

Welcome to **xtb** and Table Talk



Exploring the Bible together to discover God's Rescue Plan



XTB stands for **EXplore The Bible**.

Read a bit of the Bible each day.

Unscramble the meaning of Easter with the help of Dr. Luke.

Find out all about God's Rescue Plan.

**Are you ready to explore the Bible? Fill in the bookmark...
...then turn over the page to start exploring with XTB!**



This book belongs to

.....

Sometimes I'm called

*..... (nickname)

My birthday is

.....

My age is

.....

I like Easter because

.....

Table Talk FOR FAMILIES

Table Talk helps children and adults explore the Bible together. It can be used by:

- Families
- One adult with one child
- Children's leaders with their groups
- Any other way you want to try

Table Talk uses the same Bible passages as XTB so that they can be used together if wanted. Table Talk is enclosed at the back of this book. It's easy to spot because it's printed sideways!

Never done anything like this before? Check our web page for some further help or write to us for a free fact sheet (details opposite).

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

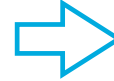
NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts
Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation



How to find your way around the Bible...

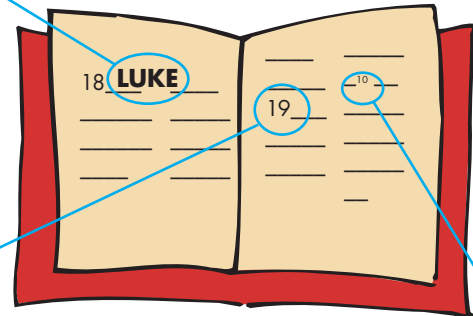
Look out for the **READ** sign.
It tells you what Bible bit to read.



READ
Luke 19v10

So, if the notes say... **READ Luke 19v10**
...this means chapter 19 and verse 10
...and this is how you find it.

Use the **Contents** page in your Bible to find
where Luke begins






The chapter numbers
are the **GREAT BIG**
ones

The verse numbers are the
tiny ones!

Oops! Keep getting lost?

Cut out this bookmark and use it to keep your place.

How to use

-  Find a time and place when you can read the Bible each day.
-  Get your Bible, a pencil and your XTb notes.
-  Ask God to help you to understand what you read.
-  Read today's XTb page and Bible bit.
-  Pray about what you have read and learned.
-  If you can, talk to an adult about what you've learned. Remind them about **Table Talk** at the back of this booklet



Rescue! stickers



This Easter pack comes with free **Rescue!** stickers. Be ready to stick one in every time Luke tells us something about God's Rescue Plan.

(If your stickers are missing, contact us at the address inside the front cover and we'll send you some more.)

Are you ready to find out about **God's Rescue Plan?**


Stick your first sticker here, then hurry on to Day 1.

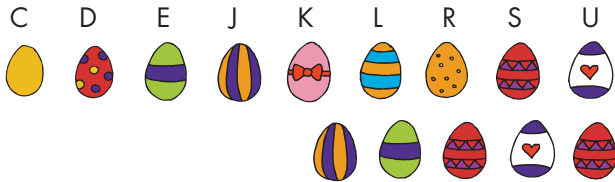


DAY 1 EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

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Luke 19v10

What is Easter all about? Bunnies, hot cross buns and chocolate?  Crack the egg code and see!



Who is Easter all about? _ _ _ _

Read today's Bible verse to see what Jesus said about why He came. (By the way, when Jesus says "**Son of Man**", He is talking about **Himself**.)

READ
Luke 19v10

Jesus said that He "came to look for and S _____ the lost."

Easter is
about being _ _ _ _



Stick a Rescue! sticker here



God's Rescue Plan

The first part of the Bible (the Old Testament) shows that people are in trouble. They need to be rescued. God promised that He would send a **Rescuer** (Saviour), called the Messiah or Christ.

We're going to find out about God's Rescue Plan from one of the books in the New Testament.



