

Come and See

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The Bible

Last week we talked about the Bible. The Bible is a special book which teaches us about how much God loves us and how he cares for people. The Bible is the most important book that Christians use.

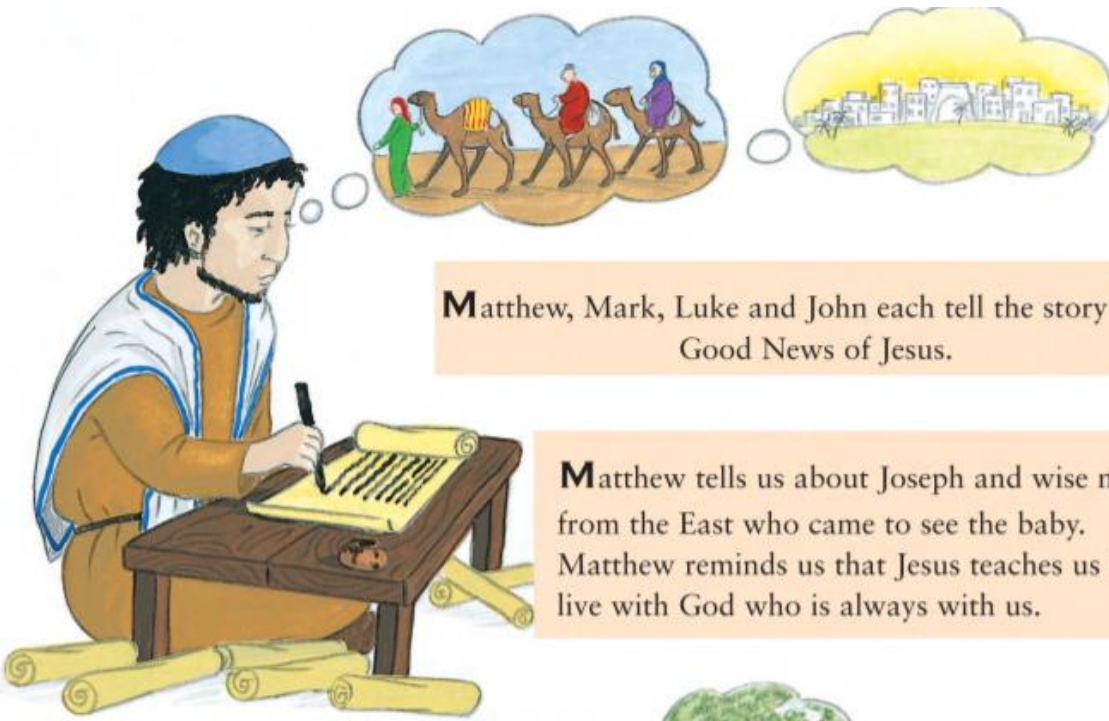


The New Testament and The Old Testament

There are two main sections in the Bible. The **Old Testament** tells us about the time before Jesus. The **New Testament** tells us about Jesus and the beginning of the Church. Some of the books are called by the name of the person thought to have written them. Some are named after the person the story is about and others tell you about the content of the book: Genesis (Beginnings), Psalms, Proverbs, Letters. The Bible is like a library of different books just like we saw a variety of different books that we have at home and in school.

The New Testament

The four *Gospels*, found in this second part of the Bible - the **New Testament** - tell the story of Jesus' life on earth, his birth, his teaching, the friends he called to help him and his Death and Resurrection.



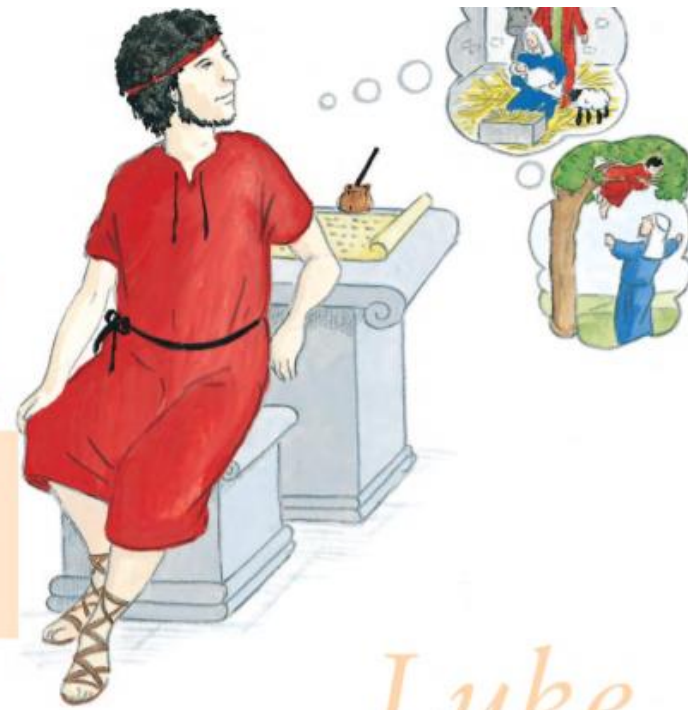
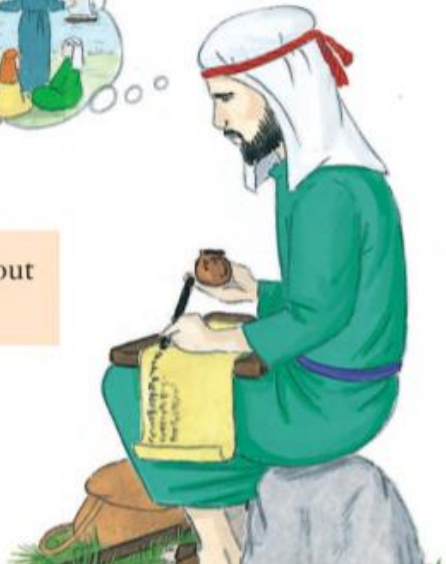
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John each tell the story of the Good News of Jesus.

Matthew tells us about Joseph and wise men from the East who came to see the baby. Matthew reminds us that Jesus teaches us how to live with God who is always with us.

Matthew

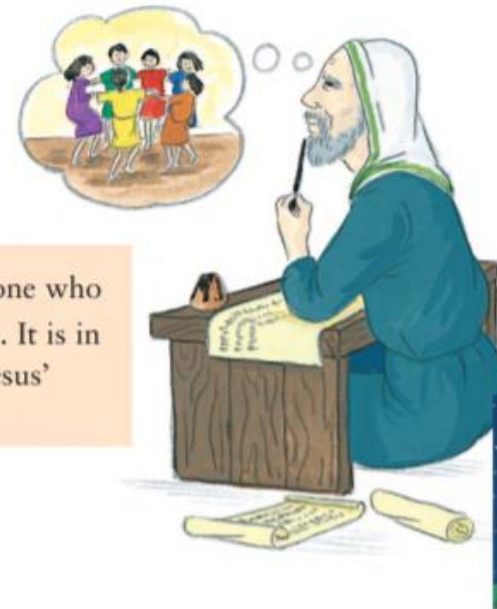
Mark wrote the very first gospel about Jesus and his friends.

Mark



Luke

Luke tells the stories of Mary, of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and the shepherds who came to see the child. Luke tells us how Jesus seeks people who are lost to bring them to God.



John wants us to know Jesus the one who wants us to have the fullness of life. It is in John's gospel that we read about Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit.

John

Activity

1. Write down the names of the 4 Gospels and what each Gospel is about (use the previous page to help you 😊)
2. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, 'Love one another. I love each one of you' and, 'You are my friends.' Choose one of these sayings and describe how it can be lived out at home or in school.