



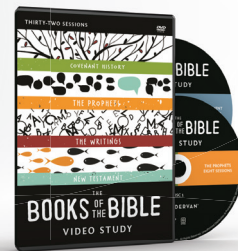
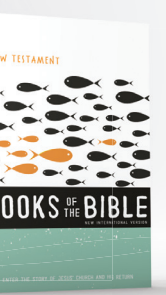
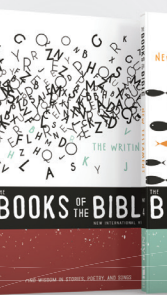
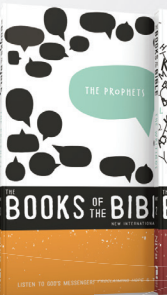
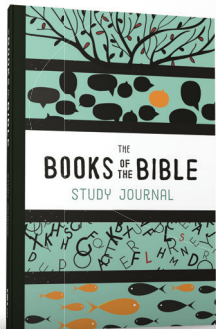
# Community Bible Experience QUICK-START GUIDE

STEP

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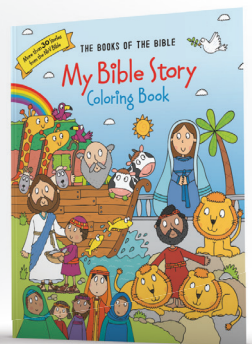
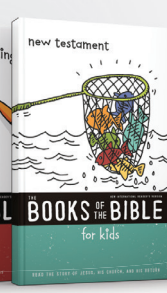
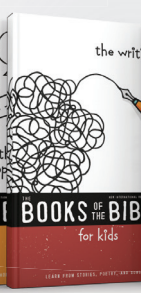
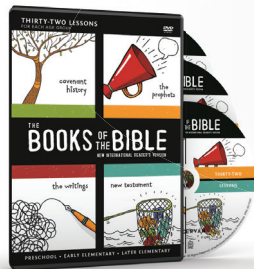
## UNPACK YOUR KIT

- Take everything out of the kit box
- Divide it by age group, as shown below
- Review in your next staff meeting or give the resources to your ministry leaders to review



For Adult  
and Student  
Ministry  
Leaders

For Children's  
Ministry Leaders



# STEP 2

## READ, WATCH, & EXPLORE

- Read the books
- Open the DVDs
- Watch the videos
- Explore the curriculum on the Children's DVD-ROMs

As a ministry team, discuss:

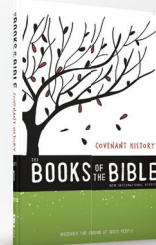
- How would our church benefit from the *Community Bible Experience*?
- What steps do we need to take to experience the benefits of aligning our sermons with our teaching across all age groups?
- How could we schedule the four 8-week segments to fit our calendar?

# STEP 3

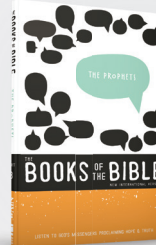
## DETERMINE START DATE

Each segment of *The Books of the Bible* is 8 weeks long, for a total of 32 weeks. The four segments can be scheduled over different lengths of time and in different sequences:

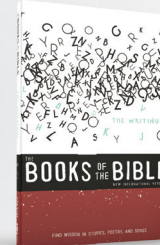
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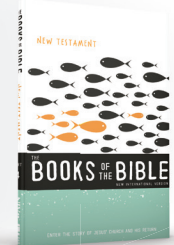
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Late Fall

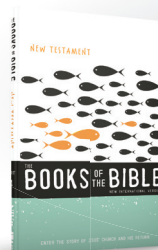


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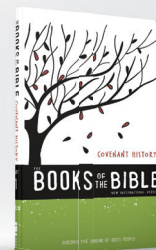


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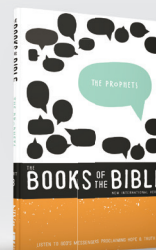
**Whole Bible in  
Two Years  
(New Testament Twice)**



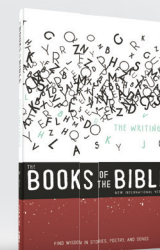
Winter, Year 1



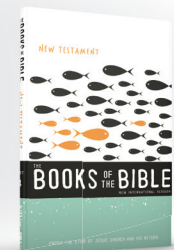
Fall, Year 1



Winter, Year 2

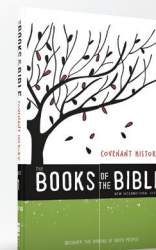


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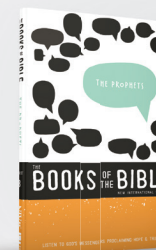


