

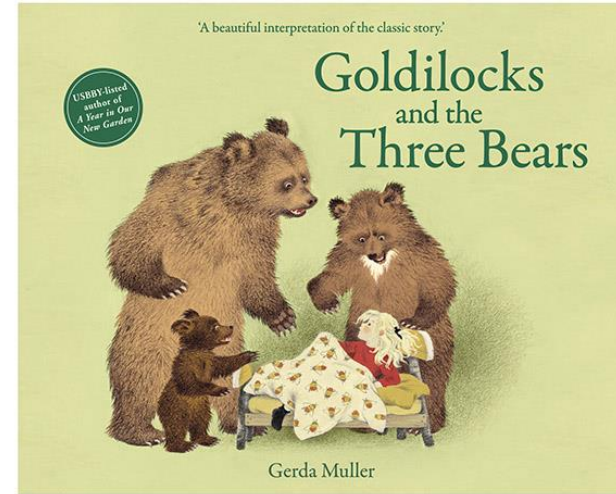
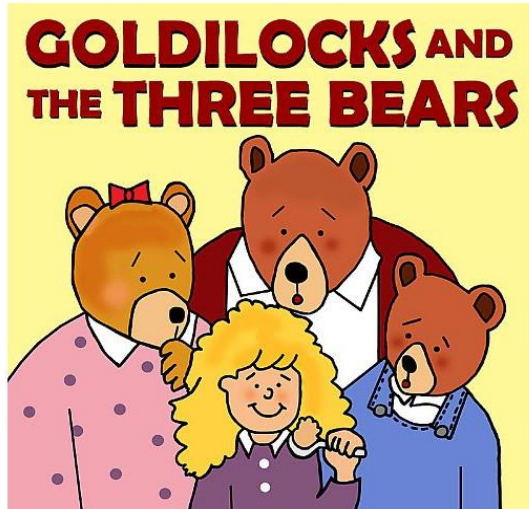
HOW TO: STUDY THE BIBLE

4 SIMPLE STEPS

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INTRODUCTION

How old were you when you first read this story?



Familiar stories, even children's fairy tales, can take on new meanings when we re-read them as teenagers and as adults.

Why?

THE BIBLE

The Bible contains many familiar stories and texts. In this session we are going to look at **how to** study the bible to find new and important things in a passage.

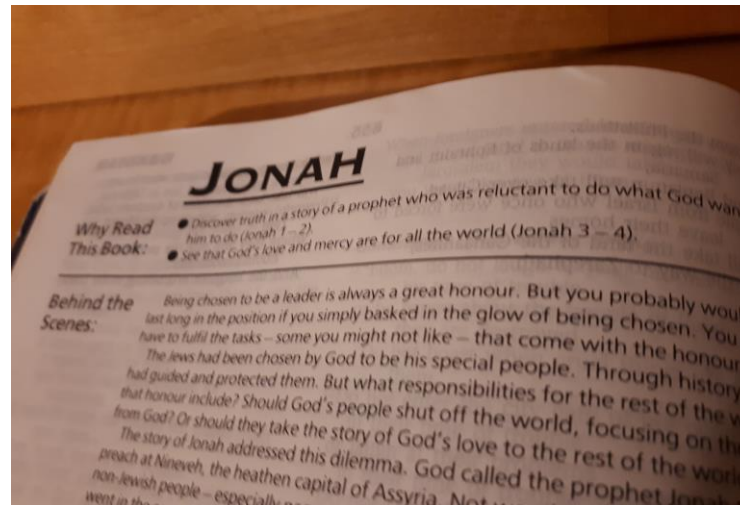
We are going to use 4 simple steps:

Step 1: Observation

Step 2: Interpretation

Step 3: Application

Step 4: Illustration



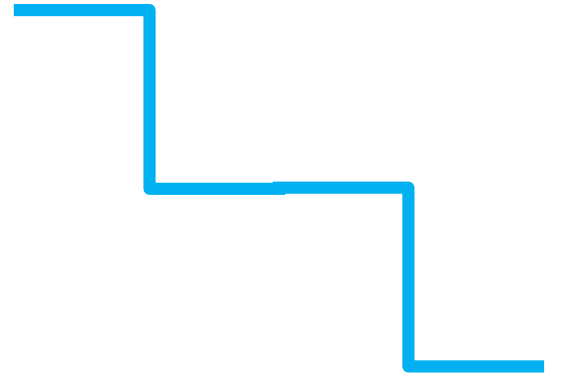
STEPS

Step 1: Observation

- Text in context: Who? What? Where? When?
- What does the passage say?
- Words in context, tone and main focal points?

