Free Guide — Please take one.

The Word of God is for everyone, and there’s a translation choice for every believer. Whether you’re choosing a Bible for yourself, a loved one, or for ministry, this guide will help you find your best fit.

Your plans for Bible study can help you choose the right Bible. You might connect with God through journaling, enjoy listening to the Word spoken aloud, or pore over biblical maps and charts to learn more. The following types of Bibles include a variety of approaches to help you understand the Word of God.

Handbook
Find overviews of each book of the Bible that help you understand the author, theme, and structure of each book.

Dictionary
Look up a person, a geographical location, or a biblical term to gain clarity and context into hard-to-understand words.

Commentary
Seek expertise from trusted Bible teachers that illuminates the Scriptures so you find clarity and a deeper understanding.

Concordance
Gain insight as you find every time a word appears in the biblical text.

Study Bibles
Offer insights, commentary, articles, charts, graphs, and more to help you understand the Bible and apply its teachings to life.

Journaling Bibles
Feature space for you to record prayers, sermon notes, and highlight favorite passages in the extra-wide margins.

Reference Bibles
Often include only the scriptural text; some will include cross-references to help you locate related verses.

Devotional Bibles
Feature daily Scripture readings with inspirational thoughts, often following a plan that guides you through the Bible in a year.

Large Print Bibles
Printed in larger-than-normal text to be easier to read.

Audio Bibles
Present the Word in audio for a unique experience; perfect your commute, at the office, or a workout.

How do you plan to use your Bible?
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0-2 Years
Reading classic Bible stories to your children will help them come to see reading Scripture as a part of daily life.

3-4 Years
Storybook Bibles introduce kids to the characters and stories that populate the Bible with words they can understand.

5-6 Years
These Bibles feature longer stories that develop an understanding of the characters and themes of the Bible, pointing to God at the center of the entire story.

7-8 Years
As your child grows past the limited scope of storybook Bibles, he or she will find Bibles that lead them into previously unexplored parts of God’s Word.

8+ Years
Filled with features to help them understand God’s Word, these Bibles help kids begin to apply its teachings to their lives.

Teen & Student
Full-text Bibles filled with features like articles, Q&As, and character studies, teen and study Bibles are specifically designed to engage the hearts and minds of teens and students.
Explore the Differences Between Bible Translations

We want the process of choosing the right Bible translation to be as easy as possible. The chart below provides a side-by-side comparison of some of the most popular translations you’ll find in our stores. You can read how each translation renders Psalm 33:4, as well as the approach each took in translating God’s Word. Additionally, the approximate reading level for each is included.

Ranging from formal to dynamic, Bible translations convey the Word of God mainly word-for-word or thought-for-thought. Each one’s placement on this chart represents the degree to which translators sought to translate each word as literally as possible or whether they wanted to represent the overall idea of each passage. Since all Scripture is inspired by God, you can choose the translation that speaks most profoundly to you and how you learn.

This chart was developed by Dr. Andi Wu of the Global Bible Initiative. It shows a quantitative linguistic comparison of Bible translations using computerized statistical analysis. The translations are linked to the original Greek and Hebrew texts and analyzed for readability and fidelity (shown as “literal” on the chart) to the original languages.

The Christian Standard Bible represents an optimal blend of fidelity and readability, meaning it remains true to the original message of God’s love for his people while also being accessible to people of all ages, backgrounds, and experience levels.

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After you decide which translation is best for you, here’s a quick look at the types of Bibles you’ll find in stores & online at LifeWay.com/Store.