

INTRODUCTION

God tells us his story in the Bible. He tells us the true story of how the world began. He tells us the things that he has said and done since the start of time. He tells us what he is like and what he is doing today. God wants every person to know this story of what he has said and done. He wants you to know the true story of your world. It is an amazing story.

God's story is about a rescue. It is about God saving people from death. It is the greatest rescue that has ever happened and will ever happen. But this is not a made-up story, like you would see in a movie or read in a book. This story is true. It started at the beginning of time and it is still going on today. You and your family and friends are part of this story. God wants you to know the truth about the rescue. He wants you to know what he did to save people who were going to die.

God wants everyone to know his story, so he made sure that it was written down clearly¹ in the Bible. We will start at the very beginning of the Bible. Then, we will follow the story through the Bible. We will follow it until we reach the time that God's Son came to live on the earth. We will not look at every part of God's story here. Instead, we will look at the parts of the story that will help you to understand the main message. God wants every person to understand this message of who he is and what he has done.

All of us have tried to think about what God is like. But how can we find out? We can find out by reading the Bible. We can find out what he is like because we can read about the things he has made, the things he has done, and the things he has said. God made sure that those things were written down for us to read in the Bible. God wants everyone to know what he is like.

When we spend time with other people, we can learn what kinds of people they are from the things that they do and say. We can see if they are friendly people or happy people. We can know them by the way that they speak and by the things that they do. We can learn what God is like too. We can

1. clearly - so it is easy to understand

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find out what he cares about. We can find out how he thinks. God wants us to find out about him and to get to know him. That is why he made sure that his story was written down clearly for us to read. He knows us very well, and he wants us to know him very well, too.

There are some things you need to know about God before we start the story. These things are important to help you understand the beginning of the story. These are things that God says about himself later in the story. There are many more things that you will find out about God later in the story as well.

God doesn't live in time like we do. We only live at one point in time and then we move on to the next point in time. We can see the minutes passing and the days passing and the weeks passing. We could not go into the future² or go back into the past if we wanted to. But God exists at all points of time all at once. God is in the past and the present and the future at the same time.

God doesn't have a body and he isn't in one place. We only live in one place at one time in our bodies. But God doesn't have a body. He is a real person, but he doesn't live in a body like we do. We can only be in one place at one time but God is everywhere at once. He is free to be wherever he wants, whenever he wants.

About this book

As we go through God's story in this book, we will read many verses from the Bible. Take your time and read these verses carefully. You can read the verses from a Bible written in your own language. When you read these verses from the Bible or when you hear someone else read these verses, listen carefully. This is the story that God wanted to tell you and that he wants you to understand. The other things we have written in this book are to help you to understand what God is saying in the Bible.



GENESIS 1:1

When you see this picture of a book, it means that what is written beside it is from the Bible. The Bible chapter and verse is written there. You can find the verses and read them in your own English Bible, or in a Bible written in your own language.

The English version of the Bible we have used is the *New Living Translation*. This Bible is also available online.

We have written this book in easy English. Many people are learning to read and speak English. If you are learning English, we hope that you will be able to understand the words we have used. Some words are hard to understand in English so we have explained them – these explanations can be found at the bottom of each page. We have also made a list of these words at the end of this book. If there are other words that you don't know, you can find a translation of them in your language in a dictionary or online. Or, you could ask someone to help you to understand what those words mean.

2. future - the time after now



At the end of each part, you will see this question mark. There you will find some questions to think about or to talk about with other people.



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