

# 1. SCRIPTURE FOR CATHOLICS

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Scripture for Catholics resources brochure, bringing you a range of books and products to help you deepen your love of the Bible.

The Holy Father encourages us to engage with the Scriptures daily in many of his writings: *'Every day we read a page of the Gospel, we pray with the Psalms, we read the Prophets! We will be moved by the Lord's faithfulness. Scripture will also help us to understand what the Lord asks of our lives today.'* Pope Francis.

God speaks through his Word - the Bible, and through the Word made flesh – Jesus Christ. Reading the Bible as families, communities or as individuals allows us to hear God speaking into our lives today.

My desire is to see more Catholics discovering the beauty and power of Scripture at all times and in all places. And to see the Scriptures shared in as many different formats as possible.

*Fleur Dorrell*

Biblical Apostolate Manager,  
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales in partnership with Bible Society.

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## THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Throughout the Catholic Church in England and Wales in collaboration with Bible Society, we are celebrating, living, and sharing God's word with our God who Speaks initiative.

We invite you to take part in this adventure and to draw on the treasures of Scripture in your daily walk. Our website is updated monthly and includes: articles, reflections, prayers, activities, courses, videos and topics to help you deepen your love of the Scriptures and to grow in your faith journey.

Find out more about our God Who Speaks initiative – [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

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# 2. YOUNG PEOPLE & CHILDREN

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## GOOD NEWS BIBLE – CHILDREN’S RAINBOW EDITION

The best full-text Bible for children created in partnership with RE: Quest. Designed with ideas and feedback from children, parents and teachers.

Features include:

- 16 brand-new full-colour illustrations.
- Two colours throughout – helping break up the text, highlight key information, and improve visual appeal.
- Highlighted reading trail that takes the reader through the story of the Bible.
- 36 pages of helpful tools and pointers.



**RRP: £18.99**

**ISBN: 9780564082476**

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## GOOD NEWS BIBLE – THE YOUTH EDITION

An award-winning Bible designed with the help of young people. This Youth Edition is packed with content produced to reflect the ideas and challenges young people face.

Features include:

- 32 colour pages of key things to know about the Bible, help with tough topics, and journalling space.
- Full-page introductions to each book of the Bible.
- Space to write, draw and doodle.
- Links to a dedicated YouTube playlist with 30 videos unpacking key themes and issues found in the Bible.



**RRP: £22.99**

**ISBN: 9780564070374**

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## ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION (ESV) YOUTH BIBLE

An ideal Bible for young believers seeking guidance and wisdom.

The ESV Youth Bible is compact and easy to carry.

Features include:

- 32 pages of advice on reading, understanding and finding help in the Bible.
- A thirty-one-day Bible reading plan for young people to get started.
- Compact size makes it an ideal outreach resource.



**RRP: £8.99**

**ISBN: 9780564036639**

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# 3. EDUCATION RESOURCES

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Our *God Who Speaks* website has a dedicated section for schools - [www.godwhospeaks.uk/education/](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/education/)

Bible Society offers free education resources for KS2 and KS3 classes that explore topics such as 'What is the Bible?', 'Parables', and 'Persecution'.

Gospels in Schools - [Gospels in Schools and The Old Testament in Schools - Bible Society](#).

Download these resources via our website: [www.biblesociety.org.uk/education](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/education)

## RESOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

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### DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY ADDITIONS

Bible Society is proud to be the only UK publisher to produce the full Bible in a dyslexia-friendly format. The Dyslexia-Friendly Editions follow formatting principles approved by the British Dyslexia Association.

Each edition features:

- 10.5pt type face.
- Cream coloured matt finish paper limiting light reflection.
- High opacity so very little text shows through from the next page.
- Increased line spacing.



