

BIBLE STUDY
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3 Steps!

Do you wonder what's wrong with the world? Or why you're here? How about how you should handle a given situation or problem? Everyone has questions and is looking for answers. The world has a lot to offer, but it's not necessarily true and helpful. That's where God comes in. God has written you a love letter. It has answers to who God is, who you are, why you're here, what to do, and why the world is the way it is. And God's Word gives you hope for the future, peace in a chaotic world, comfort through trials and suffering, and confidence to face challenges. God's letter is addressed personally to each one of us. We just need to read and study it to know what He has to say. And yes, God has something to say about everything!

Here are some helpful tips on a simple study of God's Word.

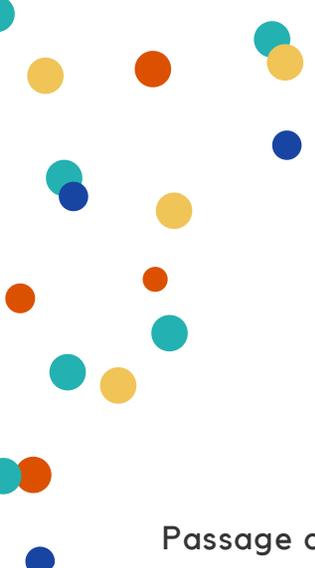
1. Pray. We must talk to God about His Word. After all, He knows it best because He wrote it! Tell God how you feel and what you're going through. Ask Him to help you understand His Word and how it applies to you.
2. Read the Bible daily. This is not the same thing as studying. Reading daily is just to familiarize yourself with God's overall message and to have it constantly on your mind.
3. Pick a topic, passage, or book to read and study. Think about what you have a question about, what interests you, or an area you would like to see personal growth.
4. Use the accompanying worksheets to help you work through your passage of study.

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Begin by just looking at the your passage of study and make observations.

Passage of study:

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Are there any lists?

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Compare/Contrast - similarities, opposites.

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Cause/Effect - if this, then that.

5

Look for keywords - words that are repeated or stand out to you.

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Who are the characters? Who is talking? Who are they talking to?



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Interpretation: Dive a little deeper into your passage for a greater understanding

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Definitions: Using a biblical dictionary, define words or phrases from step 1.

2

Cross References - Are there any words, phrases, or ideas that are repeated, quoted, or alluded to elsewhere in Scripture?

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Context - Look at the writings that come before and after your passage. Make notes on topics, themes, and repeated words or phrases. Think about the paragraph, chapter, book, and the Bible as a whole.

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Now it's time to apply your passage of study to your life and world.

1 What are timeless theological truths?

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Based on those truths, what should I believe?

3

What is one area in your life you can apply the biblical truths you learned?

4

Write out a prayer to God based on your study of this passage. Ask God to give you the grace to put into practice what you learned.

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Sample passages to study

Psalm 19:7-11

New American Standard Bible

7 The Law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul;

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.

10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much pure gold;

Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, Your servant is warned by them;

In keeping them there is great reward.

1 John 5:1-5

New American Standard Bible

Overcoming the World

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves the child born of Him. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and follow His commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. **4**

For whoever has been born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith.

5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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Sample passages to study

Ephesians 1:3-14 NASB

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight ⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him ¹⁰ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him ¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

• VERSE MAPPING



Verse mapping is a Bible study technique where you concentrate on one verse, or part of a verse. By defining words, recording cross references, and looking at the grammar, by God's grace, you'll be able to deepen your understanding of God's Word. Online Bible dictionaries and commentaries are a great place to aid you in your study. And of course, our goal of Bible study is to know God and be changed by His Word!



