



FOUR STEPS FOR MAKING BIBLE-READING EASIER [A HANDY REFERENCE CHECKLIST]

Check off each mini-step as you go.

Step One: Focus on Jesus ([read full article](#))

- Open your Bible to a New Testament passage and read
- Ask: "What does this passage say to me about who Jesus is?" and journal your thoughts
- After several days/weeks, look back through your notes and ask "How can these insights about Jesus impact my life?"
- Bonus: Listen to the podcast episode, "[Reading the Bible Through a Filter](#)"

Step Two: Try a Word Study ([read full article](#))

- Choose a word to study (e.g., "joy")
- Use your concordance to find the word
- Look up and read each verse the concordance references, plus read the surrounding verses for context
- Journal what you learn about your word as you go

Step Three: Discover Jesus in the Old Testament ([read full article](#))

- Use cross-references in your study Bible that connect Old Testament verses to New Testament verses
- Don't have a Bible with cross-references? [Find them online here](#)
- Use the blue letters in the [Jesus-Centered Bible](#) to find 600+ references of Jesus in the Old Testament
- Bonus: [Read a sample](#) of the blue letters

Step Four: Read the Bible Like a Child ([read full article](#))

- Keep a miracle journal
 - Write down each miracle you read in the Bible
 - Close your eyes and imagine being present during the miracle
 - Then imagine the miracle happening in your life today
 - Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to miracles all around you and add them to your journal
- Read [a story Bible](#)
- Bonus: [Read a sample](#) of the *Friends With God Story Bible*
- Bonus: Listen to the podcast episode, "[Childlike or Childish?](#)"