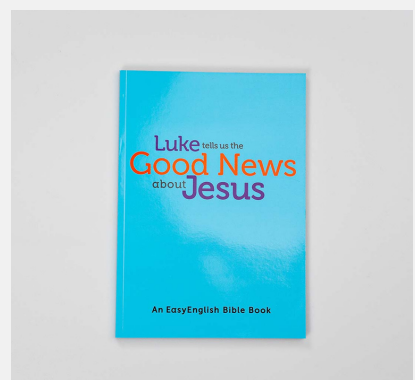
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### EASYENGLISH GOSPELS

Using a form of simple English developed by MissionAssist, the EasyEnglish Gospels are ideal for individuals who are learning English as a second language and can be used as a resource in schools for pupils of mixed reading ability.

Features include:

- Plain, simple English written in short sentences.
- 1,200 word vocabulary.
- A-Z word list explaining terms used in more detail.



**RRP: £3.99**

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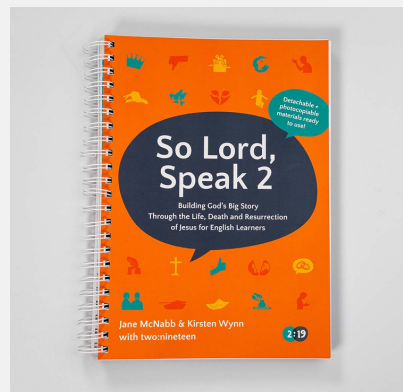
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## TWO: NINETEEN TEACHING RESOURCES

Created by Teach to Reach, the Two: Nineteen collection consists of four ring bound booklets that are a must-have teaching aid for ESL teachers.

Features include:

- Lesson plans for ten one-hour lessons written by experienced TESOL trainers.
- Photocopiable resources for all lessons.
- Interactive games and activities.



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## 4. BIBLES

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### GOOD NEWS BIBLE – FAMILY EDITION

An award-winning Bible made to be read together. The Family Edition is packed with content, activities and topics chosen by families. We partnered with Youth for Christ and several family-focused organisations to create a Bible designed for families.

Features include:

- Removable and reusable 'whiteboard' jacket for writing, drawing and being creative.
- Unique landscape page layout for family engagement around the Bible.
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Over 400 interactions throughout based on the themes of Think, Chat, Do, Create and Watch



**RRP: £34.99**

ISBN: 9780564081776

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### THE BIBLE TRANSLATED BY NICHOLAS KING SJ

Fr. Nicholas King's evocative translation has been translated from the Greek Septuagint. This Bible aims to bring you as close as possible to the original biblical voices in all their rawness and grandeur.

Features include:

- Reflective questions placed at intervals in the margins.
- Four maps.
- Immersive reading experience and fresh insights for those looking for a vibrant version.



**RRP: £29.99**

ISBN: 9780564082377

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## GOOD NEWS BIBLE – CATHOLIC EDITION

This Bible is excellent for personal or group study for a range of ages. It uses our popular Good News Bible translation.

Features include:

- Book introductions.
- An overview of the Biblical story in 40 key passages.
- Helpful tools such as 'Where to find help in the Bible' and 'Where do I begin?'



**RRP: £17.99**

**ISBN: 9780564070879**

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## THE GOSPELS – NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION (THE GOD WHO SPEAKS EDITIONS)

These paperback Gospels celebrate The God who Speaks initiative in the Catholic Church.

Features include:

- Five-page introduction to each Gospel.
- Full-colour photographic images highlighting key Bible passages.
- Pocket-size for easy portability and outreach.



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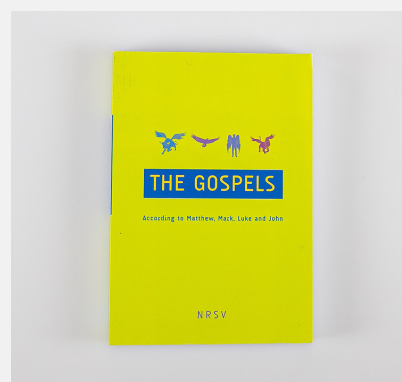
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## THE GOSPELS – NEW STANDARD REVISED VERSION

This youth edition of the Holy Gospels is the perfect size to take with you anywhere.

Features include:

- Extra colour section on the background and meaning of the Gospels.
- Great for outreach and sharing.



