1. How am I going to use my Bible?

Our Bible Department is divided into sections by Bible type. Signs above the shelves — similar to the brown ones below — identify the type of Bible found in that section. The descriptions on the page may help you discover more about how you want to use your Bible. Plus, we’ve included icons that match those on the previous page, helping you pair your need with a Bible type.

Study Bibles

Study Bibles are ideal for personal and group Bible study. They feature extensive study helps such as notes, introductions, charts, maps, and cross-references that will help you dig deeper into the Bible. Some include cross-references to help you find related verses. They are perfect for Bible study classes or small group studies.

Audio & Electronic Bibles

Audio & Electronic Bibles offer a way to experience the Scriptures through their own voice. Whether you listen to the Bible on your phone or through a religious radio or podcast, you’ll have the freedom to hear God’s Word in your own time and on your own schedule.

Reference Bibles

Reference Bibles provide side-by-side comparisons of translations that will help you understand the issues of translation. You’ll gain a deeper understanding of God’s Word and appreciate the Bible’s richness and complexity.

Devotional Bibles

Devotional Bibles are perfect for anyone who wants to set aside quiet time with God. They are designed to be read daily, and some include cross-references to help you find related verses. They are great for personal devotion and can be used for daily Bible reading.

Large Print Bibles

Large Print Bibles are designed for those who want to read the Bible with ease. They feature larger-than-normal text, making it easier to read. They are also perfect for anyone who wants to read the Bible in a comfortable setting, such as at home or in a church.

Outreach & Ministry Bibles

Outreach & Ministry Bibles are ideal for special occasions like weddings, funerals, and church events. They are also perfect for those who want to give away the Bible to others. They are loaded with unique features, including maps, charts, and notes.

Specialty Bibles

Specialty Bibles offer a wide array of unique features. Parallel Bibles put two or more translations side-by-side for comparison. Special Bibles are designed for specific groups of people like children, women, and men. They also include maps, charts, and notes.

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Children’s Bibles

Children’s Bibles are specifically designed for readers up to age 12. They feature simple language, colorful illustrations, and engaging stories that will help children understand the Bible.

Student Bibles

Student Bibles help teens and young adults understand and apply the Bible to their lives. They are especially engaging because they address tough issues they face with clear, honest, and practical answers.

Do you have more study helps?

We also have Bible study books, highlights, and many other Bible study helps. In addition, we offer a wide selection of study Bible covers that will protect your Bible or help you carry it.

How can I personalize my Bible?

We have Bible imprinting — and this brochure — and let them choose a Bible or any product in our store.

How do I know they’ll like it?

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What else will help me dig deeper into the Bible?

We offer a selection of companion products that are specifically designed to enhance your Bible study flanges/bible commentaries/and bible dictionaries to Bible software and reference books, so they can all be found in our Reference Department located adjacent to our Bible Department.

So, what’s left to consider?

1. How am I going to use my Bible?

2. Which translation is best for my needs?

3. What combination of style and binding do I want?

Let’s narrow it down by answering these 3 simple questions.

1. How am I going to use my Bible?

There are many different ways you can use your Bible, but if not, ask yourself, Am I going to use it for study or to look up verses or for devotion? If you want to use it for study, then you may want to consider using a study Bible or a reference Bible. If you want to use it for devotion, then you may want to consider using a devotional Bible or a large print Bible.

2. Which translation is best for my needs?

There are many different translations of the Bible, but if not, ask yourself, Does my church use a particular translation? If you don’t know which translation you want, check out the verse comparison chart in this brochure. It will help you decide which one you’ll enjoy reading.

3. What combination of style and binding do I want?

There are many different styles and bindings of Bibles, but if not, ask yourself, Do I want a Bible in a range of sizes, styles, bindings, and prices? Just compare the characteristics of each type of Bible to find the one that is perfect for you and your needs.

We’re here to help.

Answer 3 simple questions to find your Bible.

1. How am I going to use my Bible?

2. Which translation is best for my needs?

3. What combination of style and binding do I want?

The Bible Selection Guide

Whether you’re looking for your first Bible, replacing an older one, or giving as a gift — this brochure will guide you through the Bible selection process.

FREE Guide — Please take one.

1. I’m looking for a Bible that can help me...

2. ... get started.

3. I’m a new Christian, and I want to begin reading the Bible. Or, I just want the basics in a Bible.

... focus every day.

I want to start reading my Bible every day — it will help me start my day planted firmly in God’s Word.

... learn more of God’s Word.

I want to dig deeper and better understand the Scriptures. I want helps like charts, maps, and notes.

... share God’s Word with others.

I want to give Bibles to those I meet on a mission trip or to someone who needs God’s Word.

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We want choosing a translation to be as simple as possible. The chart below offers a comparison of two sample verses from some of the most popular translations and paraphrases we carry in our stores.

Above all, our advice is pick the translation that is most readable to you and best suited to your personal needs. Within the Bible types section, the translations are identified by color-coded strip markers that correspond to the color you see below.

What are the differences between translations?

While God is the author of all Scripture, the human writers wrote in three languages. Because these languages don't translate perfectly into English, translators must decide whether they are seeking to convey the exact words or the central idea of the original text. The translation philosophies are often referred to as word-for-word or thought-for-thought. The translations on the chart below are arranged from more word-for-word to more thought-for-thought. However, placement on that spectrum doesn’t necessarily represent a “better” approach.

Are there any translations for kids?

Yes, we carry translations that were specifically designed for children and other early readers — like someone learning the English language. The International Children’s Bible (ICB) and the New American Children’s Bible (NAC) are the two “just-for-kids” translations you’ll find in the Children’s Bible section. Those aren’t, however, the only translations that fit that section; children’s Bibles are available in a range of translations (for the KJV, NKJV, HCSB, NASB, and GNT).

3. What combination of style and binding do I want?

We offer Bibles in a variety of style, colors, bindings, and prices. When making this choice, there's no substitute for handling the Bible yourself.

Basic Bindings

(includes paperbound and hardcover)

- Paperbound bindings are great for those on a tight budget or giving multiple copies for evangelism.
- Hardcover bindings are available in a variety of colors and materials and make a great gift for someone you want to encourage.

Deluxe Bindings

(includes tooled leather and non-tooled binding)

- Tooled leather bindings are created by hand using a variety of leathers and are often made in your own hometown.
- Non-tooled deluxe bindings are available in a variety of colors and materials and are the best bindings available. Genuine leather offers greater durability and comfort, often has a fine satin finish, and can be personalized.

Premium Bindings

(includes genuine leather and catalin)

These are the best bindings available. Quality leather offers greater durability than bonded leather, and catalin often has a fine satin feel, supple texture.

You may want to consider indexing

Some Bibles offer an "indexing feature" that helps quickly locate particular books of the Bible.

Once you’ve decided which translation you want, you can find it quickly and easily within each section of the Bible by looking for this Find-it-fast color-coded sign on the spines. The colors on shelves correspond with the colors shown on the chart below, and where you see that color, you’ll know the translation of the Bible placed above.