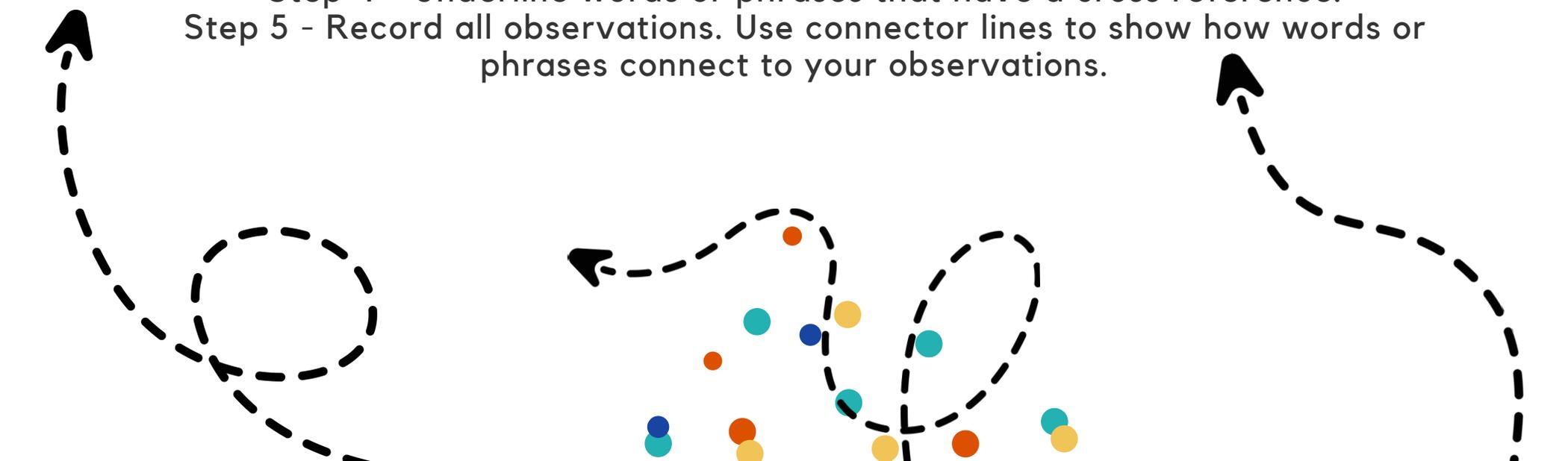
Step 1 - Write out the verse leaving lots of space between lines.

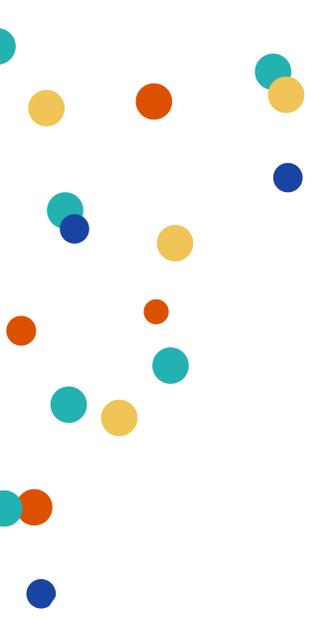
Step 2 - Circle words to define or personalize.

Step 3 - Observe the basic grammar. Put boxes around the subject, verb, direct object, preposition, and object of the preposition.

Step 4 - Underline words or phrases that have a cross reference.

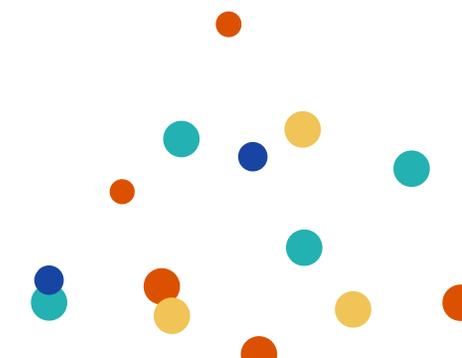
Step 5 - Record all observations. Use connector lines to show how words or phrases connect to your observations.

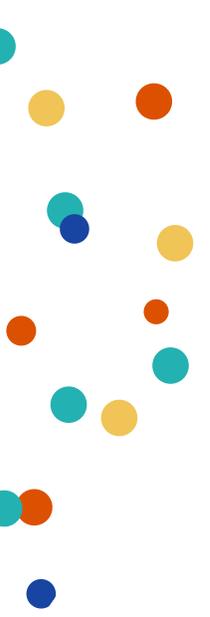




VERSE MAPPING

Verse:





• VERSE SUMMARY

Verse:



WHO IS JESUS ?

LIAR

LUNATIC

LORD