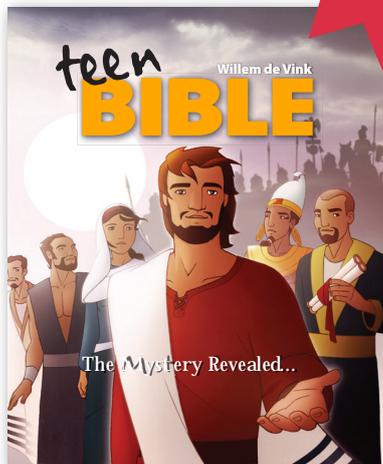


# Teen Bible

A unique book for teenagers

Willem de Vink



The *Teen Bible* will encourage teenagers to read the Bible. The content is written to inspire and the stories include relevant links, hidden symbolism and references. A second hidden level under the stories provides the reader with a coherent insight into interesting details, found in the Bible. The underlying meanings are sometimes incorporated in the text, or highlighted in text boxes next to the stories. The *Teen Bible* shows that everything in the Bible relates to Jesus.

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## USP's

- 250 short Bible Stories for teens
- Appealing design and illustrations to today's teenage culture
- Extra information about main characters, locations, general themes per section
- Extra text boxes explaining story highlights
- Short and creative retelling of Paul's letters

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### 19 Letter to the church in Ephesus

Ephesians 1-6

*Dear Ephesians, written as one in Jesus!*

I want to remind you of the mystery of the gospel. I have seen a glimpse of heaven and I saw that we already have our place there with God. This place comes with all blessings included. These blessings come to us now through the Holy Spirit.

You should know that God has always wanted us with Him. He had us in mind even before He started creating the earth and right from the beginning He desired for us to be His children.

That is why Jesus, God's beloved Son, came to the earth. He redeemed us with His blood and forgave our sins. With that, He ended the old days and started a new era with new people. The Holy Spirit is proof of the fact that we have received this new life. Because we believe in God and trust in Him, He can bless us from heaven with...

The mystery also reveals that no man can be our enemy. God wants to be a Father to all people. So we have to be kind, humble and tolerant towards everyone. It's not people, but the invisible powers we should stand up against — the devil and his helpers. Make sure you don't rely on your own strength, but on Jesus' power.

His power is like armor you're wearing. Can you picture a Roman soldier?

The belt, which holds everything together, is Jesus' truth.

The breastplate, which protects you, is the assurance that God approves of you.

The shoes on your feet represent the peace you experience when you pass on the good news.

The shield with which you can block all of the devil's arrows, is the truth of God's word.

The helmet, which protects your head and mind, is the salvation Jesus brought.

The sword in your hand is God's word, which comes through the Holy Spirit.

And the Spirit connects you to all the other soldiers when you pray in unknown languages. Pray for me too.

Your apostle, because God wants me to be,

Paul!



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There's a mystery that lies hidden inside the Bible, which could grab a hold of you at any moment and captivate you forever. This Teen Bible is designed to help you discover the mystery.

### 17 The king on a donkey

Matthew 21 verse 1-9, Mark 11 verse 1-10, Luke 19 verse 29-44, John 12 verse 12-17, Psalm 118 verse 19-29, Zechariah 9 verse 8-12, Psalm 12

#### City of peace

The prophet Zechariah had predicted 500 years before Christ that a king would enter Jerusalem on a foal. He would bring peace to all people. We know that Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans, 70 years after Christ. But the promise of peace for Jerusalem and the people still exists.

Just before Passover, Jesus leaves to Jerusalem with his disciples. His mother Mary is with him and a bunch of friends. There is a group of people in Bethany with them as well. It is early in spring, a bright day. Mary and the others join Jesus, happy that He is coming to Jerusalem. They pull trees from the trees, wave them in the air and shout 'Hosanna! Hosanna!' There is the king they cheer. 'Hosanna! He comes in the name of the Lord!' They hope that Jesus is the Messiah promised so long ago.



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#### Characters

**Abraham**  
 From the city of Ur. Son of Isaac. Father of Isaac. Because he is trusting God's promises. His name used to be 'Abram' (exalted father), but God calls him Abraham (father of many). He is considered to be the father of all believers.

**Melchizedek**  
 King of righteousness and king of peace, eternal high priest. Has no father or mother. Comes to bless.

**Sarah**  
 Abraham's wife. Mother of Isaac, the promised son. Her name used to be 'Sarai' (my princess), but God calls her Sarah ('princess of many'). All believing women are considered to be daughters of Sarah.

**Isaac**  
 Son of Abraham and Sarah, promised by God. Abraham's only

#### Quest

God wants to be there for people and He doesn't give up on them. He's got to be eye on Abraham and continues his story with him. God promises to give Abraham land, a son and many descendants who will all be a blessing to the world around them. God sends Abraham on a journey. Will he truly be the man with whom God can continue his plans? And what about his descendants? God wants to use one of them in particular to bless all the people on earth...

He spends his whole life in the Promised Land where his father settled. His name means 'laughter'.

**Hagar and Ishmael**  
 Maid of Abraham, who bears Ishmael (God hears). Abraham sends her and her son away. Her name means 'one who flees'.

**Rebekah**  
 Isaac's wife, brought to him from Haran in Mesopotamia, the land of Isaac's family. Her name means 'captivity'.

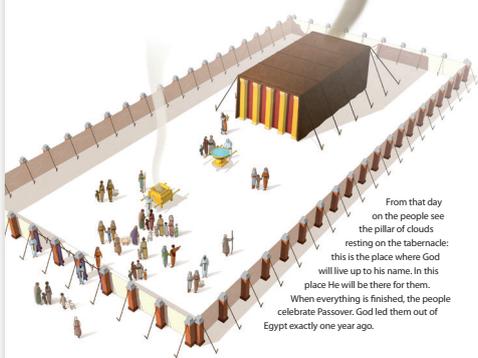
**Isaac**  
 Isaac and Rebekah's youngest son, Abraham's grandson.



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only person who has ever been to this place once a year. It is also where the Ark of the Covenant stood. It is the place where God will move it to the Promised Land. This is the place where Moses will build his home, in which He travels with the people.

To finish the tabernacle Moses places a thick curtain in between the holy place and the holiest place. It is blue, purple and scarlet and decorated with angels. With this curtain Moses seals off the place where God wants to dwell. God fills this tent with the cloud of his glory, so Moses has to exit quickly.



From that day on the people see the pillar of clouds resting on the tabernacle: this is the place where God will live up to his name. In this place He will be there for them. When everything is finished, the people celebrate Passover. God led them out of Egypt exactly one year ago.

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