

# Christmas Bible Buddy Easy Reader Pack



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# How to use this pack



## Get comfy

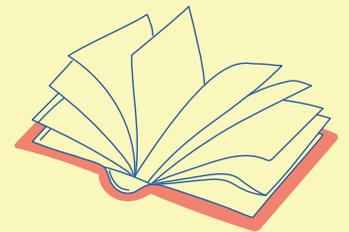


Find a comfy place where you can cuddle with your Buddy and where it's not too noisy.



## Chat with Jesus

Before you read or listen to the Bible take a little time to chat with Jesus and ask Him to help you understand what He wants to say to you through the Bible.



## Read the Bible Verses

When you are able, read some of the verses. If reading is a bit tricky for you ask someone in your house to read the verses to you. You can read the same verses over & over if you like them - we always see new things.



## Draw or write your thoughts

There are many things we can learn from reading God's word - you can chat with someone in your house about it, chat with your Bible Buddy.

Then draw a picture or write it down in the My Notes page.



# What do the names and numbers mean?

When you look at the Bible verses you will see there are some strange names and lots of numbers.

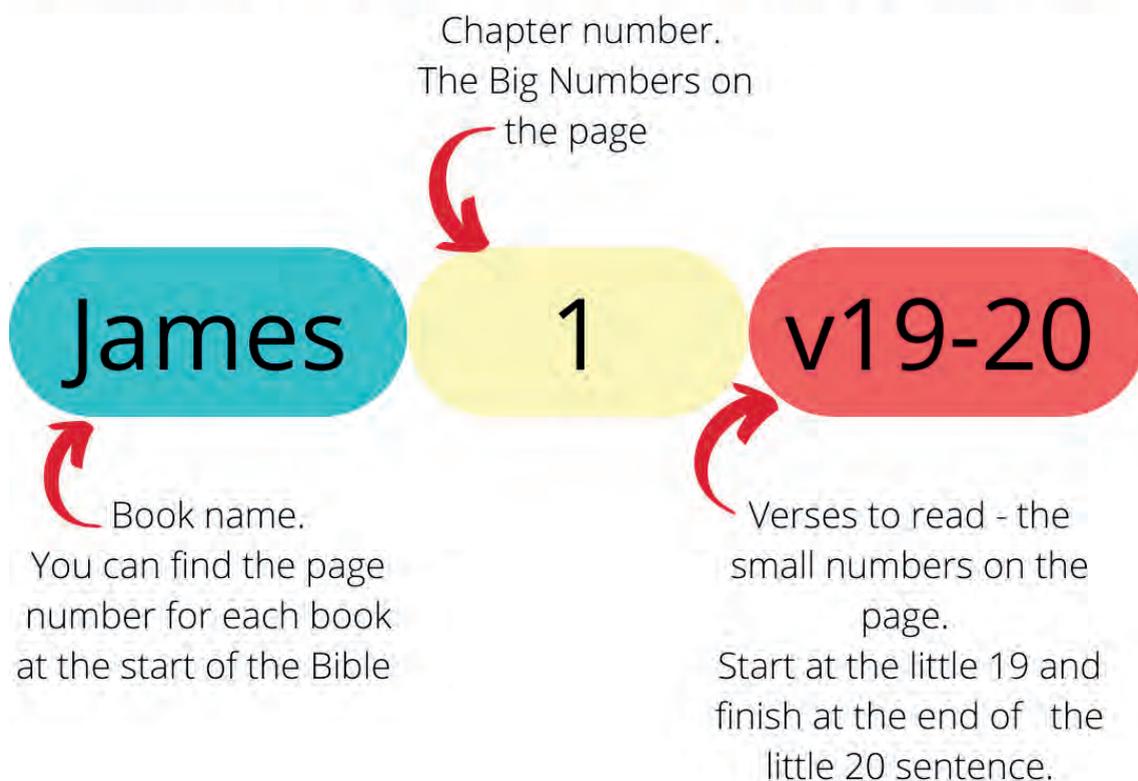
These are the names of books in the Bible and the verse numbers.