Step 2: Interpretation

- What does the passage tell us about God?
- Who He is?
- Our relationship with Him as a child of God



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Step 3: Application

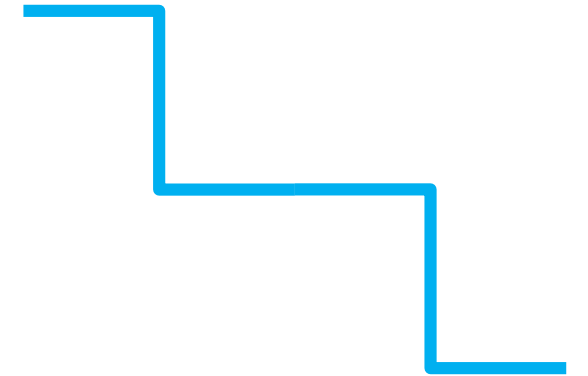
- What could I learn from the text?
- Which verses stand?

Step 4: Illustrations

- Can I explain what I have learnt from the passage to others using my own stories/experiences/ideas?

Now for more information on 'how to' go to:

[How to Study the Bible - 3 Simple Steps](#)



NOW FOLLOW THE STEPS...

In your group or at home use the steps to study one of the following familiar stories:

Matthew 26: 36-46 **Gethsemane**

or

Jonah 1: 1- 17 **Jonah runs away!**

or

Joshua 6: 1-17 **Walls of Jericho**



Questions:

1. Is there a common thread running thorough these stories?
2. Have I learnt something new?

A LEAP OF FAITH

[\(29\) Indiana Jones 'Leap of Faith' – YouTube](#)

In this short video clip Indiana Jones is said to have taken a 'leap of faith'.

Questions:

1. Why was the term a 'leap of faith' used to describe the clip?
2. What drove him to take such a leap?



JONAH'S LEAP OF FAITH

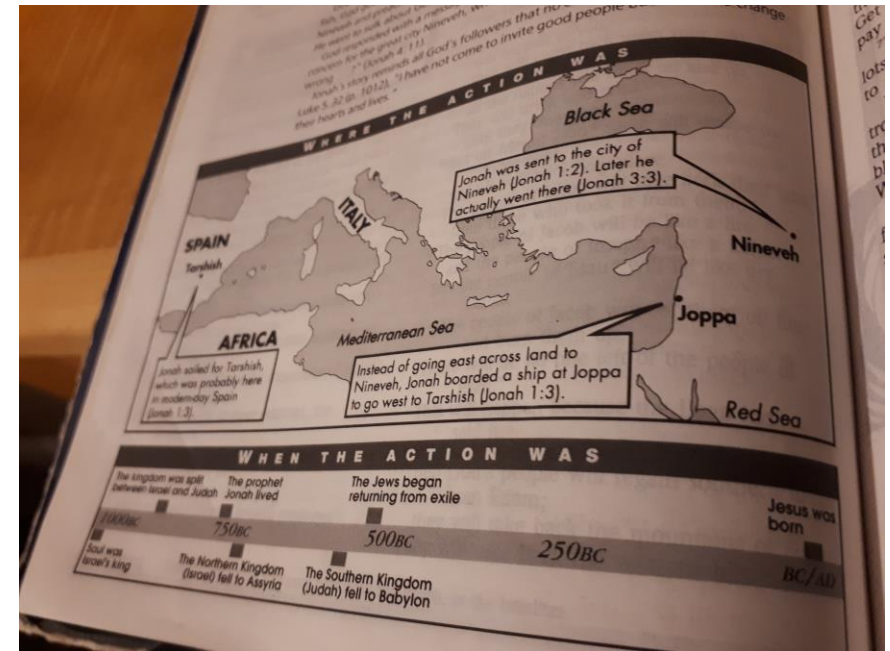
Now read Jonah Chapter 2 v 1-10

Questions:

- Was Jonah's prayer a 'leap of faith'?
- How did you deduce this from the text?

A 'leap of faith' can be large or small.

- Is God asking you to take a 'leap of faith' in your life at the moment?
- Will you do so – Yes or No?



THINK ABOUT...YOUR LEAP OF FAITH

We serve a mighty God who stands with us in all things.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rT-HuIZ6TQA>

Lion and the Lamb lyrics / music video - Bethel Music
(Leeland)



Let the words of this song encourage you.
Let it be your anthem of praise this coming week

