numbers 14:21; Isaiah 45:18; 1 Corinthians 15:28;
Revelation 21:1-4)

GOD

GOD HAS A
PLAN
FOR THE EARTH.
HIS PURPOSE WILL BE
FULFILLED
IN THE KINGDOM.

SEE: NUMBERS 14:21; ISAIAH 45:18; REVELATION 21:1-4.

Placement idea: Numbers 14:21

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GOD

God's character is revealed through the whole Bible.

In Deuteronomy He describes His character for His people, Israel.

We read in other places that He controls all things, and knows all things even our thoughts (See Isaiah 45:7; Psalm 139:1-12), He is holy and true (See Exodus 14:11; Isaiah 6:3), He is kind and merciful (See Exodus 34:6; Romans 2:4) He is just and will reward the good and punish the wicked (Deut 32:4; Psalm 145:20; Romans 1:18).

GOD IS

GOOD

HOLY

TRUE

KIND

MERCIFUL

JUST

OMNISCIENT (KNOWS EVERYTHING)

IS WITHOUT BEGINNING OR END.

SEE: EXODUS 34:6-7

Placement idea: Exodus 34:6-7

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GOD

God is the Father of Jesus Christ.

(See Matthew 3:17; Luke 1:31-35; Hebrews 1:2-5; 1 Peter 1:3).

(Not part of a trinity - the word/concept doesn't even occur in the Bible. See Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Malachi 2:10; Mark 12:29, Isaiah 45:5).

GOD

IS THE

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JESUS CHRIST

SEE: MATTHEW 3:17; LUKE 1-31-35; HEBREWS 1:2-5;
1 PETER 1:3.

Placement idea: Matthew 3:17

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GOD

God is a person with a real bodily presence. He lives in heaven. (See 1 Tim 6:15-16, Psa 123:1, Matt 6:9, 1 Kings 8:30,34,39, Gen 1:26 cp James 3:9).

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Placement idea: 1 Timothy 6:15-16

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GOD

God's name is Yahweh - "He who will be".
(See Exodus 3:14).

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Placement idea: Exodus 3:14



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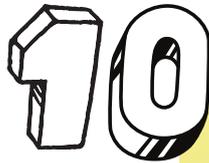
God is everywhere and all-knowing by His spirit which fills heaven and earth (just like light and heat come from the sun).

(See Psalms 139:2-12, Jeremiah 23:24; 1 Kings 8:27).

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Placement idea: Psalms 139



GOD

God wants YOU.

GOD WANTS A FAMILY.

PEOPLE WHO REFLECT HIS CHARACTER.

**YOU CAN BE PART OF HIS FAMILY THROUGH
BEING BAPTISED INTO JESUS CHRIST, AND
LEARNING TO DEVELOP HIS CHARACTERISTICS.**

SEE: 1

Placement idea:

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If we open the New Testament, the first book we read is the Gospel of Matthew. He starts off in the very first verse by introducing Jesus Christ as the son of David and the son of Abraham, and then gives a genealogy to prove this. The point is, these early believers recognised that the fulfilment of the promises to Abraham and David through Jesus Christ is the basis of the Christian message.

"Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures," Romans 1:1-2 (eg. Abraham)

PROMISES

THE PROMISES TO ABRAHAM HAVE TWO BASIC THEMES:

- 1) THINGS ABOUT ABRAHAM'S SPECIAL DESCENDANT, AND
- 2) THINGS ABOUT THE LAND WHICH WAS PROMISED TO ABRAHAM.

THESE PROMISES ARE ALSO THE BASIS OF THE GOSPEL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT...

- 1) THINGS CONCERNING THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, AND
- 2) THE THINGS CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

ROMANS 1:1-2

Placement idea: Romans 1:1-2

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Jesus Christ is the descendant promised to Eve, Abraham and David. The whole of the Old Testament points forward to and prophesies about Jesus. The Law of Moses constantly pointed forward to Him "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ" (Gal 3:24). The Passover Lamb - a lamb in perfect condition killed for the Passover meal (Ex 12:3-6), represented the sacrifice of Jesus "the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29, 1 Cor 5:7).

