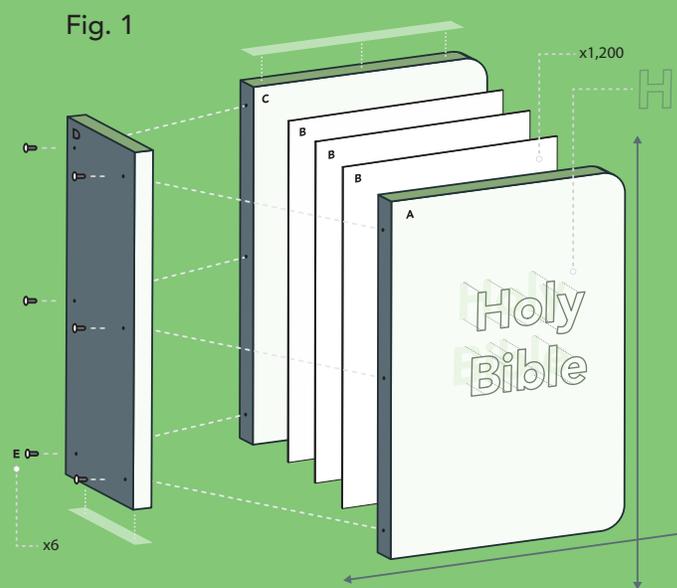


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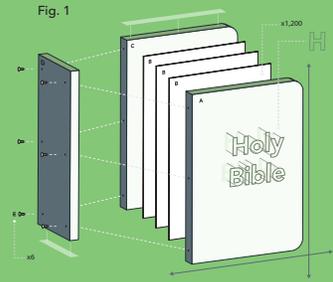
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# Your Turn Questions

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## Chapter 1: Your Turn



### YOUR TURN

Read Psalm 19 v 7-14

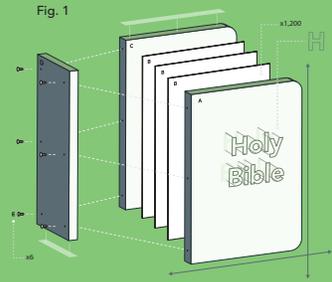
Think about the implications of the Bible being God's word listed on pages 18-20. What things does the writer of Psalm 19 say about God's word that get at each of the following?

1. God's word demands our attention.
2. God's word is trustworthy.
3. We need to do what God's word says.
4. God's word is worth investing in.

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## Chapter 2: Your Turn



### YOUR TURN

Read Luke 7 v 1-10

Walk through the passage like in the examples on pages 32-37.

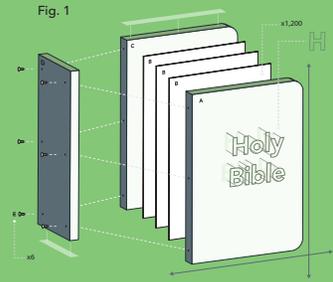
1. What is going on in this passage? Imagine talking it through to someone else.
2. What questions do you have as you read? Does the passage itself give you some hints?
3. What is the main thing it is communicating?

For more practice, try doing the same thing with 1 Samuel 1 v 1-20.

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## Chapter 3: Your Turn



### YOUR TURN

Look at one or more of the Bible passages below and think about the following questions.

1. What's the vibe? (Does it change through the passage?)
2. What type (or genre) of writing do you think this is? (See pages 48-50 for more help.)
3. How does this passage's vibe help to get the message across and under our skin?

**Galatians 1 v 1-10**

**Psalm 150**

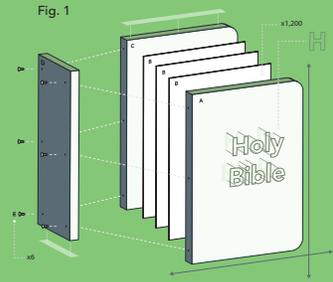
**Amos 5 v 1-15**

**John 20 v 11-18**

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## Chapter 4: Your Turn



### YOUR TURN

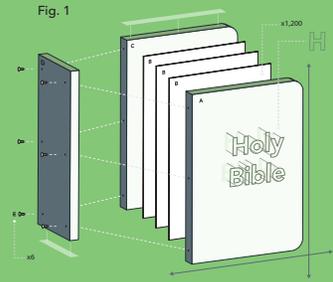
The book of Acts tells the story of the Christian movement in the decades after Jesus' death, resurrection and return to heaven. **Read Acts 12 v 1-24** and answer the questions as in the examples on pages 60-67.

