

# Get started with The Word One to One

EXPLORING WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS  
ABOUT JESUS, TOGETHER



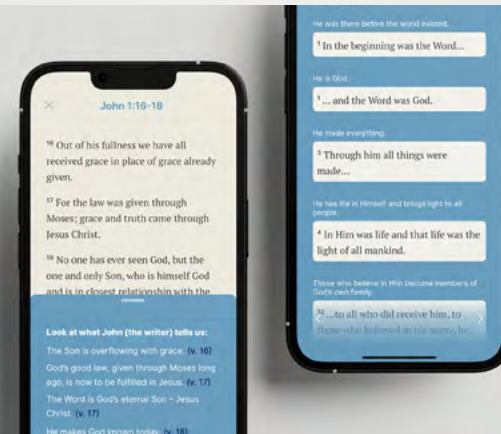
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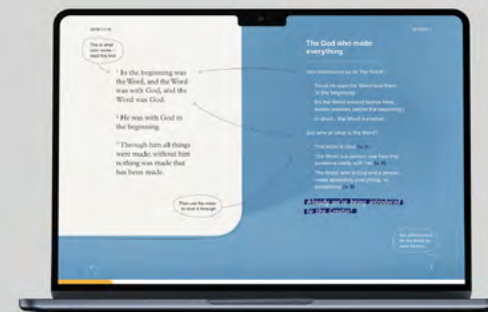
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The Word One to One at  
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A simple,  
joyful, powerful  
way to **show**  
**people Jesus.**



# Why share the Word?

Jesus tells His followers to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19 NIV). But for many of us, this can feel like a scary thing. It’s easy to think that it’s all down to us: that it’s all about how much we know, how confident we are and how clearly we can talk about the gospel.

But the thing is, introducing others to Jesus isn’t about our *ability*; it’s about our *availability*. Jesus has not just told us to “go and make disciples of all nations” – He’s promised to be with us “to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:20 NIV), and He’s given us the most powerful gift to help us tell others about Him: the Bible.

The Bible is Jesus’ living, active Word. It’s the place where He shows us who He is most clearly and the way He works in our lives most powerfully. So, all we need to do is open it with our friends, explore what it says about Him together, and trust that God will work in their hearts by His Spirit, through His Word!



## Why use The Word One to One?

The Word One to One gives you everything you need to explore what it says about Jesus, together with a friend. Whether you're new to the Bible or have been reading it for years, it's designed to be simple and accessible so that anyone can get together, read the Bible and chat it through.

Whether you choose to share with the books, the app or online, you'll find the same simple format: the Bible text is presented verse by verse, and helpful notes explain the meaning. This gives you everything you need to have a relaxed conversation about what the Bible says about Jesus.

And, by breaking the Bible text down into 'episodes', it works a bit like a box-set – each episode takes around 30 minutes to go through, and those new to the Bible don't know what's coming next!

It doesn't feel like a Bible study, because both you and your friend are reading through exactly the same thing. It works best when meeting 'one to one' with someone you know, but it can also be used in a small group. However you choose to use it, simply enjoy journeying from one verse to the next and exploring who Jesus is together.

### DID YOU KNOW

*Christians around the world find that when they invite a friend to have a look at a bit of the Bible with them, 1 in 4 on average say "yes".*



*"Reading John with others really helps to give people a framework for understanding God and His character as shown in Jesus and His life on earth."*

ELLIE, AUSTRALIA

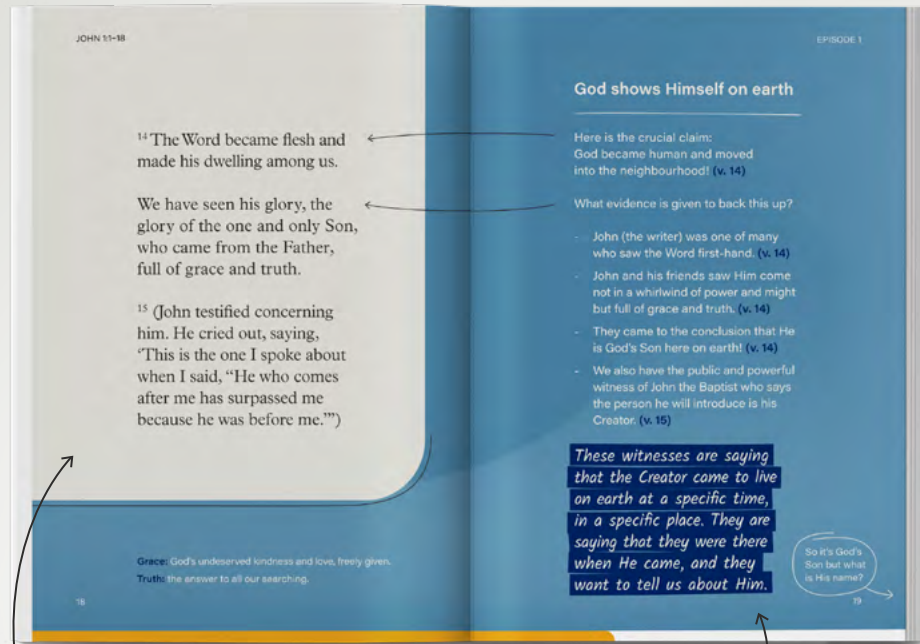
## Why people love using The Word One to One:

