



introduction

to The One Year Bible for Kids Challenge Edition

So what's a challenge?

A challenge is anything that seems difficult or different or daring—or maybe all three! It might be trying a new trick on your skateboard or learning a new song on your instrument. Maybe it's trying to better your time in swimming or score more goals in soccer. It might be walking into a new classroom for the very first time. Challenges come in many different shapes and sizes.

Reading the Bible is a challenge. After all, it has sixty-six books and more than one thousand pages! That's a lot to read. Maybe you have tried to read through the Bible before. But it's hard to know how much to read each day. And sometimes it's hard to understand what's going on in a passage. So you get discouraged and stop reading. And your Bible sits on the shelf (or under the bed) collecting dust.

But don't give up. There is a way for you to read through the Bible in *one year* and understand what God is saying to you. Keep reading!

So how can I read the Bible?

The One Year Bible for Kids Challenge Edition is designed so that day by day, week by week, you will be reading a bit of the Bible. Think of it like learning a new sport or practicing your instrument. You don't just pick up your instrument and play a new song. You have to practice the song each day, working on it section by section. The same is true with a sport. You don't just go out and play the game—you have to practice and do drills to improve your skills. It's no different with reading your Bible. Each daily reading adds up until you have reached your goal!

So how do I get started?

Here's what you do. Set a goal of reading this Bible each day. Find a good time—maybe it's right before you go to bed or right after dinner before you do your homework. The more you can make your Bible reading part of your day-to-day routine, the more successful you will be. Next, tell someone you are taking this challenge. Tell your mom or dad, a friend, or your youth group leader. You may even want to challenge a friend or your Sunday school class to read with you.

It doesn't matter if it's January 1 or July 15. You can begin this adventure any time you want. Just check today's date and find the same date in *The One Year Bible for Kids Challenge Edition*. That's all there is to it! Follow the reading plan through the months ahead until you have read all the passages.

So why take the challenge?

Good question! How do you get to know someone? Probably by spending time with the person and talking with him or her, right? The same is true with getting to know God. If



you want to know what God is like and what he wants you to do, you have to spend time with him. One of the best ways to do that is by reading his special message to you—the Bible. And the cool truth is that as you spend time with God, you will see how he works in your life and helps you change in ways you never thought possible!

It may not be obvious from day one. But as you keep at the challenge with *The One Year Bible for Kids Challenge Edition*, you will become more and more aware that God is right there beside you. You'll discover that he can help you with your problems, give you a peaceful feeling, and show you how to really enjoy the life he has given you. Bite-size amounts of God's Word, taken each day, can lead to big changes—good, important changes—for the rest of your life!

Are you ready for that challenge? Sure you are. And now is the time to start!