



Welcome to your new Bible Explorers' BOX!

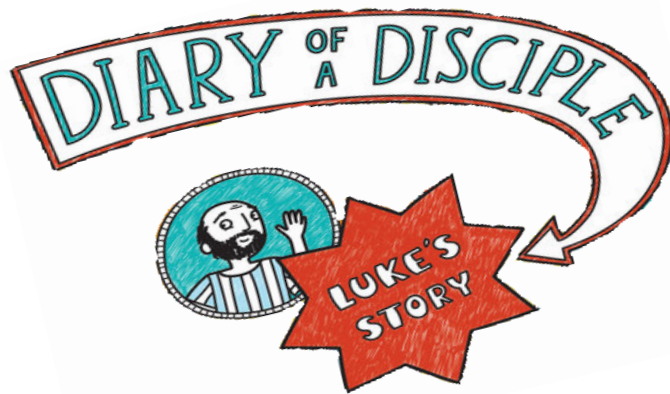
The contents of the box are designed to help take the journey of faith home with you – and help the whole family to engage with prayer and Bible reading together through the week. Hopefully the range of items will provide something suitable for all and you'll find it a useful resource.

In the box you should find:

- 1 Diary of a Disciple. This is an accessible version of Luke's gospel, 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.
- 2 Prayer pals. These can accompany you at bed time or wherever else you need a friend. They also carry a reminder of something / someone to pray for.
- 1 Lord's prayer cube. This cube will help to explore the meaning behind each part of the Lord's prayer to grow our confidence in knowing how to pray too.
- 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.

The box is free, and we're running it as a sort of trial to see if it is something useful for families to use and grow together. 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!



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 up in advance if you like! If there's a quieter week, you could always catch up on the missed chapters...

DATE	READING
Jan 15th	Chapter 4 – Fasting, fevers & fish biscuits
Jan 22nd	Chapter 5 – Floppy fishermen & a man on a blanket
Jan 29th	Chapter 6 – Baths, blessings & builders
Feb 5th	Chapter 7 – Servants, sickness & smells (up to p116)
Feb 12th	Chapter 7 – Servants, sickness & smells (up to p120)
Feb 19th	Chapter 7 – Servants, sickness & smells (up to end) and Chapter 8 – Seeds, stories & storms
Feb 26th	Chapter 9 – Fear, food & followers
Mar 5th	Chapter 10 – Unbelieving, unhelpful & unnecessary
Mar 12th	Chapter 13 – Turning, trees & teeth
Mar 19th	Chapter 15 – Sheep, pigs & sandals
Mar 26th	Chapter 16 – Lies, looks & Lazarus
Apr 2nd	Chapter 18 – Collections, camels & crowds
Apr 9th	Chapter 19 – Trees, taxes & tears
Apr 16th	Chapters 22 – 23. The end?

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

Jan 15th	Fill out the Prayer Pal certificate. Make sure you have a time of day when you pray through it!
Jan 22nd	Say grace before each meal. Perhaps extend the prayer by asking God to help those who don't have food too.
Jan 29th	Make a list of things you're thankful for. Don't forget to say thank you to God for them!
Feb 5th	Start each day with a prayer. Ask God to help you remember to pray throughout the day.
Feb 12th	It's Valentine's day this week. Think about how you can show love to one another.
Feb 19th	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!
Feb 26th	Take up a lent challenge. Have a look at 40 Acts for ideas! www.40acts.org.uk
Mar 5th	Think of someone you can give a gift to. What can you do this week to help some others?
Mar 12th	Pray every day for another family in church.
Mar 19th	Pray every day for another family outside of church.
Mar 26th	How can you make a mother's life easier this week? The challenge is to make mothers' day last all week!
Apr 2nd	Share a Bible story with someone this week.
Apr 9th	Invite someone you know to church over Easter.
Apr 16th	Make a big deal about celebrating Easter together!