We have these to help us to know where to find things in the Bible.

Here is a picture to help you understand.

If you have a Bible at home you can practice finding the verses together with your Buddy and whoever is helping you to read.

## How to find verses in the Bible



# The Christmas Story.

## Elizabeth and Zechariah

Luke 1 v 5 - 25, 57-66.



Zechariah and Elizabeth were old. Though they longed to have a child, they did not have one. One day, God sent an angel to tell Zechariah that before too long, they would have a son.

“He will be great and help many people remember to obey God. You will call him John”

What a surprise! But Zechariah said, “We’re too old!”

“What I said is true” the angel said. “But you didn’t believe God’s promise. So until the baby is born, you won’t be able to talk.” Zechariah went home, unable to say a word.

Before too long, Elizabeth did have a baby boy. “What will you call him?” everyone asked. “John” Elizabeth said. “No, it should be Zechariah like his father” they told her. But Zechariah knew what the angel had said and wrote down: “His name is John.”

Then at last Zechariah could speak again. He praised God for the wonderful surprise - a baby boy called John!

# The Christmas Story.

## Mary



### Luke 1 v 26 - 56

Mary was busy at her house. She was soon going to be married to Joseph and there was so much to do. Mary was very excited about the wedding.

Suddenly, she looked up. An angel was standing there. Mary was surprised. She had never seen an angel before.

“Don’t be frightened Mary,” the angel said. “I have brought you an important message. God has chosen you to have a very special baby. The baby boy will be God’s own Son”

Mary was puzzled. “But what about our wedding?” she asked.

The angel smiled. “Don’t worry God knows all about it,” he said. Then the angel disappeared.

Mary thought about the message the angel had brought. God’s Son would soon be born and she had been chosen to be his mother. How amazing!

Mary sang happily as she worked.  
What would Joseph say when he heard her news?



# The Christmas Story.

## Joseph



### Matthew 1 v 18-23

On night, Joseph had a dream. “It’s true,” an angel told him. “Mary is going to have a very special baby. The baby is God’s own Son. You must call him Jesus.”

Joseph loved Mary. He was happy to marry her and help look after the special baby.

The Roman emperor wanted to find out how many people lived in the country where Mary and Joseph lived. So, he ordered everybody to travel back to the place where they had been born.

Joseph and Mary went on a long journey from their home to a town called Bethlehem. Mary was very tired. Her baby would soon be born. But lots of other people had got there first. There was nowhere for Joseph and Mary to stay.

A kind inn-keeper let them rest in his stable. And that is where Jesus, God’s Son, was born.