1. Where does the story begin and end (v 1-4, v 23-24)?
2. Who are the characters and where is the focus?
3. How does this fit in with the flow of the "big story"? (Read Acts 1 v 8 to see the mission Jesus gave his disciples right at the beginning, and which flows through the rest of the book.)
4. Given your answers to questions 1-3, what do you think is the main thing this passage is about?  
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## Chapter 4: Your Turn



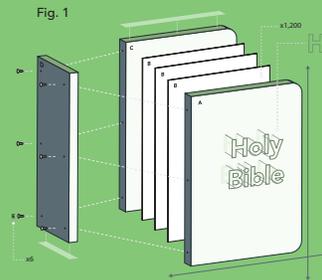
Try doing the same thing with **Exodus 1 v 1-22**. In the previous book, Genesis, God promised Abraham that his family would grow into a great nation with their own land. At the end of Genesis, Abraham's grandson, Jacob, went to live in Egypt with his family.

1. Where does this part of the story begin and end (v 7, v 20)?
2. Who are the characters and where is the focus?
3. How does this fit in with the flow of the “big story” that started in Genesis?
4. Given your answers to questions 1-3, what do you think is the main thing this passage is about?  
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## Chapter 5: Your Turn



### YOUR TURN

Read the following passages and write down anything you notice about the three levels of context. Don't worry if there is more in one category than another:

1. *Local context:* What hints do we get about life at the time this was written? What else might it be helpful to know in order to understand this passage better? Where could you go for answers?
2. *Historical context:* At what point in Bible history does this passage come? (See pages 76-79.) How does that help us to work out what's going on? What light does that shed on this passage?
3. *Biblical context:* How does this passage point you to Jesus? Pause to praise him in prayer.

### Genesis 22 v 1-19

1. *Local context:*

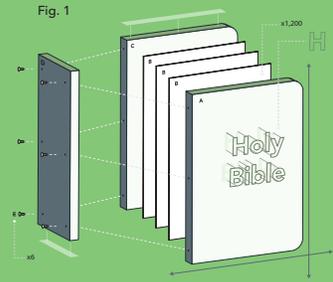
2. *Historical context:*

3. *Biblical context:*

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## Chapter 5: Your Turn



### 1 Peter 1 v 3-9

1. *Local context:*

2. *Historical context:*

3. *Biblical context:*

### Psalm 72

1. *Local context:*

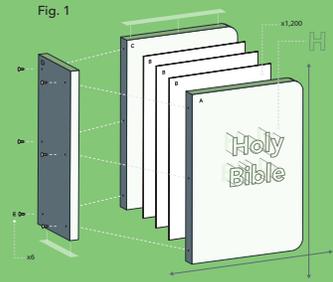
2. *Historical context:*

3. *Biblical context:*

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## Chapter 6: Your Turn



### YOUR TURN

Let's revisit the two passages we looked at in the exercise at the end of chapter 4, and work through the three principles described on pages 93-97.

Read Acts 12 v 1-24

1. *The main thing in the text is the main thing God is saying to us.* Look at your answer to question 4 on page 69. What is the main thing God is saying to us through this passage?
2. *The message of the text may play out differently in our context.* How did that main thing play out for the people in this passage? How might it play out for you?
3. *The message of every part of the Bible is "gospel shaped".* How does this remind you of what Jesus has done for you? How does it link to the gospel?
4. Looking at your answers to questions 1-3, what is God saying to you today? What does this truth mean for you right now?

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## Chapter 6: Your Turn



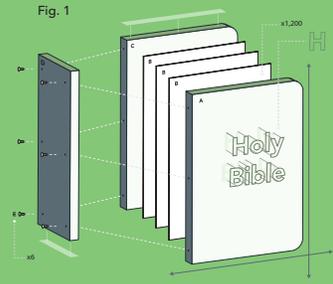
Read Exodus 1 v 1-22

1. *The main thing in the text is the main thing God is saying to us.* Look at your answer to question 4 on page 70. What is the main thing God is saying to us through this passage?
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## Chapter 7: Your Turn



### YOUR TURN

Choose any passage of the Bible and work through the six steps. Jot down notes as you go. If you don't know which to choose, try Luke 8 v 40-56.

1. Pray

2. Context

3. Read

4. Vibe

5. Words

6. Application