

Discipleship Resources: French

Part 1: Bible Translations, Websites, Books, Workbooks, Videos

GETTING A BIBLE

The recommended French versions are the Segond 21 (S21) and La Bible du Semeur (BDS). The S21 is widely used in churches. It is a contemporary, word-for-word translation, similar to the NKJV in English. It is a modern update of the Louis Segond (LGS). The LGS is more similar to the KJV. The Bible du Semeur (BDS) is a thought-for-thought translation, similar to the NIV in English.

- [BDS/NIV Bilingual Bible \(English/French\)](#)

This is a bilingual version that uses the French Semeur (BDS) and the English NIV.

- U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/0310450020/>
- France: <https://www.amazon.fr/dp/0310450020/>

- [La Bible du Semeur \(BDS\) \(French only\)](#)

The BDS is a good, thought-for-thought translation, similar to the NIV in English. This is good for outreach and new readers.

- U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/0310449987/>
- France: <https://www.amazon.fr/dp/0310449987/>

- [Bible Segond 21 \(S21\), brochée \[paperback\] \(French only\)](#)

The S21 is a contemporary, word-for-word translation, similar to the NKJV in English.

- U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/2608123015/>
- France: <https://www.amazon.fr/dp/2608123015/>

- [Bible Segond 21 gros caractères \[large characters\] \(French only\)](#)

This copy of the S21 is in large print. The S21 is similar to the NKJV in English.

- U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/2608125115/>
- France: <https://www.amazon.fr/dp/2608125115/>

THE BIBLE (PHONE APPS)

The Bible is also available digitally.

- [The Bible App \(https://www.youversion.com/bible-app\)](https://www.youversion.com/bible-app)

The Bible App provides digital and audio versions of the Bible. Topical devotionals and reading plans are also available. (Available in many languages)

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WEBSITES

These websites are useful for spiritual growth and cross-cultural discipleship.

- [The Bible Project](#)
The Bible Project made short videos to summarize each of the books of the Bible.
 - English: <https://bibleproject.com>
 - French: <https://bibleproject.com/francais/>
- [The Gospel Coalition \(TGC\)](#)
The Gospel Coalition (TGC) offers teaching about theology and Christian living. These are helpful for small groups discussions. (English, French, and other languages)
 - English: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/courses/>
 - French: <https://evangile21.thegospelcoalition.org/>
- [Got Questions- International](https://www.gotquestions.org/international.html) (<https://www.gotquestions.org/international.html>)
This is a good source for asking spiritual questions. They provide thorough responses and biblical analysis on a variety of topics. (Available in many languages)
- [L'Évangile.net](https://levangile.net/video/lire-la-bible-par-soi-meme/) (<https://levangile.net/video/lire-la-bible-par-soi-meme/>)
This is a good source for learning more about the Bible and Christianity.
- [The Story Film](https://thestoryfilm.com) (<https://thestoryfilm.com>)
This is the gospel message in a short video. (Available in many languages)
 - English: <https://thestoryfilm.com/en>
 - French: <https://thestoryfilm.com/fr>
- [Two Ways to Live](https://matthiasmedia.info/2wtl/) (<https://matthiasmedia.info/2wtl/>)
This is the simple message of the gospel. (Available in many languages)
 - English: <https://matthiasmedia.info/2wtl/>
 - French: <https://matthiasmedia.info/2wtl/french/>
- [French Christian Resources](https://www.frenchchristian.org) (<https://www.frenchchristian.org>)
This site has a compilation of many great websites and resources available for discipleship.
- [The Cross-Cultural Discipleship \(CCD\) Website](https://www.crossculturaldiscipleship.com) (<https://www.crossculturaldiscipleship.com>)
The CCD website has links to resources for bilingual teaching and cross-cultural discipleship.

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BIBLE STUDIES

These workbooks, books, and PDFs are useful for small group Bible studies and in one-on-one discipleship relationships.

- [*La Grande Histoire*, by Florent Varak](#)
<https://toutpoursagloire.com/formation/la-grande-histoire/>
This is a free and publicly accessible study that walks French speakers through the basics of Christianity and the gospel message.

BOOKS

Here are some good, Christian books that are available in English and French.

- [*À l'école de la grâce \[The Discipline of Grace\]*, by Jerry Bridges](#)
This book explores the grace of God and how it fuels a believer's pursuit of holiness.
 - English only, U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1576839893>
 - English only, France: <https://www.amazon.fr/dp/1576839893>
 - French only, U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/2755002301/>
 - French only, France: <https://www.amazon.fr/dp/2755002301/>
- [*Vivre Pour Jésus*, by Raphaël Charrier](#)
This book teaches foundational principles for a Christian life. (Available in French)
 - French only, U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/2362499995/>
 - French only, France: <https://www.amazon.fr/dp/2362499995/>
- [*The Case for Christ \[Jésus, l'enquête\]*, by Lee Strobel](#)
A journalist set out to disprove Christian claims about Jesus, but when he examined all the facts, he concluded that the stories were true. He shares about his personal journey to find Jesus, and the evidence that points to Christianity. (Available in English and in French)
 - English only, U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/0310345863>
 - English only, France: <https://www.amazon.fr/dp/0310345863>
 - French only, U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/284700307X>
 - French only, France: <https://www.amazon.fr/dp/284700307X>

ESL MINISTRY

These resources are helpful for churches with ESL outreach/ministry groups.

- [*Free ESL Lessons*](#) (<http://debbrammer.com/english-as-a-second-language/>)
These lesson plans and handouts use Bible stories to teach English.

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VIDEO

The following video content is useful for teaching.

- [Genesis: Paradise Lost](https://genesismovie.com/#top) (<https://genesismovie.com/#top>)
This documentary provides scientific evidence for the 6-day creation story. The apologetics and film quality are excellent. (French subtitles available)
- [The Chosen \(TV Series\)](https://www.comeandseefoundation.org/watch) (<https://www.comeandseefoundation.org/watch>)
The Chosen depicts Bible stories in an engaging and personal way that helps viewers to connect more deeply with Jesus. (French subtitles and audio available)