

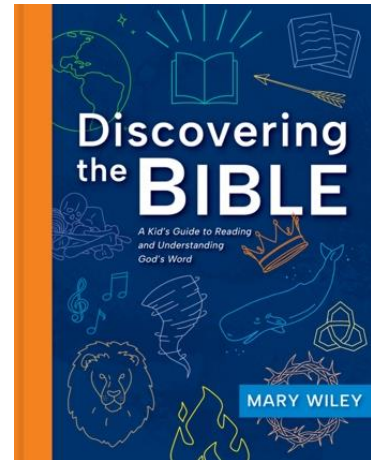
‘Discovering the Bible: A Kid’s Guide to Reading and Understanding God’s Word’

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 21, 2025 —From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is alive. God has been using these words to help His people know and love Him more for thousands of years. But because the Bible was written so long ago, it may feel confusing or hard to read to many kids.

“[Discovering the Bible](#),” the latest book by Mary Wiley, teaches kids each book of the Bible is written a little differently—in various genres, by different authors and for different reasons. Some books tell stories, others contain poetry, some are lists of laws and a few even reveal the future!

Throughout this tested Bible study companion, released by [B&H Publishing Group](#) in April, kids will learn things like:

- Each book of the Bible’s genre
- The context of every book in Scripture
- How to ask the right questions when reading a particular book
- How to practice studying the Bible in daily life



The book also contains a section with small group content, practice passages and memory verses to help parents and Kids Ministry leaders develop strong disciples who are daily Bible readers.

“Discovering the Bible” sets a foundation for kids to read the Bible better and love God more.

To request an interview, please contact Jill Waggoner at jill.waggoner@lifeway.com or 615.330.6821.



ABOUT MARY WILEY

Mary Wiley is a Bible teacher and the author of “Everyday Theology: What You Believe Matters,” “Our Highest Good” and “Discovering the Bible.” She holds an M.A. in theological studies, is a Ph.D. student, and serves as the associate publisher at B&H Publishing Group. She and her husband, John, have three children and live in Lebanon, Tenn.

“Discovering the Bible” by Mary Wiley

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TALKING POINTS AND INTERVIEW ANGLES

- The relationship between Bible reading and spiritual growth
- The importance and priorities of Kids Ministry
- How churches can equip parents to read the Bible with their kids
- Building a biblical foundation for families
- The decline of biblical literacy
- How we can encourage children to take ownership of their own spiritual lives



POSSIBLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- Why is reading the Bible so important?
- What are the hang-ups kids face with looking into the Scriptures?
- What prompted you to write “Discovering the Bible”?
- What age kids will benefit from using “Discovering the Bible”?
- How have you used this format in teaching kids in your church?
- What do you think keeps parents from teaching the Bible to their children?
- Why do you think it’s important for children to learn about the Bible at young ages?
- How do you talk about quiet times with your children?
- How can we, as adults, grow in confidence as we teach our children the Bible?

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- “Discovering the Bible” isn’t just for kids. What resources are included for parents and teachers?

