



# **Bible stories and bedtimes takeaways**

- The Bible is a book of lots of stories about God and his relationship with lots of different people. Reading about them helps our children to learn more about him and the way that different people relate to him.
- There are lots of different books, apps and versions to choose from. We can help our little ones engage with Bible stories by asking questions and wondering together, sharing what stands out to us and explaining tricky words.
- At bedtime, we can help them to settle down by connecting them to us, connecting them to God and then leaving them with a next step so that they can keep connecting with him without us there.

#### Things to think about

If you've ever read the Bible, which bits stood out to you and why?

Are there characters or situations in the Bible that you relate to?

Have you ever shared these with your child?

# Things to chat about

**For everyone** – Pick a Bible story and have a look at it. What questions could you ask when reading it? What stands out to you that you could share with your child? Which tricky words might you need to explain?

For parents and carers – If you've shared any Bible stories with your child, which versions, stories or apps did you like? Or during the session have a look at some of the websites or apps that have been suggested and see if there are any that your child might like.

## Ideas to try

Try reading a Bible story to your baby or toddler or choose one you'd like to try when baby is here.

See if there are any characters you can relate to or any questions you'd like to ask about what the characters were thinking or feeling.

## Find out more



- Look at chapters 4 and 10
- Watch 'The bedtime routine' or 'Reading a Bible story with under-fives'
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