# The Christmas Story.

## Jesus is born!

Luke 2 v 1-7

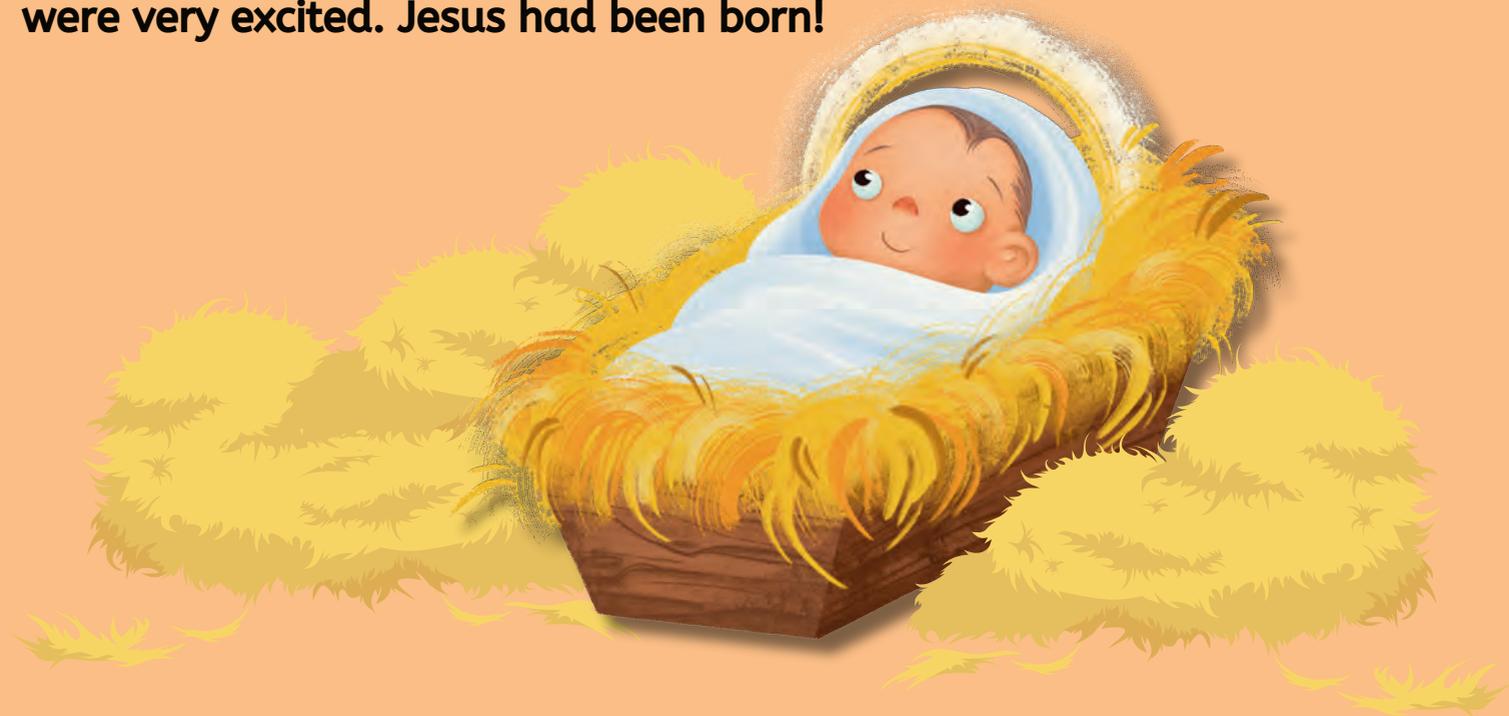


Mary and Joseph were very excited. It was nearly time for Mary to have her baby. But Mary could not have her baby at home. Mary and Joseph had to leave their house and travel a long way to a town called Bethlehem.

When they got there, Bethlehem was full of people. Joseph and Mary looked for a place to stay. But everywhere was already full. No room here. No room there. What were they going to do?

A kind man said that Mary and Joseph could stay in the stable by his house. This was where the animals lived. Mary and Joseph were very pleased to have somewhere to stay at last.

Very soon, baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped him up to keep him warm. Joseph made a soft bed for him in the hay. Mary and Joseph were very excited. Jesus had been born!