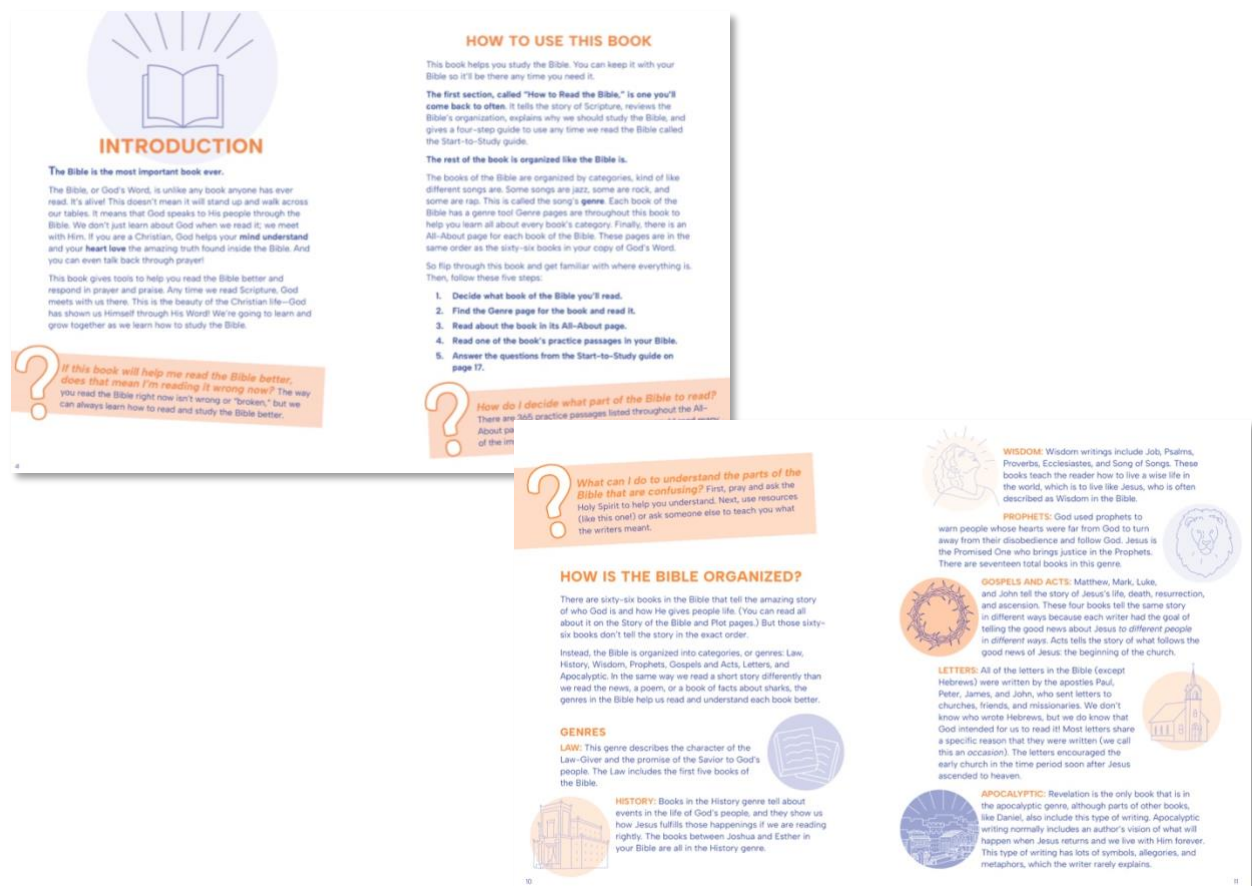
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GENESIS



Genesis means "beginning." This book tells us about the beginning of God's world, the beginning of sin in the world, and the beginning of God's chosen people.

The first people, Adam and Eve, were made in God's image and placed in a garden. They failed to obey God's instruction and faced consequences. They had to leave the garden, but they didn't go alone. God went with them. God showed His great love for them by making good covenants (or promises) with them, beginning with Adam and Noah, and then Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God protected His people from famine (when there's not enough food in the land) by setting Joseph, Jacob's son, as a wise leader in Egypt who could give them food. Jacob's family—God's covenant people—moved to Egypt toward the end of this book.

Genesis is part of the Law because it begins the story of the good Law-Giver who gives rules for the good of His people. It's the rule that is broken that sets the stage for the coming Messiah who will crush the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15).

WHO?	Moses
WHEN?	Probably the 15th or 14th century BC
WHERE?	From the garden of Eden out into the world around it
SUBGENRES	Narrative, poetry, census, and speeches
VERSES TO MEMORIZE	Genesis 1:1; 2:2-28; 3:2; 12:1-3

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EXODUS



God's people were living in Egypt at the end of Genesis. In Exodus, a new pharaoh began to rule Egypt. He did not know of Joseph's wisdom during the famine, so he made God's people slaves. Their slavery lasted 400 years.

God used a man named Moses to rescue His people, and He showed His amazing power by sending ten plagues to convince Pharaoh to let His people go. God's people crossed the Red Sea and entered the wilderness, where God taught them how to be His people by giving them good laws to obey. He also told them to set up a tabernacle where He would meet with them. (In some ways, the tabernacle was like the garden of Eden.) As they wandered in the wilderness, God traveled with them by a pillar of fire or cloud and in the tabernacle.

Exodus includes the laws God gave Moses and the people. These laws began with God, reminding His people that He was the God who saved them from Egypt (Exodus 20:1-2). The Law was never just to tell people what to do. God wanted His people to follow it because God wanted good things for them. Every instruction was because of God's great love for His people.

WHO?	Moses
WHEN?	Probably the 15th or 14th century BC
WHERE?	From Egypt to the wilderness
SUBGENRES	Narrative, poetry, and speeches
VERSES TO MEMORIZE	Exodus 3:14; 14:14; 20:1-2

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