- **It's relational:** You're both reading with a person you know, so it's easier to discuss things that might be personal and not to be embarrassed if there are things that are a bit tricky to understand at first.
- **It's for everyone:** The Word One to One is easy to use and understand, so that anyone can read it – even if they're reading the Bible for the first time!
- **It helps them see Jesus:** Reading and chatting through what the Bible says about Jesus gives people a full and clear picture of who He really is.

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# Inside The Word One to One

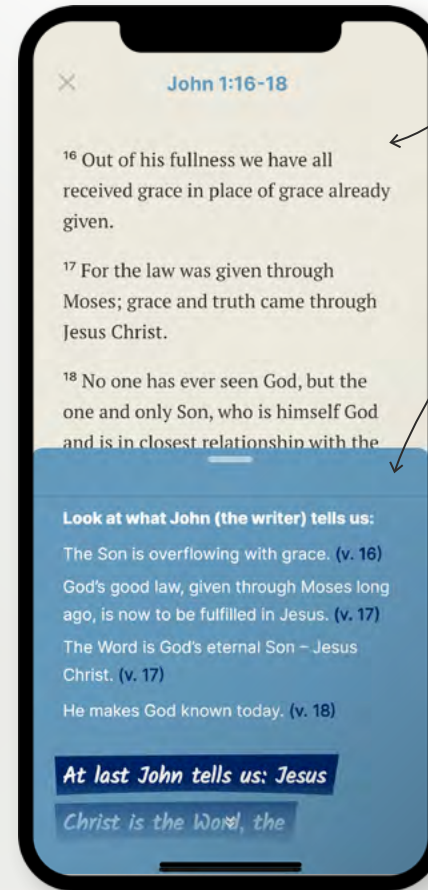


## FOCUSED ON THE BIBLE

The Word One to One takes you through John's Gospel one verse at a time.

## HELPFUL NOTES

With helpful explanations and background information, The Word One to One guides you and your friend through what you're reading.



## SHORT EPISODES

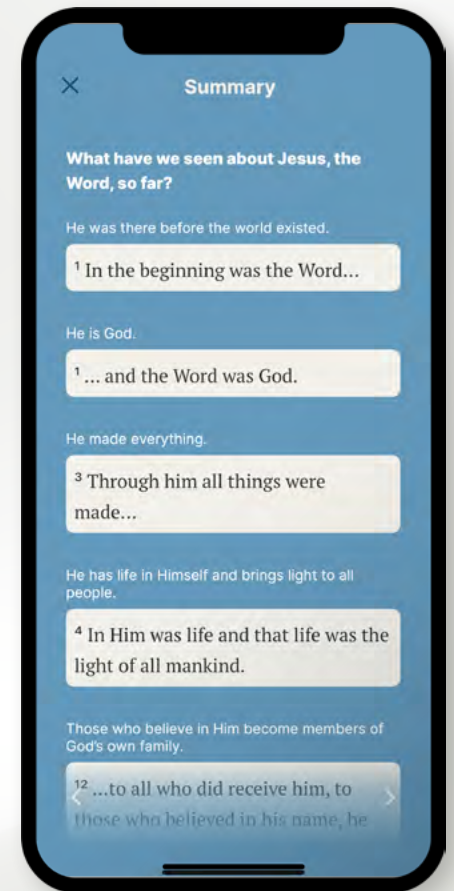
Each episode takes around 30 minutes, meaning you and your friend can make it work around your schedules.

## RELAXED TONE

It's written in simple, everyday language in a friendly tone, so that anyone can enjoy reading it.

## CLEAR SUMMARIES

Each episode finishes with a summary of the key points, helping you and your friend reflect on what you've been reading.



Get together,  
read the Bible,  
chat it through.





# How to get started

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Exploring what the Bible says about Jesus with a friend is an exciting adventure – and we want you to experience it for yourself! Here are some tips to help you get started.



