

# THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE<sup>TM</sup>

NEW TESTAMENT



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## Dear parent,

I'm delighted that you're participating in *Community Bible Experience*. This eight-week journey through the New Testament is something we want whole families to share together. That's why we created the Kid's Audio Version of *The Books of the Bible: New Testament*.

I encourage you to listen to the Kid's Audio Version as a family, then spend a few moments talking about what you just heard. This is a great way to introduce kids to the New Testament, and it only takes a few minutes each day!

On the next page of this guide, you'll find some tips for using the Kid's Audio Version with your family. We've also included a transcript of the entire audio, in case you'd rather read each day's episode to your children.

If you have any questions about the Kid's Audio Version or *Community Bible Experience* in general, please email us at [cbe@biblica.com](mailto:cbe@biblica.com) or [find us on Facebook](#).

Again, thank you for sharing this journey with us. I'll be remembering your family in my prayers, asking God to transform lives through his Word.

In Christ,



Vice President of Bible Engagement



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# How to use the Kid's Audio Version

The Kid's Audio Version of *The Books of the Bible* is designed to be used during your eight-week journey through the New Testament. There's one episode for each day of your reading campaign. Most episodes are 10-15 minutes long, making it easy to listen in the car or around the dinner table.

Each episode begins with a brief introduction to set the stage, followed by a portion of Scripture selected to match what you're reading in the New Testament that day. The Scripture portions were taken from the New International Reader's Version® (NIRV), an easy-to-read Bible version based on the NIV.

Here are a few tips to make the most of the Kid's Audio Version.

## **Listen together.**

If possible, carve out a specific time to listen each day. Make it a family priority for the next eight weeks. (You'll be glad you did.)

## **Cultivate your kids' curiosity.**

Kids can say the darndest things, it's true. But sometimes, they have the most amazing insights, too. After each episode, spend a few minutes reflecting on what you've heard as a family. Invite everyone to share their observations and questions. You could even use the five discussion questions from your weekly *Community Bible Experience* small group gatherings:

1. What's something you noticed for the first time?
2. What questions did you have?
3. Was there anything that bothered you?
4. What did you learn about loving God?
5. What did you learn about loving others?

## **Read to your kids.**

There's no shortage of research demonstrating the value of reading to your kids. If you'd like to try on your narrator hat instead of playing the audio for your children, use the transcript included with your copy of the Kid's Audio Version.



# Episode guide

## **Introduction to the New Testament** (1:28)

Listen to this track the night before you begin your Community Bible Experience, to set the stage for your journey through the New Testament.

## **Day 01: Luke-Acts, part 1** (13:12)

The journey begins with the story of Jesus, as told by a doctor named Luke. This episode covers the birth of Jesus and the beginning of his public ministry.

## **Day 02: Luke-Acts, part 2** (15:09)

Jesus is all grown up. He's started telling others about God's kingdom. But he doesn't just talk about it; he shows others what it looks like. And he hangs out with some pretty unlikely characters!

## **Day 03: Luke-Acts, part 3** (9:01)

Jesus sets out for the city of Jerusalem in order to complete his mission on earth. Along the way, he has several important lessons for his followers.

## **Day 04: Luke-Acts, part 4** (14:12)

Not everyone is happy about Jesus. In today's episode, we meet some of Jesus' most powerful enemies.

## **Day 05: Luke-Acts, part 5** (16:37)

In the final episode from Luke's first story, Jesus arrives in Jerusalem, where the religious leaders decide to put a stop to him—for good.

## **Day 06: Luke-Acts, part 6** (13:17)

Luke's second book, Acts, picks up where his first one left off. Jesus is ready to return to his Father in heaven—but not before he gives his disciples an important mission.

## **Day 07: Luke-Acts, part 7** (12:48)

More people are following Jesus every day. But they're drawing attention from some of Jesus' old enemies.

## **Day 08: Luke-Acts, part 8** (12:22)

Saul, who was rounding up Christians in the last episode, is a follower of Jesus now. In this episode, he sets out with Barnabas on a mission to change the world.

## **Day 09: Luke-Acts, part 9** (12:50)

Paul made lots of friends—and a few enemies—during his travels. In the final episode from Luke-Acts, Paul's enemies hatch their plan to have him silenced.

## **Day 10: 1-2 Thessalonians** (15:31)

Today's episode features two letters written by Paul, to a church in Thessalonica. Paul encourages Christians there to keep strong in their faith.



# Episode guide, continued

## **Day 11: 1 Corinthians, part 1** (10:41)

Paul helped start a church in the city of Corinth, but now it was tearing itself apart. In this letter, Paul tells the Christians there to stop fighting with each other.

## **Day 12: 1 Corinthians, part 2** (13:10)

Paul ends his first letter to the church in Corinth by answering some of their questions—including a really important one about whether Jesus rose from the dead.

## **Day 13: 2 Corinthians** (11:24)

Paul had a difficult time with the church in Corinth. In this episode, he writes another letter, this time telling them that all is forgiven—and urging them to do their part to help those in need.