Who wrote it? _ _ _ _

Dr. Luke wrote his book (called Luke's Gospel) to show **WHO** the Rescuer is and **WHY** we need rescuing. Luke shows us that **Jesus** is the promised Rescuer. (You can discover more about Luke on the back page of this book.)

PRAY

Dear God, please help me to learn more about your Rescue Plan as I read Luke's book. Amen

DAY 2 DONKEY RIDING

The first Easter week starts with some unexpected transport, and a lot of shouting!

READ

Luke 19v28-31

How did Jesus travel into Jerusalem? By **C** _____



car?



colt?



camel?



caravan?

DID YOU KNOW?

500 years earlier, an Old Testament writer called Zechariah had said that God's chosen **KING**—who had come to **RESCUE** His people—would ride into Jerusalem on a colt: that's a young donkey.

(You can read this promise for yourself in Zechariah 9v9.)

When people saw Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey they got really excited...

READ

Luke 19v35-40

What were the people shouting?

God bless the **K** _____
who comes in the name of
the **L** _____! (v38)



The religious leaders wanted the people to stop shouting.

But what did Jesus say would happen if they stopped? (v40)



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Luke
19v28-40

Imagine that the stones really did start to shout! What do you think they might have said?



Jesus the King has come to rescue His people—and it's so important that even rocks will yell about it!

THINK
+ **PRAY**

The people praised God for sending Jesus. What do you want to praise and thank God for?

DAY 3 CLEAR OFF!

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Luke
19v45-48

Spot 10 coins hidden in the picture



Read the Bible verses to find out what's happening.

What had God said His Temple should be called?

READ
Luke 19v45-46

A **H**_____ of **P**_____ (v46)

BUT!!!

The Temple courtyard was full of lying salesmen. The people who came to pray to God were **cheated** out of their money!

So what did Jesus do? (v45)



READ

Luke 19v47-48

The religious leaders **hated** what Jesus did and said. They wanted to get rid of Him as soon as possible.

More about their secret plans tomorrow.



Sometimes we see things happening that we know are wrong.

For example, a new boy has joined Dave's school but nobody will talk to him. As a follower of Jesus what should Dave do?



What would **you** do?

PRAY

Ask God to help you to act the way He wants you to—even when that's difficult or could make you unpopular.

DAY 4 THE PLOT THICKENS

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Luke 22v1-6

Every year Jewish people celebrated Passover. It was a time to remember a great Rescue, when God rescued the Israelites from Egypt.

READ
Luke 22v1

It wasn't by accident that the first Easter happened at Passover time. It was all part of God's Rescue Plan.



Stick a Rescue! sticker here



There were **two plans** happening at the same time.

1. God's Rescue Plan
2. The Murder Plot!

READ
Luke 22v2-6

THE MURDER PLOT

Jesus' enemies wanted to get rid of Him. They were trying to find a way to have Him murdered secretly. One of Jesus' disciples agreed to help.

Who was he? (v4) **J** _____

GOD'S RESCUE PLAN

Amazingly it had always been part of God's Rescue Plan that Jesus would die. **Not** so that His enemies could get rid of Him, but so that Jesus could **rescue** His people.

As we carry on reading Dr. Luke's book we will see both plans in action. Sometimes it may **look** like the wicked murder plot is winning—but Luke will show us that God is **always** in control.



PRAY

Dear God,
thank you that you are always in charge. Please help me to trust You.

Cross out every **x, y + z**

What was **Passover** about?
(the spiral gives a clue)

XRYZEXYSZXCZYUXZEY

What is **Easter** about?

ZYRXEZYSXZCYUXZEY

DAY 5

FOLLOW THAT JAR!

xtb Luke 22v7-13

1

READ

Luke 22v7-13



What are Peter and John doing? Read the Bible passage to find out.

2

Correct the mistakes in these instructions.

Go and get breakfast ready. (v8)



A girl carrying a rubber duck will meet you. (v10)

Don't follow anybody! (v10)

Get the garden ready for our barbecue. (v12)



JESUS IS IN CHARGE

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Jesus' friends knew that the Passover meal was a time to remember a great Rescue—but they didn't know that it was also part of a **much greater rescue**—God's Rescue Plan for the whole world!