*"I thought I'd have to know the right questions to ask and the best answers to give – but it's so natural, you're just two friends reading the Bible together and having a great conversation about it!"*

LUCY, UK



*“All we need to do is open the Word, allow people to listen to what Jesus says, and pray that He will speak to them and that they listen.”*

CHARLES, UK

# 1.

## Prepare

### GET THE WORD ONE TO ONE

Head to [theword121.com](http://theword121.com) to buy The Word One to One books, download them for free, or get the app.

#### TIP

*Make a list of people you would like to read with, and regularly pray for them and for opportunities to invite them!*

#### PRAY

Ask God for confidence to step out in faith and invite widely.

#### INVITE

Just be confident, be yourself and keep it simple! If they say “yes”, get a date in the diary, and decide whether you’re going to meet in-person or online.

#### GET READY

Familiarise yourself with the episode you’ll be looking at, and pray for the Holy Spirit to be with you and to speak to your friend through His Word.

#### TIP

*Remember, you’re just asking a friend if they’d like to take a look at the first few sentences of a bit of the Bible with you. It’s not trying to make them sign up to a big commitment – it’s just a simple invitation to get together and see what those sentences say!*

# 2.

## Share

### AT THE START...

Catch up as normal, and then steer the focus towards The Word One to One. You might both be feeling a little nervous, which is okay! Remember, don't feel like it's all down to your ability - God will be speaking through His Word.

### TIP

*Remember, it's okay if you don't know all the answers to your friend's questions - just make a note of them and offer to follow up afterwards!*

### DURING...

Start by explaining that their job is generally to read the Bible sentences to themselves (or out loud if they'd like to, whatever feels most comfortable to them). Then explain that your job is to use the notes to guide the conversation. You'll soon get into a rhythm of reading and chatting together verse by verse.

### AT THE END...

As you finish you can simply ask your friend something like "Did you enjoy that? Would you like to see what happens next?"

### FIND OUT MORE

*Find out more about how to use The Word One to One with our free training videos:*

[theword121.com/training-resources](http://theword121.com/training-resources)



*"Sharing God's Word has liberated me in evangelism more than anything else."*

MARTIN, UK





*“Although I’ve been a Christian for 52 years, I wouldn’t say I’ve been very great at evangelism – but just sitting there talking to my friend, explaining the gospel and going over it with her, I think to myself: This is the way it’s supposed to be.”*

JEANNE, USA

# 3.

## Follow up

### IF THEY WANT TO KEEP READING

Agree the next time and place you’ll meet. In the meantime, pray for them and get ready for the next episode, and simply keep going at a pace that works for you both.

### IF THEY’D LIKE TO PAUSE

Don’t be discouraged if at any time your friend wants to stop meeting. Thank God for all you have shared, and ask Him to keep working in their hearts!

# 4.

## Keep going

Seeing what the Bible says about Jesus with others is a wonderful experience that you can enjoy for a lifetime!

One of the best ways to keep going with sharing the Bible is by getting others to support you along the way. Here’s why:

- They can **pray for you**, asking God to give you courage, opportunities and perseverance.
- You can **encourage one another** with stories of how God is working as you read.
- They can **help you be wise** in who you read with, and how to help them connect with a local church as their interest grows.

### STAY ENCOURAGED

*Let us encourage you with tips, encouragements and stories of God at work around the world:*

