

Bible Care Tips

As soon as you get your Bible home, we recommend “breaking it in”. This can add years of life to your Bible by making the spine more flexible. First, hold the closed Bible in one hand with the spine flat on a table. Then hold all of the pages together and let the covers slowly fall to the table. Next, take a section of pages from the front of the Bible and lay them down, running your fingers across the top page, near the crease, pressing gently. Still holding most of the pages upright in your hand, repeat, taking a section of pages from the back of the Bible. Continue repeating this process, first on one side and then on the other, until the entire Bible has been opened into two even halves.

Keep your Bible out of direct sunlight. Sunlight will cause the colors of the cover to fade.

Keep your Bible dry. Humidity and dampness will produce mold in your Bible. Exposure to water will also ripple pages and deform the book.

Do not drop your Bible, this causes both the cover and pages to loosen and come apart.

Keep your Bible away from insects and pets; they love to chew on them!

The combination of thin paper and gilding means that sometimes the pages stick together until they are separated for the first time. If this happens, hold the pages between your thumb and index finger and rub them together with just enough pressure to release the pages.

If you store your Bible upright on a shelf, make sure it is supported by books on either side.

A well-marked Bible with your personal notes will become very valuable to you as a companion and customized reference tool. Do not use felt-tip or roller points, as these will often bleed through the pages. Instead, use a pencil or ball point pen or a special Bible marking highlighter or pen.

Bonded and Genuine Leather Bibles

The best way to care for your leather Bible is to use it! The natural oils from your hands actually nourish the leather fibers. There is no need to apply any additional cream, oil, or wax.

To clean dirt or spills, use a soft cloth dampened with lukewarm water and mild detergent. Wipe with a slightly damp cloth to remove soap residue. Dry with a clean soft towel.

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