## **Day 14: Galatians** (8:12)

When some people came to the church in Galatia, telling them they had to follow certain rules in order to be saved, Paul sprung into action, writing the letter you'll hear in today's episode.

## **Day 15: Romans, part 1** (13:09)

Paul wanted to take the good news about Jesus to the western half of the Roman Empire. But he couldn't do it alone. That's why he wrote this letter to the church in Rome.

## **Day 16: Romans, part 2** (10:35)

In part one of Romans, Paul wrote that Jesus is for everyone. In the final part of his letter, he answers a question troubling Jewish followers of Jesus: "Has God abandoned the rest of our people?"

## **Day 17: Colossians** (12:41)

Eventually, Paul wound up in a Roman prison. While there, he wrote this letter to the church in Colossae, reminding Christians there that Jesus was all they needed.

## **Day 18: Ephesians, Philemon** (13:44)

Today's episode features two letters from Paul. In Ephesians, he says God is creating a new family where all are welcome. In Philemon, he urges an old friend to welcome back his runaway slave—as an equal.

## **Day 19: Philippians, 1 Timothy** (12:39)

While in prison, Paul wrote a thank-you note to the church in Philippi, which had stood by him through hard times. After being freed, he wrote another letter, this time to encourage his friend Timothy.

## **Day 20: Titus, 2 Timothy** (11:31)

In today's episode, we'll listen to Paul's final letters, written to encourage two young believers who would help lead the church after Paul had given his life for Jesus.



# Episode guide, continued

**Day 21: Matthew, part 1** (12:53)

The journey continues with another look at Jesus. Matthew introduces Jesus as the rightful king of the Jews—the one who will save them from all their troubles.

**Day 22: Matthew, part 2** (10:38)

Jesus wowed the people with his teaching—everyone, that is, except the religious leaders, who show their true colors in today's episode.

**Day 23: Matthew, part 3** (12:36)

Things get dangerous for Jesus in today's episode. But that doesn't stop him from telling others about God's kingdom.

**Day 24: Matthew, part 4** (11:17)

Jesus heads for Jerusalem, but the religious leaders have set a trap for him. The question is, who's really in control of Jesus' destiny?

**Day 25: Matthew part 5** (14:24)

Jesus lays down his life in Jerusalem. The religious leaders think they're calling the shots, but Matthew reveals something much bigger is going on.

**Day 26: Hebrews, part 1** (10:34)

No one knows who wrote this letter to Jewish followers of Jesus, but the author encourages them not to hide their Christian identity in order to avoid suffering.

**Day 27: Hebrews, part 2** (9:34)

The writer of Hebrews continues by reminding readers that Jesus is the best high priest ever. Through him, we have direct access to God—and a very good reason to hang on when times are tough.

**Day 28: James** (11:03)

In this episode, James, a brother of Jesus, shares some of his best wisdom and advice with Jewish followers of Jesus.

**Day 29: Mark, part 1** (14:02)

Mark wrote the story of Jesus as told by his good friend Peter, one of Jesus' disciples. In part one of his fast-paced drama, Mark challenges us to ask, "Who is this Jesus?"

**Day 30: Mark, part 2** (14:38)

In part two of Mark's drama, Jesus goes to the cross. But what happens next leaves people scratching their heads in wonder.



# Episode guide, continued

## **Day 31: 1 Peter** (11:35)

Mark's friend, the apostle Peter, wrote this letter to Christians who were suffering because of their faith in Jesus. He reminds them that the world is watching, and that their job is to show God's love to others.

## **Day 32: 2 Peter, Jude** (11:43)

In his final letter, Peter has strong words for those who think Jesus isn't ever coming back. Jude, a brother of Jesus, has something similar to say in his short letter.

## **Day 33: John, part 1** (12:44)

A disciple named John provides our final look at Jesus. John shares seven signs or miracles that Jesus did (five of which are featured in today's episode) to prove he was the Son of God.

## **Day 34: John, part 2** (11:31)

In today's episode, Jesus performs two more signs, proving he's the Son of God. But not everyone is happy about it. So the religious leaders hatch their plan to stop Jesus for good.

## **Day 35: John, part 3** (13:37)

In the final part of John's story, Jesus gets ready to return to his Father in heaven. But the road back won't be easy.

## **Day 36: 1-3 John** (11:52)

Today's episode features three short letters written by John, one of Jesus' disciples. In them, John pleads with Christians to resist false teachers and stay true to Jesus.

## **Day 37: Revelation, part 1** (9:52)

The journey ends with a powerful vision of the fight between good and evil. In Revelation, a prophet named John gets a front-row view of the action.

## **Day 38: Revelation, part 2** (12:57)

The prophet John gets taken up to heaven, where he watches God bring judgment against his enemies and protect those loyal to him.

## **Day 39: Revelation, part 3** (9:22)

John witnesses the final battle between God and his enemies—and gets a sneak peak at a brand new earth waiting for those who follow God till the end.





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## **The Books of the Bible, New Testament**

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