JESUS CHRIST

JESUS CHRIST WAS PART OF GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD. HE WAS THE DESCENDANT PROMISED TO EVE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, TO ABRAHAM, AND TO DAVID.

THE WHOLE OLD TESTAMENT POINTS FORWARD TO HIM.

SEE: EXODUS 12:3-6, GALATIANS 3:24, JOHN 1:29, 1 COR 5:7

Placement idea: Exodus 12:3-6

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JESUS CHRIST

JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S SON, PROVIDED BY GOD TO SAVE MANKIND FROM SIN AND DEATH. FOLLOWING JESUS' DEATH, GOD RAISED HIM AGAIN, AND HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN. THE BIBLE PROMISES THAT ONE DAY JESUS WILL RETURN TO REIGN AS KING OF THE WORLD.

ACTS 1:11

Placement idea: Acts 1:11

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BAPTISM

The promises about salvation were made only to Abraham and his seed, but we can become part of these promises if we are baptised into Christ. (Gal 3:27-29). Jesus clearly commanded his followers: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptised will be saved". (Mark 16:15-16)

BAPTISM IS ESSENTIAL IN BECOMING PART OF THE GREAT HOPE WHICH THE BIBLE OFFERS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

SEE: GALATIANS 3:27-29

FOR AS MANY OF YOU AS WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE PUT ON CHRIST. THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK, THERE IS NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE, THERE IS NO MALE AND FEMALE, FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS. AND IF YOU ARE CHRIST'S, THEN YOU ARE ABRAHAM'S OFFSPRING, HEIRS ACCORDING TO PROMISE.

Placement idea: Galatians 3:27-29

here are
some more
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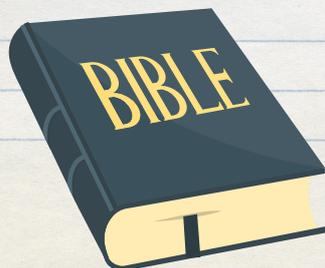


THIS BOOK THAT YOU ARE HOLDING IN YOUR HANDS, IS EVIDENCE THAT GOD LOVES YOU, AND WANTS A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU. HE WANTS YOU EVEN IF YOU HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM HIM BEFORE, HE LOVES YOU NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE. HE IS REACHING OUT TO YOU THROUGH THIS BIBLE.



"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE".

JOHN 3:16



IF WE GIVE OUR LIVES TO GOD NOW,
WE WILL HAVE THE MOST
AMAZING FUTURE YOU CAN IMAGINE,
BECAUSE NOT ONLY ARE WE LIVING WITH
PURPOSE NOW, WE HAVE THE HOPE OF LIVING
FOREVER!



"GODLINESS IS OF VALUE IN EVERY WAY,
AS IT HOLDS PROMISE FOR THE PRESENT LIFE
AND ALSO FOR THE LIFE TO COME".

1 TIMOTHY 4:8



"OUR FATHER"

THESE FIRST TWO WORDS OF THE LORD'S PRAYER TEACH US, THAT NOT ONLY IS PRAYER PERSONAL, BUT WE HAVE SPIRITUAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS THAT WE MUST ALSO PRAY FOR.

WE ARE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENCOURAGING THEM TOO.



"OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.
YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, ..."

MATTHEW 6:9-13

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

1. PRAY FOR UNDERSTANDING.
2. READ THROUGH THE TEXT.
3. LOOK FOR KEY WORDS... - WHAT WORDS ARE REPEATED? - CIRCLE, UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT THEMES YOU NOTICE.
4. MAKE A LIST OF POINTS PARAPHRASING THE CHAPTER. ASK QUESTIONS.
5. APPLY THE WORD - WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT GOD? HOW DOES THIS CHANGE THE WAY I LIVE?
6. PRAY THAT GOD WILL SHAPE YOU WITH HIS WORD.
7. GO AND TELL OTHERS WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED/ THE GOOD NEWS!

