



# My Little Catholic Encyclopedia



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# How Do You Find a Passage in the Bible?

Imagine a library containing seventy-three books. Well, that's what the Bible is like! So how do you find a particular passage? To do this, each book of the Bible is divided into chapters, and each verse is numbered (a verse is a phrase or a mini-paragraph from the Bible).

To find a text, scholars created a code. It looks like this:

**Lk 18:35-43**

• This is the shortened name from the book of the Bible. (In every Bible, the shortened names are given in a list of the 73 books.) This is the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

• The chapter of the book where we find the text.

• The first verse of the text.

• The last verse.

So what is the corresponding text to this secret code?



# Immaculate Conception

We call Mary the Immaculate Conception. It means that Mary was born without Original Sin. In this way, God prepared her to give birth to Jesus from the moment of her conception. However, she was born like all babies, and she lived with her parents in the small village of Nazareth.

# Patron Saints!

The Church has placed a number of professions under the protection of a patron saint. What profession do you think Saint Joseph is the patron saint of?

**Actors**  
**GENESIUS**  
(AUGUST 25)



**Lawyers**  
**YVES** (MAY 19)



**Bankers**  
**MATTHEW**  
(SEPTEMBER 21)

**Butchers**  
**ANTHONY**  
(JANUARY 17)

**Bakers**  
**HONORIUS OF AMIENS**  
(MAY 16)



**School Children**  
**NICOLAS**  
(DECEMBER 6)



**Farmers**  
**ISIDORE THE FARMER**  
(MAY 15)

**Teachers**  
**JEAN-BAPTIST DE LA SALLE** (APRIL 7)

# Passport to Lourdes

The story of Bernadette, the young girl from Lourdes, France, who, in the nineteenth century, saw the Virgin Mary, has touched believers around the world. Thousands of pilgrims come to the site every year. There are hundreds of reproductions of the grotto from Detroit (United States) to Perth (Australia) to Svojkov (Czech Republic), Casablanca (Morocco), Tokyo (Japan), and Belo Horizonte (Brazil).





# Glass Catechism

Few people could read in the Middle Ages. To tell them the stories from the Bible, church builders created a catechism in glass: large stained glass windows that explained the Bible. These are called stained glass windows. You will find stained glass windows in many churches, especially in older ones. Special artists create such pictures in glass.

# Relics

The word *relic* comes from a Latin word that means “remains.” These are the physical remains of a saint—a piece of bone, a drop of blood, or an object that belonged to him or her. It can even be a piece of clothing that he or she has worn. These precious relics are often kept in beautiful boxes called reliquaries. Some people like to pray before relics, remembering the saint and asking him or her to pray to God for them.

