

# INTRODUCTION

## **THIS LITTLE BOOK WILL HELP YOU TO LINK TOGETHER THE STORY OF GOD'S LOVE AND TO ANSWER SOME TRICKY QUESTIONS.**

We can never understand who God is on our own, and so he has given us his book – the Bible. The focus of the Bible is Jesus Christ<sup>1</sup> who: lived a perfect life – because we can't; died on a cross to take our blame; rose from the dead so that we need not fear death; and who will one day return for all who love and follow him.

Perhaps you have some questions already? *What is God like? How can I know him? Why did Jesus have to die?* Great! We want you to think – and ask questions. That's how we learn.


## **THE STORY**


One of the most exciting things about being a Christian is the discovery that the story of God's love is like a river that flows through history. God spoke to different people at different times, but amazingly, what they wrote down links together and surrounds one person – Jesus Christ! God's book – the Bible – is true and trustworthy. The Bible is God's story and it is given to us so that we may know and trust him. This is why people who love God, love his Word. Why not ask God now to help you understand his message?


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<sup>1</sup> Jesus means one who saves and Christ means special one.


## EACH SECTION OF OUR BOOK IS IN SIX PARTS:


 **THE BIG THOUGHT:** This is the 'big' idea to remember.

 **BUILD UP YOUR FAITH:** Here we look at a part (or parts) of the Bible that will build up our understanding of the Bible. In this part there will be footnotes that might explain something more fully or give you more Bible verses to help you.

 **BEING CONFIDENT:** Sometimes people may tell us that it is silly to believe in God's story that surrounds Jesus, but it's not! In this part we will give you some good answers that will help you.

 **BIBLE CHALLENGE – MEMORISE THIS VERSE:** In this part you will find a verse to memorise. It would be amazing if – by the end of the book – you could remember all the verses!

 **WHAT WE LEARNED:** This is where we recap the main points we have learned.

 **PRAYER:** At the end of each section we will finish by thanking God for what we've learned and then seek to apply it to our lives.

There are lots of things to learn in life, but none are more important than this: that God made you, that he loves you, that he has shown his love in sending Jesus, and that he calls you to follow him. Parts of this book may be challenging, but just as we grow in our understanding of other areas of life, so we must grow in our understanding of God and of the gospel.

So, we think that you're up to this!

Enjoy!

Jim

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*For answers to questions – see inside back cover*