

Beginner's Bible Reading Guide

This guide provides a simple, structured approach to help beginners read and understand the Bible. It includes tips, references, and a 6-week reading plan.

1. Choose a Beginner-Friendly Translation

Recommended translations: New International Version (NIV), New Living Translation (NLT), English Standard Version (ESV). These versions balance accuracy with readability.

2. Start with the Big Picture

Begin with the Gospel of John to learn about Jesus, Psalms for prayers and emotions, and Proverbs for practical wisdom.

3. Use the Observation–Interpretation–Application Method

Observation: What does it say? Interpretation: What does it mean? Application: How can I live this out today?

4. Read with Context in Mind

Use study Bibles and commentaries to understand historical background, culture, and audience.

5. Use Cross-References and Study Tools

Explore related passages, concordances, and Bible apps like YouVersion or Blue Letter Bible.

6. Start Small and Be Consistent

Read 10–15 minutes daily. Try reading plans like 'Life of Jesus in 30 Days' or 'Bible in a Year'.

7. Read with Community

Join a Bible study group for accountability and shared learning.

8. Apply Scripture to Daily Life

Journal what you learn about God, what truths to apply, and what promises to hold on to.

Suggested 6-Week Beginner Reading Plan

Week	Book/Chapters	Theme
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1	John 1–5	Jesus' life and teachings
2	John 6–10	Miracles and faith
3	John 11–21	Death and resurrection
4	Psalms 1–20	Prayer and worship
5	Proverbs 1–10	Wisdom for daily living
6	Acts 1–10	Early Church and Holy Spirit

Tip: Pray before you read, asking God for wisdom and understanding (James 1:5).