

Thinking about the Bible and film

You could spend some time getting inspired by films like *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Bruce Almighty*, *Shooting Dogs*, *The Apostle*, *Superman Returns* or *Dead Man Walking*. All have themes or connections with the Bible. Other films use a more straightforward re-telling of Bible stories, such as *The Passion of the Christ*, *Prince of Egypt*, *The Miracle Maker*, and *Jesus of Nazareth*.

If you want an introduction to the Bible, books like The Lion Graphic Bible by Mike Maddox and Jeff Anderson; *The Bible from Scratch* by Simon Jenkins (Lion) or *The 100 Minute Bible* (The 100 Minute Press) could be helpful.

You can get a complete Bible (preferably an easy-to-read translation, like the Contemporary English Version or The Good News Bible or even *The Word on the Street* by Rob Lacey – a selection of core Bible episodes and passages in contemporary ‘street language’) at a high street book shop or online.