



Welcome to the new 2018 update for your Bible Explorers' BOX!
The contents of the box are designed to help take the journey of faith home with you – and help the whole family to engage with prayer and Bible reading together through the week. Hopefully the range of items will provide something suitable for all and you'll find it a useful resource.

In the box update you should find:

1 Diary of a Disciple. This is an accessible version of Acts, which we're going through this term during both 9:30 and 11:00 services. There's also a guide as to which chapters to read at which times to follow the readings at church.

1 Challenge card. This card gives a set of weekly challenges for individuals / families to do together in order to grow in faith together. There should be some fun ones and some slightly tougher ones too.

[Your BOX also initially contained Prayer pals. These can accompany you at bed time or wherever else you need a friend. They also carry a reminder certificate of something / someone to pray for.]

The box is still free, and we're running it as a sort of continuation of the trial to see if it is something useful for families to use and grow together. As before, I'm also looking to use the trial period to take suggestions for other ideas / activities that could go into similar boxes in the future.

So remember: God doesn't fit into a box – open this one up to find out more!

DIARY OF A DISCIPLE



Reading through the story!

Why not try adding this book to your bedtime stories or regular book reading? You could always ask for an extra 5 mins story time to read some!!!

You might want to try reading a bit from the story together and talking about what it means to you today. You could combine that with a bit of prayer with your Prayer pals.

Here's a list of which chapters we're looking at in church each week so you could read around the story if you like! If there's a quieter week, you could always catch up on the missed chapters...

DATE

READING

May 20th	Chapter 2 – Wind, words & wonder
May 27th	Chapter 3 – Mats, money & miracles
Jun 3rd	Chapter 4 – Grumps, grabbing & ground shakers
Jun 10th	Chapter 5 – Ana, Sap & Gam
Jun 17th	Chapters 6+7 – All about Steve
Jun 24th	Chapter 8 – Peter, ponds & magic Simon
Jul 1st	Chapter 9 – Blinding, starving & weeping
Jul 8th	Chapter 10 – Animals from the sky & a man called Cornelius
Jul 15th	Chapter 12 – Worms, worry & wonder
Jul 22nd	Chapter 14 – Pisidia, Attalia & Whatjamacallia?
Jul 29th	Chapter 16 – Pulling & yanking, quaking & waking
Aug 5th	Chapter 20 – Po-tay-ter, itchy-bus & lots of tears
Aug 12th	Chapter 28 – Snakes, sick people & Rome

CHALLENGE CARD

Hopefully these will either be a good challenge for just a week, or even lead to something that lasts a bit longer!

DATE (WEEK BEGINNING) CHALLENGES

May 20th	We've been celebrating the church's birthday! See if you can make (or buy) a cake and share it with someone to let them in on the celebrations too.
May 27th	Say grace before each meal. Perhaps extend the prayer by asking God to help those who don't have food too.
Jun 3rd	We have thought about the church praying for boldness and being generous. Can you think of a cool way to be generous this week?
Jun 10th	Make a list of things you're thankful for. Don't forget to say thank you to God for them!
Jun 17th	We thought about St Stephen this week. His job was to make sure that nobody was left out. Take time to notice if someone's being left out somehow; and do what you can to fix it!
Jun 24th	Using a map, find a country to pray for. You could do some research and find out a bit more about it, which will help you to pray too!
Jul 1st	Think of someone you can give a gift to. What can you do this week to help some others?
Jul 8th	We have thought about food and faith this week. Could you share a meal with someone this week, or make a plan to?
Jul 15th	Pray every day for another family in church.
Jul 22nd	Pray every day for another family outside of church.
Jul 29th	The jailer was surprised by the unexpected. This week perform a random act of kindness – just because!
Aug 5th	Share a Bible story with someone this week. Try not to let them fall off a balcony whilst you're doing it!!
Aug 12th	As summer draws to a close, what about the new term will be important? Pray about it, just like Paul on his way to Rome.