**RRP: £4.99**

**ISBN: 9780564050673**

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# 5. FAITH RESOURCES

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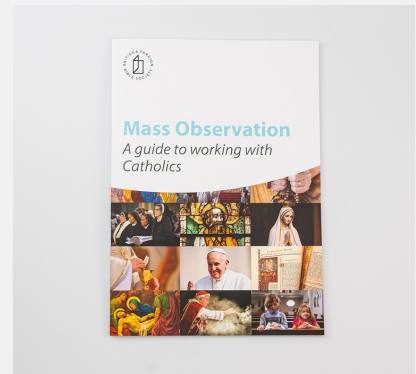
## MASS OBSERVATION

What does it mean to be a Catholic and what do Catholics believe?

*Mass Observation* is a full-colour guide that shows you the key teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.

Features include:

- Outlines of Catholic beliefs, worship, practices and culture.
- Full-colour guide with helpful infographics, links and key global Catholic statistics.
- Top tips for working in a Catholic context.



**RRP: £4.50**

**ISBN: 9780564018628**

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## GOD WITH US

Incorporating reflection, questions and prayers, this resource explores the challenges experienced by biblical figures and invites parents to question how their experience links to these biblical figures.

This resource is an ideal gift for Catholic parents after their child's baptism.

Features include:

- Tear out bookmarks containing prayers to mark your journey through the Bible.
- Focus on key biblical characters: Moses, Mary, Abraham & Sarah, Ezra & Nehemiah, David & Paul.



**RRP: £3.99**

**ISBN: 9780564044177**

[Click here to buy online](#)

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## ROOM FOR GOD: AT HOME WITH THE SACRED

A beautiful, full-colour resource designed to help you find God in every one of your rooms.

Features include:

- Double-page spread focusing on each room of your house.
- Extra double-page spreads on our love of pets, colours in the home, and hospitality.
- Combinations of Biblical texts, prayers, and meditations.
- Simple tools for daily spiritual reflection.



**RRP: £3.99**

**ISBN: 9780564049776**

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# 6. SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

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## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS - CHRISTMAS DONKEY

Want a new and interactive way to tell the Christmas story?

Download our Christmas Donkey resource for free.



[www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-christmas-donkey/](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-christmas-donkey/)

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## LENT AND EASTER - EASTER DONKEY

Want a new and interactive way to tell the Easter story?

Download our Easter Donkey resource for free.



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## OPEN THE BOOK IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Open the Book (OtB) is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. As invited guests in school, storytelling teams use the Open the Book programme to prepare and present a 10–15-minute scripted Bible story to a school assembly, involving the children as much as possible.



[www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/)

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# 7. HOW TO ORDER

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We hope you have enjoyed browsing our latest resources.

If you would like to order from Bible Society, you can do so via the following:

Online:

Go to [www.biblesociety.org.uk/products](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products)

Phone:

Call us on 01793 41822.

Email:

Send an email to [contactus@biblesociety.org.uk](mailto:contactus@biblesociety.org.uk)

Contact Fleur Dorrell for more information and discounts on bulk orders – on [fleur.dorrell@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:fleur.dorrell@cbcew.org.uk)

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## GOD WHO SPEAKS OFFICIAL PRAYER

Creator and Source of all, you spoke to Moses calling your people into life. He asked for your name, and you revealed your mystery.

“I am who I am, who I will be, where I will be”. Your divine life, beyond our inadequate images, beyond our fragile attempts to know and control. And gradually, through your prophets, you opened our minds and hearts to the immensity of the mystery of your creative mercy.

Word made Flesh, you came among us to open up a way and a life true to your mystery and true to our desire; a Word that both speaks in our hearts and through the vastness of your cosmos.

Holy Spirit, from the first Pentecost you enabled us to hear the Word in our own reality and respond to it among companions from every race and tongue. Provoke us now to return to that divine word in Creation, that Word en-fleshed in Jesus, that Word spoken and recorded in the Holy Scriptures.

Touch our minds and hearts today as we read alone, as we proclaim in the liturgy, as we study together and, inspired anew, help us to become that Word for all who seek the way, the truth, and the life.

Amen.

*David McLoughlin*