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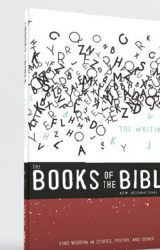
**Whole Bible In  
Four Years  
(New Testament First)**



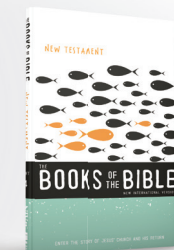
January,  
Year 1



January,  
Year 2



January,  
Year 3



January,  
Year 4

# STEP

# 4

## INCLUDE THE WHOLE CHURCH

Decide how far you want to extend the reach of your *Community Bible Experience*.

*Community Bible Experience* (CBE) welcomes everyone:

- From the spiritually curious to longtime churchgoers
- From young children to teens to adults
- From those who attend small groups and Sunday school to participants in weekend services

### ADULTS

**How to include them:**

- Read 12 pages a day in *The Books of the Bible* (about a half hour of reading) for 5 days a week
- Discuss with your existing small groups, or start new discussion groups of 8-12 people
- Meet weekly, ideally on weekends when participants have a break from reading

**How to prepare:**

- CBE is one of the easiest small group discussions to lead, because it's a book club-style conversation that needs no advance preparation
- Bring your group leaders together before your kickoff to give them a chance to practice using the five conversation prompts to get a conversation going

### CHILDREN

**How to include them:**

- Teach the weekly lessons in your Sunday school program
- Encourage children to read *The Books of the Bible for Kids* each weekday and parents to read and color with little ones in the *My Bible Story Coloring Book*
- Send parent pages home with families each week

**How to prepare:**

- Meet with children's ministry leaders before your kickoff and orient them to the curriculum
- Recommend parents establish a daily Bible-reading routine with their children, so everyone in the family stays on track throughout the entire eight weeks



### STUDENTS

**How to include them:**

- Read 12 pages a day in *The Books of the Bible* (a 7th-grade level, about a half hour of reading) for 5 days a week
- Include students in your existing adult small groups, or start new groups of 8-12 people with a leader to keep things on track
- Meet weekly, ideally on weekends
- Think of ways to challenge and inspire middle and high school students to participate

**How to prepare:**

- This experience is about learning from one another, in community, and discussing our own experiences with the daily reading
- Consider including your students in your existing adult small groups with their parents and other adults in the church

### WHOLE CONGREGATION

**How to include them:**

- Make the CBE a part of your weekly service
- Mention what is ahead for that week, and feature stories of people experiencing life change because of CBE
- Utilize the customizable slides, bulletin inserts, and posters on the video study discs to remind your congregation of the week's reading

**How to prepare:**

- Use your sermon time to give a big-picture overview of what is ahead
- Preach on a different book of the Bible or Bible character each week
- Talk about how God is speaking to you, and share what questions and observations you have as you read
- Invite your congregation to share with you the questions that are coming up in their groups and as they read, so you can address them in your sermons

**NEXT STEP**

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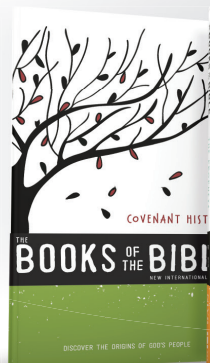
## ORDER RESOURCES

### Adults and Students

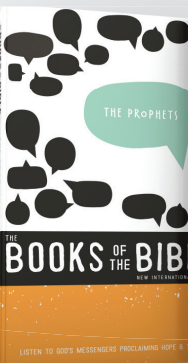


**Video Study**  
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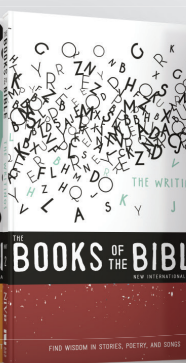
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or classroom



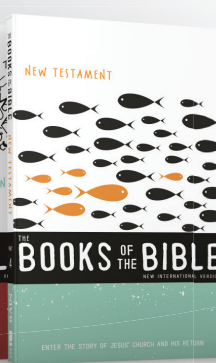
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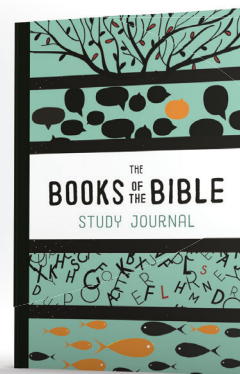
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**New Testament**  
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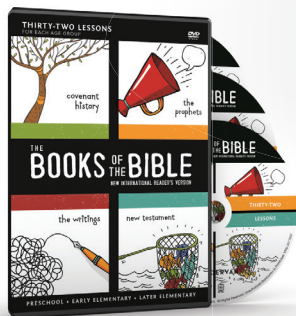


