



HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

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THINGS YOU WILL NEED

Always

Bible

Notepad

Pen

Sometimes

Scrapbook

Coloured pens

Internet access

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METHOD I

S.O.A.P

STEP 1: Choose a book of the Bible to read

STEP 2: Read one chapter (John or Proverbs are both good places to start)

STEP 3: Do the S.O.A.P. method in a notepad

S: Sentence (*Write down the sentence that most stands out to you*)

O: Observation (*Write down what you observe about that sentence*)

A: Application (*Write down how it applies to your life/ one of the situations that you are going through*)

P: Prayer (*Write down a short prayer, inspired by what you have read. E.g. thank you/ sorry/ please...*)

STEP 4: Keep on starting from STEP 2 again until you have finished reading a whole book of the Bible

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METHOD 2

MIND MAPS

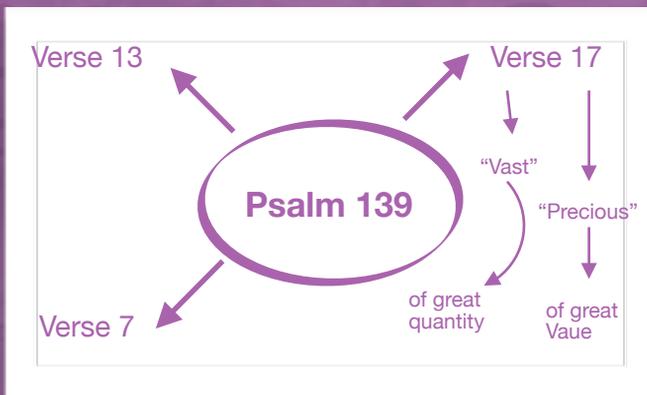
STEP 1: Choose a book of the Bible to read

STEP 2: Read one chapter

STEP 3: Write the chapter you have read in the middle of a big blank sheet of paper

STEP 4: Choose key verses/ phrases/ words that you liked and do some branches coming off of the chapter title in the middle of the page

STEP 5: Look up the different words and phrases, and do some smaller branches off of those words with their definition from the dictionary/ what they mean to you



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METHOD 3

TOPIC SEARCH

STEP 1: Think of a topic which you are interested in or would like to find out more about, e. g. *“Worry”*

STEP 2: Go onto the internet and search for: *“Biblegateway.com”* or *“Biblehub.com”*

STEP 3: Type into their search bar the word you are looing into, e.g. *“Worry”*

STEP 4: Read the different verses that come up relating to that word

STEP 5: Write down any key verses which you find interesting, and why they stand out to you



Bible Hub

worry

WORRY

Matthew 6:31 *“So do not worry...”*
This reminds me not to worry about anything

Mark 13:11 *“...”*

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METHOD 4

VERSE STUDY

STEP 1: Choose a verse that you have read or heard about that you really like or are interested in learning more about

STEP 2: Decide how you want to write out all of the information that you find out (*We will look here at making a list in a notebook, but you could do this with a 'mind map style' format*)

STEP 3: Write out the verse in big bold letters at the top of the page

STEP 4: Write out the key words and what each of the key words mean

STEP 5: Look up commentaries on the verse to see what other people have learnt from it

STEP 6: Write down your key observations (*you can decorate the page if you want to!*)

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SOME EXTRA TIPS

- Try out all of these methods and see which works best for you
- Try to avoid just choosing random verses in the Bible to read, instead try using one of these methods to go through a whole book of the Bible
- Ask someone if you can regularly read the Bible together with them
- Highlight key verses in your Bible that stand out to you!
- Pray before you read the Bible, and ask God to teach you something new while you read!
- Try and find a quiet place to read the Bible
- Find a regular time each day that you will be read
- Play some worship music (if this helps)
- Ask someone to help you understand the Bible and give you extra advice

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