THE BIBLE FOR LIFE
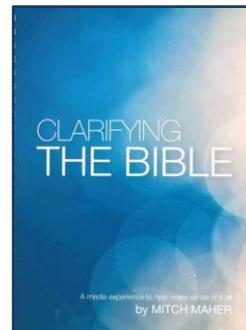
THE BIG PICTURE
For many of us, the Bible's size and complexity are overwhelming. A really-quick run-through can help you see how the pieces really do fit together in the larger picture of God's redemption for His people.

Clarifying the Bible (K-DVD BIBLE) Explains how the Bible is put together, easy to understand.

The Story for Children (J 220.5 STORY) A quick run through the Bible in chronological order, this book puts the pieces together.

Understanding the Bible (220 STOTT) has two wonderful chapters on "The Story of the Bible" that show the Bible as one continuous story. In fact, the whole book is well worth reading.
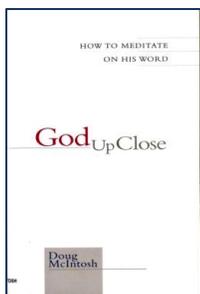
READY TO READ THE BIBLE
We have handouts with more detailed instructions for "Reading Through the Bible" and "Personal Bible Study," but here are two books with valuable background and insight.

Knowing Scripture (220.6 SPROUL) Practical suggestions to help you read and interpret the Bible.

The Essential Bible Companion (220.7 WALTON) This provides visually inviting introductions with colorful 2-page spread for each book of the Bible.

THE BIBLE AND PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

A lot of us use our devotional time to prepare ourselves for the day. We want encouragement, perhaps advice for a problem or guidance for a decision.

God Up Close (248.3 MCINTOSH)) is a big help in learning to read devotionally, to learn God's mind, His character, and what He has done for us in Christ.

Praying in the Word of God (242.5 GRANT) Praying the Word back to God.

 HIDE IT IN YOUR HEART
Nothing brings God's Word into your heart and life like memorizing it. Yes, you can do this! It may take longer to memorize as we get older, but that just means we spend more time pondering the meaning.

When I Don't Desire God (248.4 PIPER) see chapter 8.

Mindful of the Truth: A System for Scripture Memorization
(220.6 HAYDEN)   This booklet is only 15 pages long, but a great help for getting started.