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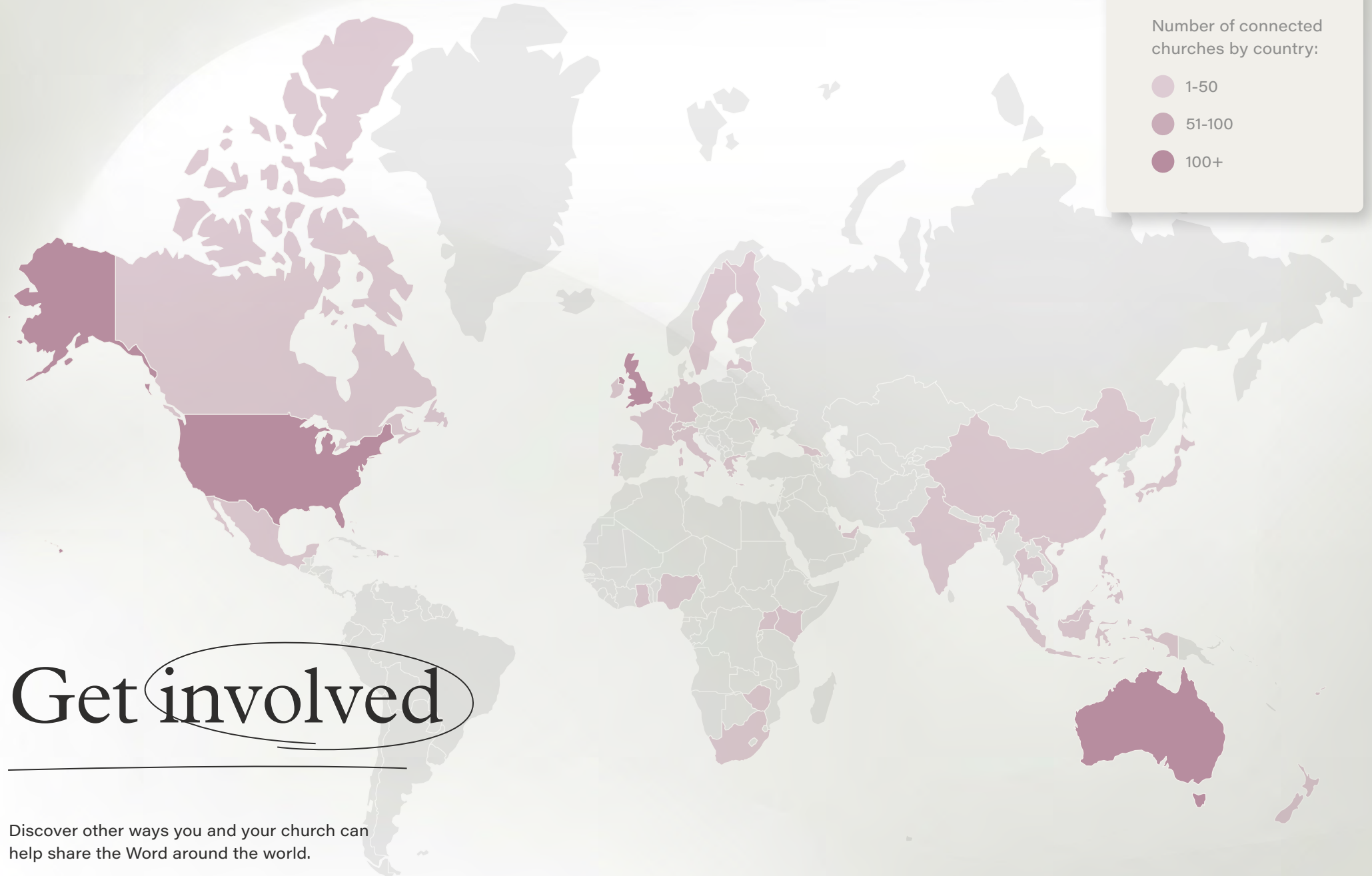


Join us in  
sharing the  
Word around  
the world.

*“Discussing the Word and explaining it to someone else is such a joyful experience, because you’re both learning and appreciating it together!”*

CAROLINE, UK





# Get involved

Discover other ways you and your church can help share the Word around the world.

## Engage your church

We believe that God has given local churches around the world a vital role in making Jesus known – and that includes yours! Here are some ways your church leaders can equip your church family to get started with Bible sharing:

### BOOK A FREE CONSULTATION

We'd love to chat with your church leadership team about how The Word One to One can support your current evangelism strategy.

### ACCESS FREE TRAINING

Browse our free training videos and join us for our free online training sessions.

### DOWNLOAD FREE RESOURCES

Find and download lots of different resources to help you keep The Word One to One visible in your church.

#### FIND OUT MORE

*Find out more and start mobilising your church today:*

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mobilise-your-church](http://theword121.com/mobilise-your-church)



## Pray

Will you join us in praying for God's people to share God's Word with joy and confidence, wherever they are?

### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR PRAYERMATE FEED

Download the PrayerMate app, search 'The Word One to One', and subscribe.

## Tell others about The Word One to One

We want as many people around the world to experience the joy of seeing what the Bible says about Jesus, together. By introducing others to The Word One to One, you'll help share the Word around the world and see more people meeting Jesus in the Bible. Who could you tell today?

#### MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

*Find out how you can partner with us in translating the experience, giving financially and encouraging others to start sharing the Bible:*

[theword121.com/get-involved](http://theword121.com/get-involved)



# Start sharing today

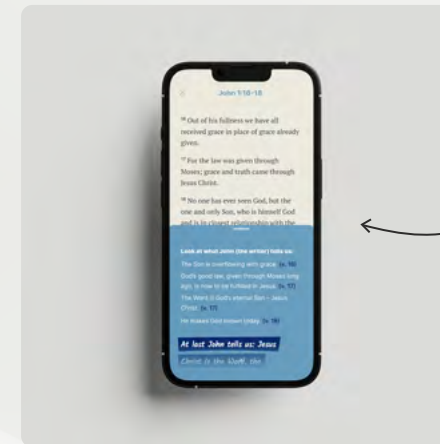
Books, app, online: get together and see what the Bible says about Jesus.

## Share with the books

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