

Discipleship Resources: German

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

GETTING A BIBLE

The recommended German versions are the *BasisBibel (BAS)*, the *Elberfelder Bibel (ELB)*, and the *Schlachter 2000 (SCH2000)*. The *BAS* (similar to the NIV in English) is good for new readers. It is easy to understand. The *ELB* and the *SCH2000* (similar to the ESV in English) are good for deeper study. They are closer in accuracy but harder to understand. The *Lutherbibel 2017 (LUT)* (similar to the KJV in English) is the most widely used, however it is difficult to understand.

- *The Basic Bible (BAS) [BasisBibel], Compact*
This is a compact version of the *BasisBibel*. This translation is easier to understand, making it a good option for new readers. (German only)
 - U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/3438009110/>
 - Germany: <https://www.amazon.de/dp/3438009110/>
- *The Elberfelder Bible (ELB) [Elberfelder Bibel], Pocket Edition*
The Elberfelder Bible (ELB) is good for deeper study. It has a good balance of accuracy and understandability. This is a less expensive, pocket-sized edition. (German only)
 - U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/3417252458/>
 - Germany: <https://www.amazon.de/dp/3417252458/>
- *Elberfelder/NASB Bilingual Bible*
This is a bilingual (German/English) study Bible. The German version is the *Elberfelder Bibel (ELB)*. The English version is the *New American Standard Bible (NASB)*.
 - U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/3417259908/>
 - Germany: <https://www.amazon.de/dp/3417259908/>
- *The Schlachter 2000 (SCH2000) [Die Bibel, Schlachter 2000], Large Print*
This is a copy of the *Schlachter 2000* in large print. (German only)
 - U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/3893970797/>
 - Germany: <https://www.amazon.de/dp/3893970797/>

THE BIBLE (PHONE APPS)

The Bible is also available digitally.

- *The 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 German, English, and other 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>
 - German: <https://bibleproject.visiomedia.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)
- [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>
 - German: <https://thestoryfilm.com/de>
- [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/>
 - German: <https://matthiasmedia.info/2wtl/german/>
- [German Christian Resources](https://www.germanchristian.com) (<https://www.germanchristian.com>)
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.

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. (German subtitles and voice-over are 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. (German subtitles and audio available)

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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.

- [The Steps Series \[Schritte Serie\], by Günter Kretz \(©NavPress\)](#)
<https://www.navigatoren.de/navpress-shop/bibelstudien-material/>
The Steps Series [Schritte Serie] is similar to the NavPress 2:7 Series in English. They both consist of three workbooks that address the fundamentals of discipleship. (German only)
- [Navigators Discipleship Workbooks- Germany](#)
<https://www.navigatoren.de/navpress-shop/bibelstudien-material/>
These workbook studies are useful for teaching and discipleship. (German only)

BOOKS

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

- [The Case for Christ \[Der Fall Jesus\], 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 German)
 - English only, U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/0310345863>
 - English only, Germany: <https://www.amazon.de/dp/0310345863>
 - German only, U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/3865919227/>
 - German only, Germany: <https://www.amazon.de/dp/3865919227/>
- [Love and Respect \[Liebe & Respekt\], by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs](#)
This is a helpful resource for married couples. (Available in English and in German)
 - English only, U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1591451876/>
 - English only, Germany: <https://www.amazon.de/dp/1591451876/>
 - German only, U.S.: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01MEDCKXR/>
 - German only, Germany: <https://www.amazon.de/dp/B01MEDCKXR/>

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.