

# THE GOSPEL



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## For parents

In this book, each letter of the alphabet opens up a story from Jesus' earthly life. Beginning with his birth, working through some highlights from his ministry and ending with his death and resurrection, this is a first introduction to the gospel accounts. The word for each letter of the alphabet is an object or an idea that even the youngest readers will understand, framing Jesus' story in familiar language.

You can read this book to pre-schoolers – perhaps a letter or two at a time – and use it to begin to teach even the youngest children about God with everyday language. His message is simple enough for even the smallest among us to know.

As your child develops, becomes more familiar with the alphabet and learns to read, they will be able to dig in for themselves and begin to understand some of the more complex ideas. You can still support your child at this stage. Why not use this as a devotional prompt at bedtime? Your child can read one of the pages and then you can look up the Bible reference together and read the passage.

This resource will grow with your child and enable them to learn about Jesus and his love for us both in the early years and beyond. However you use it, I hope this book will help the smallest of us to hear from him and know how loved we are.

## For kids

Dear reader,

Jesus is the most important and wonderful person you will ever meet. This book tells you his story. You'll find out where he was born, some of the things that happened to him during his life, and read about when he died and came alive again. His story is like no other! It can even change your life.

Each page begins with a letter from the alphabet and a word that you will know. This will help you get into the story and see how everyday things or ideas can help us to understand what Jesus came to do.

I hope this book will point you to Jesus and just how much he loves you!



# A *is for* ANGEL

An **ANGEL** came to visit Mary.

He told Mary that she would have a baby who would be God's Son!

The angel told Mary to call the baby Jesus. He would be the king of the whole world.

Luke 1:26-33





# B is for Baby

Jesus looked just like any *baby*.  
He was small and noisy and liked to cuddle.  
But he was actually very, very special.

He was a baby, and he was God.  
God had come into the world as a baby.

Matthew 1:18-23





*is for*  
**Cuddle**

Jesus was not born in a home or in a hospital.

He was born in a tiny animal shelter.

His mother Mary gave him a **cuddle**  
and laid him down to sleep.

**Luke 2:1-7**





# D *is for* DOVE

When Jesus grew up he was baptised in a river to show he was ready to start teaching.

When Jesus came out of the water a **DOVE** flew down and landed on him.

Then God spoke to everyone from heaven.

He said, "This is my Son and I love him.

I am very pleased with him."

Matthew 3:13-17



# E is for Everyone

God wants to be friends with **everyone**.

But he is so good that any wrong or sad things we do stop us from being friends with him.

Jesus came into the world on a great big rescue mission. He came to take away the wrong and sad things we do so we can be friends with God. Jesus' rescue mission is big enough for everyone!

**John 3:13-18**