Did You Know?

The first ever Passover meal happened when God rescued Moses and the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.
If you want to know more read **Exodus 12v1-14**

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- Jesus knew this would be His last meal with His friends.
- He knew all about the murder plot too!
- Jesus knew **everything** that would happen—He was always in control.

THINK + PRAY

Jesus knows **everything** that happens to you. How does that make you feel?
Talk to God about it.

DAY 6

READY TO REMEMBER

Put a tick (✓) by the foods you like best.




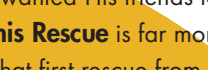


Now circle the foods you think Jesus may have eaten with His friends at Passover.
(Answers at the bottom of the page.)

Jesus knew He was going to die, and wanted to help His friends to be ready.

READ
 Luke 22v14-20

Follow the lines to see what each thing reminds us of.

- | | | |
|----------|---|--------------------|
| Passover |  | Jesus' blood (v20) |
| Bread |  | Rescue from Egypt |
| Wine |  | Jesus' body (v19) |
| Easter |  | God's Rescue Plan |

Jesus wanted His friends to understand that **this Rescue** is far more important than that first rescue from Egypt. **This is the one to remember.**

Did You Know?


Christians eat bread and drink wine to remind them that Jesus died to rescue them. In different churches, this may be called Communion, Breaking of Bread, Eucharist or the Lord's Supper.



In **XTB** we use the Rescue! stickers to help us to remember God's Rescue Plan. Stick a rescue sticker here.



What else could you do to remind you of the first Easter?

e.g. draw a picture or...
 make hot cross buns or... 

If you can, do it now!

PRAY
 Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus as the Rescuer. Please help me never to forget that He died for me.

DAY 7 TEMPTING TIMES

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Luke
22v39-46

Your mum tells you to tidy your room.

Do you...

- a) Go and do it straight away?
- b) Put it off until later?
- c) Pretend you didn't hear her?



Most of us find it hard to do what we're told. We put things off if we can.

Jesus needed God's help. Who did God send to strengthen Jesus? (v43)

How did Jesus end His prayer?



Not m___ will, but y_____ will be done. (v42)

Jesus chose to **obey** God, even though it would be very hard.

When Jesus had finished praying, He went back to the disciples. What were they doing? (v45) Tick your answer

eating

sleeping

praying

Jesus had a **choice**. He chose to obey God.

The disciples had a **choice**. They fell asleep!



THINK + PRAY

Living the way God wants us to **isn't** easy. It makes no difference what age you are, or how long you've been a friend of Jesus.

We **all** need God's help.

Think of a time this week when you might find it hard to obey God.

At home? At school?

With your friends?

Ask God to help you to obey Him like Jesus did.

READ

Luke 22v39-46

Did Jesus find it easy to obey God?

Yes / No

(Check v42-44 if you're not sure)

DAY 8 LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

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Luke
22v47-53



Imagine the scene. It's dark. Night time. The crowd marching down the hill are carrying swords, clubs and torches. Jesus can see them coming. He has plenty of time to escape. *But will He?*



READ

Luke 22v47-48

Who betrayed Jesus? **J** _____



As we zoom in on the action the torchlight glints off the sharp edge of a sword. One of Jesus' followers is fighting back. A swoosh—a yell—and a man is hurt. *What will Jesus do now?*



READ

Luke 22v49-51

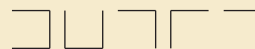
Jesus could have escaped—but He didn't! When His friends tried to protect Him, Jesus stopped them. Then He healed the injured man. *Crack the code to find out why.*

Crisscross Code

C	E	H
J	O	R
S	T	U

C =

T =



J _____





T _____



R _____

Jesus didn't fight back because He chose to die as our Rescuer. Read **The Sin Solution** on the next page to find out why.

Stick a Rescue! sticker here



PRAY

Thank Jesus that He chose to die to rescue you.