**Study Journal**  
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1 copy per participant,  
for the entire 32 weeks

1 copy per participant, for each of the 8-week segments  
(Also available as ebooks and audio downloads)

### Children



**Children's Curriculum**  
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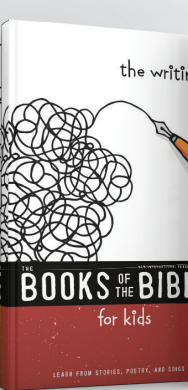
1 copy per church



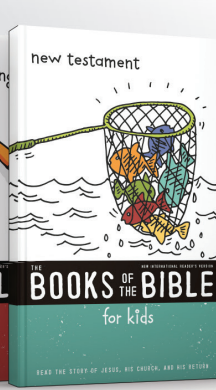
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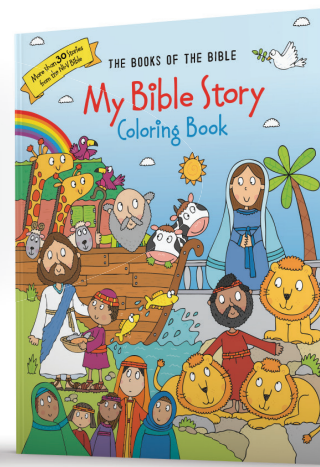
**The Prophets**  
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**The Writings**  
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**New Testament**  
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**My Bible Story Coloring Book**  
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1 copy per child age 3-7,  
for the entire 32 weeks

1 copy per child age 8-12, for each of the 8-week segments



#### COVENANT HISTORY 8-WEEK READING PLAN

You'll read around 15 pages a day, five days a week (Monday-Friday). Each day's reading continues to the end of the last page or largest section break indicated on that page. Don't worry if you fall behind; you can always use weekends to catch up.

<b>WEEK 1</b> Genesis Day 1 p. 1-17 Day 2 p. 18-37 Day 3 p. 38-56 Day 4 p. 57-67 Day 5 p. 68-83	<b>WEEK 5</b> Isaiah Day 21 p. 373-383 Day 22 p. 383-391 Day 23 p. 392-397 Day 24 p. 397-401 Day 25 p. 401-408
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<b>WEEK 3</b> Leviticus, Numbers Day 11 p. 149-162 Day 12 p. 162-174 Day 13 p. 174-182 Day 14 p. 182-212 Day 15 p. 212-227	<b>WEEK 7</b> Daniel, Haggai Day 31 p. 403-407 Day 32 p. 407-418 Day 33 p. 418-461 Day 34 p. 461-462 Day 35 p. 462-468
<b>WEEK 4</b> Deuteronomy Day 16 p. 149-162 Day 17 p. 162-174 Day 18 p. 174-182 Day 19 p. 182-212 Day 20 p. 212-227	<b>WEEK 8</b> Zephaniah, Malachi Day 36 p. 403-407 Day 37 p. 407-418 Day 38 p. 418-461 Day 39 p. 461-462 Day 40 p. 462-468

#### Reading Plan Bookmarks

#### JOIN THE CONVERSATION.

Think of your weekly discussion group as more of a book club than a Bible study. All you have to do is come prepared to share your responses to five simple questions:

1. What's something you noticed for the first time?
2. What questions did you have?
3. Was there anything that bothered you?
4. What did you learn about loving God?
5. What did you learn about loving others?

Other Companion  
RESOURCES AVAILABLE



#### THE PROPHETS 8-WEEK READING PLAN

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<b>WEEK 1</b> Isaiah, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Zephaniah Day 1 p. 1-12 Day 2 p. 13-24 Day 3 p. 24-31 Day 4 p. 31-47 Day 5 p. 47-64	<b>WEEK 5</b> Jeremiah Day 21 p. 290-306 Day 22 p. 307-315 Day 23 p. 315-328 Day 24 p. 328-338 Day 25 p. 340-354
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## FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

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Reading Plan Bookmarks  
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Promotional Resources  
Sermon Outlines  
Streaming Audio Readings  
... and more!

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