

Tips on accessing the Bible



I'm dyslexic. Some dyslexic people find reading difficult. However, my dyslexia doesn't affect me much in this way - I can mostly read (decode words) accurately. It's *taking in* what I read that is the challenge for me. So to help myself take in Bible content, I use various resources and techniques. These are available for anyone who wishes to use them. So I'd like to tell you about some of them here, and where you can find more.

3 resources that help me engage with the Bible

1) [Bible Gateway](#)

This lets me access my preferred translation (Contemporary English Version) in electronic print.

2) '[FreeBibleImages.org](#)'

This provides images which I use along with text from Bible Gateway to create illustrated versions of Bible passages. This lets me engage with the text and complementary pictures simultaneously. The process of reconstructing the story (working out which bit of text goes with which picture) helps me start to learn the passage.

3) Visual recordings

- [Our Daily Bread Ministries](#): these are of passages from 1 Kings and 1 Timothy.

- [Bernie Quah's](#): these are of passages from John's Gospel.

Like the illustrated text versions I produce, visual recordings also present Bible passages in words and complementary pictures. However, visual recording is quite different: the images are hand-drawn, colourful and simple and the text and images intermingle with each other.

3 techniques that help me engage with the Bible

- 1) Engaging with the Bible with others
 - For example by contributing to the collaborative retelling of a Bible story, or by discussing Bible passages.
- 2) Gaining the gist of a passage before reading it in print
 - Visual recordings are especially useful for this as they give a visual summary of the whole passage on one page.
- 3) Dramatization: acting out a story, seeing it acted out by others, or reading or listening to a dramatized version
 - I listen to an audio dramatization of the Contemporary English Version of the New Testament called '[You've got the Time](#)'.
 - 'The Dramatised Bible'¹ presents some passages from the Good News Bible and New International Version as a play script. This helps me, even if I only read it myself interiorly and *imagine* it being read by different people.

More resources and techniques for engaging with the Bible

You can find these in a guide I've written, which is free to download at <http://scdg.org.uk/tips-on-engaging-with-the-bible>

Here are some endorsements of my guide

- "[What a fantastic resource! It gathers lots of good, practical advice all in one place.](#)" Riding Lights Theatre Company
- "[I LOVE this!](#)" Mike Breen, founder of 3 Dimensional Ministries, author
- "[For people with dyslexia who find engaging with the Bible difficult, Aurora Betony offers some useful tips.](#)" Crown Court Church, London

Further information on dyslexia

- [Dyslexia Scotland](#)
- [Sylvia Moody's website](#)

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