

Welcome to **xtb** and Table Talk



Exploring the Bible together to discover the Real Jesus

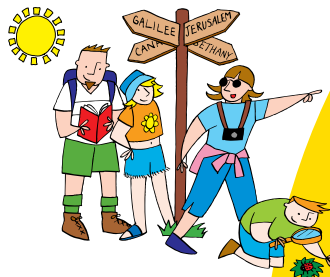


XTB stands for **eXplore The Bible**.

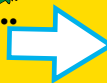
Read a bit of the Bible each day.

Zoom in on the seven signposts.

Discover who Jesus is and why He came.



**Are you ready to explore the Bible? Fill in the bookmark...
...then turn over the page to start exploring with XTB!**



This book belongs to

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Sometimes I'm called

..... (nickname)

My birthday is

.....

My age is

.....

The best bit about Summer is

.....

Table Talk FOR FAMILIES

Table Talk helps children and adults explore the Bible together.

It can be used by:

- Families
- One adult with one child
- Children's leaders with their groups
- Any other way you want to try

Table Talk uses the same Bible passages as XTB so that they can be used together if wanted. Table Talk is enclosed at the back of this book.

It's easy to spot because it's printed sideways!

Never done anything like this before? Check our web page for some further help (www.thegoodbook.co.uk/daily_reading/xtb.htm) or write in for a fact sheet.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis
 Exodus
 Leviticus
 Numbers
 Deuteronomy
 Joshua
 Judges
 Ruth
 1 Samuel
 2 Samuel
 1 Kings
 2 Kings
 1 Chronicles
 2 Chronicles
 Ezra
 Nehemiah
 Esther
 Job
 Psalms
 Proverbs
 Ecclesiastes
 Song of Solomon
 Isaiah
 Jeremiah
 Lamentations
 Ezekiel
 Daniel
 Hosea
 Joel
 Amos
 Obadiah
 Jonah
 Micah
 Nahum
 Habakkuk
 Zephaniah
 Haggai
 Zechariah
 Malachi

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew
 Mark
 Luke
John
 Acts
 Romans
 1 Corinthians
 2 Corinthians
 Galatians
 Ephesians
 Philippians
 Colossians
 1 Thessalonians
 2 Thessalonians
 1 Timothy
 2 Timothy
 Titus
 Philemon
 Hebrews
 James
 1 Peter
 2 Peter
 1 John
 2 John
 3 John
 Jude
 Revelation



How to find your way around the Bible...

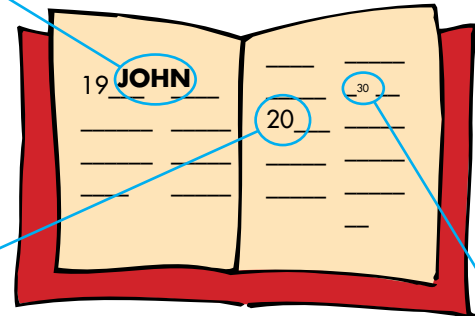
Look out for the **READ** sign.
 It tells you what Bible bit to read.



READ
John 20v30

So, if the notes say... **READ John 20v30**
 ...this means chapter 20 and verse 30
 ...and this is how you find it.

Use the **Contents** page in your Bible to
 find where John begins



The chapter numbers
 are the **GREAT BIG**
 ones

The verse numbers are the
 tiny ones!

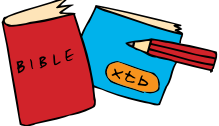



Oops! Keep getting lost?


Cut out this bookmark and use it to keep your place.


How to use


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1 Find a time and place when you can read the Bible each day.
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2 Get your Bible, a pencil and your XTB notes.
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3 Ask God to help you to understand what you read.
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4 Read today's XTB page and Bible bit.
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5 Pray about what you have read and learnt.
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6 If you can, talk to an adult about what you've learnt. Remind them about **Table Talk** at the back of this booklet.

YOUR FREE MAGNIFYING GLASS

Summer Signposts comes with a free magnifying glass. You'll need it to spot the clues, check your puzzles and spy out the signposts. It's handy for keeping an eye on escaping stick insects too!

Do you lose stuff easily? Then now would be a good time to tie some string or wool to your magnifying glass and hang it somewhere you'll be able to find it later. **Not on the dog!**



Are you ready to spot your first summer signpost? Then hurry on to Day 1.

DAY 1 SIGN LANGUAGE

Welcome to John's Gospel. It's one of four books—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John—called **Gospels**.

Use your magnifying glass to see what "Gospel" means.



The four Gospels tell us the Good News about **who** Jesus is and **why** He came. Read today's verses to find out why John wrote his Gospel...

READ

John 20v30-31



Why did John write his book?

(Fill in the gaps)

"so that you may **b** _____
that **J** _____ is the Christ
(Messiah), the **S** _____ of **G** _____,
and that by believing you may have
I _____ in His name." (v31)

Did you know?

John's dad was called Zebedee!

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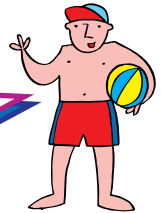
John
20v30-31

John is saying that miracles are like signposts. Use your magnifying glass again to see what the miracles point to.



The miracles point us to who Jesus is, so that we can believe in Him, and have everlasting life with God.

Summer Signposts will help you to find out more about what this means.



PRAY

Dear God, please help me to learn more about Jesus as I read John's book. Amen



DAY 21 THE MISSING DISCIPLE

Today's passages are:
Table Talk: John 20v26-28
XTB: John 20v24-31

TABLE TALK

Think back over the amazing things you have read in John's Gospel. Which do you find most incredible? Why?



Jesus was alive again. Incredible—but true! His disciples had seen Him. But one was missing. Thomas wasn't there—and he refused to believe it unless he could see and touch Jesus for himself. **Read John 20v26-28**



Thomas had to wait a whole week—but what happened then? (*Jesus appeared as before, but Thomas was there.*) What did Jesus tell Thomas to do? (See v27) What did Thomas say to Jesus? ("My Lord and my God!")



(Optional) **Read v30-31** together to remind you why John wrote his book.

John's aim is that we will believe that Jesus is **our** Lord and God—just as Thomas did. **Do you?**

PRAY

Ask Jesus to help you to follow Him as your Lord and God every day.

BUILDING UP

Ask your child what they have learnt about Jesus today in **XTB**. (*Jesus really is alive. He is Lord and God.*) What other things have they learnt about Jesus using **Summer Signposts**? Have a look at the **What Next** ideas opposite. What will they do next to find out more about Jesus?

WHAT NEXT?

Read some other stories written by John. These ones tell you about one of Jesus' closest friends, called Peter...

- Peter becomes a disciple John 1v35-42
- Peter keeps following Jesus John 6v60-71
- Jesus washes Peter's feet John 13v1-14
- Jesus says Peter will deny Him John 13v36-38
- Peter tries to save Jesus John 18v1-14
- Peter denies Jesus John 18v15-18 & 25-27
- Peter sees the empty tomb John 20v1-10
- Peter has breakfast with Jesus John 21v1-14
- Jesus forgives Peter John 21v15-19



COMING SOON...

From the autumn of 2002 **XTB** and **Table Talk** will be available every three months to help children and families explore the Bible together.

ISSUE ONE: *The Book of Beginnings*

- Explore the beginning of everything in **Genesis**.
- Read **Matthew's** biography of Jesus.
- Unscramble what it means to follow Jesus with the help of Dr. Luke's second book—**Acts**.

Available from Autumn 2002 from your local Christian bookshop—or call us on 020-8942-0880 to order a copy.

