

## So you want to read your Bible?

Great! Here are some topics and Bible passages to get you started. It'd be a good idea to:

1. Make sure you have a Bible which you find the language pretty easy to understand (it's hard if there are a lot of 'thee's' and 'thou's'). Ask a Christian friend or a youth group leader for advice; a New International Version Bible is a pretty good one to start with (NIV for short).
2. Pray before you read that God will help you to understand, and pray after you've read that you'll remember what you've learnt and that it will make a difference in your life.

Prayer – Examples and reasons	Bible bit to read	Read it?
Hannah's rejoicing	1 Samuel 2:1–10	
King David's prayer	2 Samuel 7:18–29	
King David's praise	2 Samuel 22	
Solomon's prayer	1 Kings 8:22–53	
Nehemiah's request	Nehemiah 1:5–11	
Responding to God's majesty	Psalms 8:1–9	
Acknowledging who God is	Psalms 65:1–13	
Repentance & plea for mercy	Psalms 51:1–19	
Jesus teaches his followers to pray	Matthew 6:5–15	
Jesus' prays the night before he dies	Matthew 26:36–46	
Ask, seek, knock – why we should pray	Luke 11:7–13	
Jesus prays for all believers	John 17:20–26	
Help from the Holy Spirit	Romans 8:18–27	
Paul's prayer for the Ephesian Christians	Ephesians 1:15–23	
Paul's prayer for the Colossian Christians	Colossians 1:3–14	

Prayer – Examples and reasons why we should pray	Bible bit to read	Read it?
Paul's prayer of thanks for the Thessalonian believers	1 Thessalonians 1:2–10	
Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians	2 Thessalonians 1:3–12	
Praying for others	1 Timothy 2:1–7	
Prayer of faith	James 5:13–20	
In everything, pray	Philippians 4:4–9	