# The Christmas Story.

## The Shepherds



### Luke 2 v 7-21

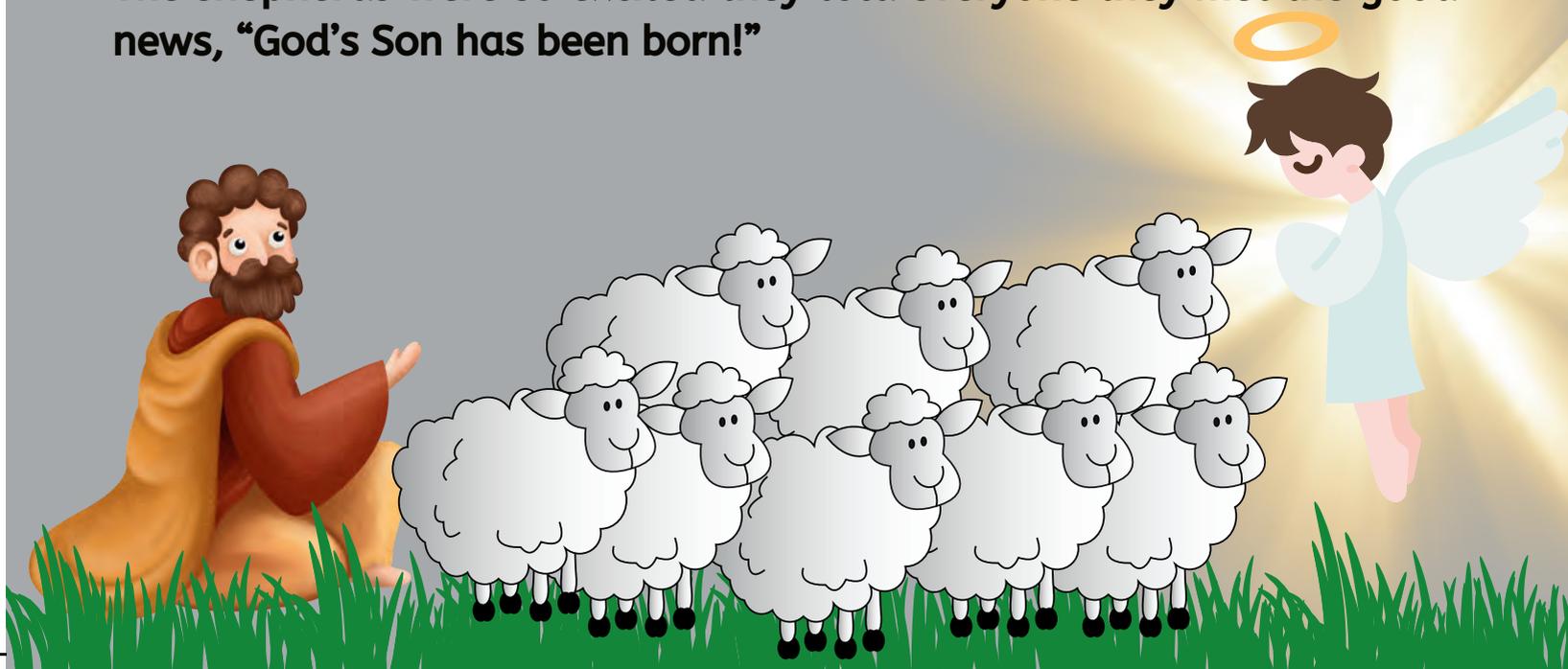
One night, some shepherds were on the hillside outside Bethlehem. Suddenly, there was a dazzling light and an angel appeared. The shepherds were very scared.

“Don’t be frightened,” the angel said. “I have brought you some wonderful news. God’s Son has been born tonight.”

Lots more angels appeared in the sky. They sang, “Praise to God in heaven. Peace to everyone on earth.”

When the angels had gone, the shepherds said to each other, “Come on, let’s go and find this special baby.” They left their sheep. They ran down the hillside to Bethlehem. They found baby Jesus lying on a bed of straw, just as the angels had said. The shepherds told Mary and Joseph all about the angel’s message.

The shepherds were so excited they told everyone they met the good news, “God’s Son has been born!”



# The Christmas Story.

## The Wise Men



### Matthew 2 v 1 - 12

JA long way from Bethlehem, there were some wise men. They were looking up at the stars.

“Look at that big, bright star up there,” one said.

“It’s telling us a king has been born,” said another. “How exciting! Let’s go and find him.”

The wise men chose some special presents to give the baby king. They began a long journey. They followed the star to King Herod’s palace.

“We’ve come to see the special baby,” they told him.

“What baby?” he asked.

“The new king,” the wise men answered.

“But I’m the only king here,” said Herod angrily.

“You will probably find the bay you are looking for in Bethlehem,” the king’s advisers said. And they were right.

The wise men knelt down. They knew Jesus was very special. They gave him expensive presents they had brought - gold and rich perfumes.

