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PART 1: DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

BIBLE STUDIES

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

- [Understanding Christianity: A 10-Week Course on Foundational Principles, 2nd Ed.](https://www.crossculturaldiscipleship.com/books/)
(<https://www.crossculturaldiscipleship.com/books/>)
This workbook study equips Bible teachers to walk Japanese students through the basics of Christianity in 10 sessions. (Bilingual: English/Japanese)
- [First Steps: Investigating Christianity, by the Mustard Seed Network](https://www.mustardseedjapan.com/first-steps)
(<https://www.mustardseedjapan.com/first-steps>)
This is a 5-part study that introduces the basics of Christianity. (Bilingual: English/Japanese)
- [Next Steps, by the Mustard Seed Network](https://www.mustardseedjapan.com/next-steps)
(<https://www.mustardseedjapan.com/next-steps>)
This is a 12-part study that helps Christians grow in their walk. (Bilingual: English/Japanese)

GETTING A BIBLE

There are a few commonly used Bible translations in Japan. We recommend the Shinkaiyaku (New Japanese Bible) 2017 version (NJB2017). This one is comparable to the English Standard Version (ESV) that is available in English.

- [Bilingual Bible: NJB2017-ESV](https://japanesechristianbookstore.com/product/bilingual-bible-njb2017-esv/)
(バイリンガル聖書 新改訳2017-ESV)
(<https://japanesechristianbookstore.com/product/bilingual-bible-njb2017-esv/>)
This is the most expensive, but it is an excellent option for a bi-lingual Bible. This has the NJB 2017 translation alongside of the ESV. (Bilingual: English/Japanese)
- [New Japanese Bible 2017, Middle Size](https://japanesechristianbookstore.com/product/newjapanesebible2017middlesize/)
(聖書新改訳2017中型スタンダード版 引照・注つき)
(<https://japanesechristianbookstore.com/product/newjapanesebible2017middlesize/>)
This is the medium-sized NJB 2017 Bible. (Japanese only)
- [New Japanese Bible 2017, Small Print](https://japanesechristianbookstore.com/product/newjapanesebible2017small/)
(聖書新改訳2017 小型スタンダード版 引照・注つき)
(<https://japanesechristianbookstore.com/product/newjapanesebible2017small/>)
This is the small print NJB 2017 Bible. It is the least expensive. (Japanese only)

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WEBSITES

Here are websites available in English, Japanese, and other languages. They are useful for individual research or cross-cultural discipleship.

- [The Bible Project- Japanese Channel](https://bibleproject.com/japanese/) (<https://bibleproject.com/japanese/>)
The Bible Project made short videos to summarize each of the books in the Bible.
- [Harvest Time Ministries: 3-minute videos](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auDnKurWW34&list=PLQ19z6ZsfJHyEwIjN6OKIEDMZMiHXW7Tv&index=1) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auDnKurWW34&list=PLQ19z6ZsfJHyEwIjN6OKIEDMZMiHXW7Tv&index=1>)
These are 3-minute videos put together by a Japanese pastor. He answers questions about the Bible with wisdom, depth, and cultural insight.
- [Mustard Seed Tokyo- Messages](https://www.mustardseedtokyo.com/sunday-teaching) (<https://www.mustardseedtokyo.com/sunday-teaching>)
This website has many good messages focused on books of the Bible, theological concepts, and other helpful topics.
- [Japanese Christian Resources](https://www.japanesechristian.org/) (<https://www.japanesechristian.org/>)
This site has a compilation of many great websites and resources available in Japanese.
- [gotquestions.org](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 in English, Japanese, and other languages.
- [The Story Film](https://thestoryfilm.com/watch/ja) (<https://thestoryfilm.com/watch/ja>)
This is the gospel message in a short video. (Available in English and in Japanese)
- [Two Ways to Live](https://matthiasmedia.info/2wtl/japanese/) (<https://matthiasmedia.info/2wtl/japanese/>)
This is the simple message of the gospel. (Available in English and in Japanese)

PHONE APPS

- [Japanese Drama Bible \(Audio & Written\)](https://graceandmercy.or.jp/app/) (<https://graceandmercy.or.jp/app/>)
This is a free digital app that contains the text of the NJB 2017. It also contains audio, which is narrated by Japanese actors and includes sound effects that go along with the text. (Japanese only)
- [The Bible App](https://www.bible.com/app/) (<https://www.bible.com/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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CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORES

These bookstores and publishing companies offer Japanese and bilingual resources.

- [Word of Life Press Ministries \(WLPM\)](https://www.wlpm.or.jp/) (<https://www.wlpm.or.jp/>)
There are many Japanese resources available here. (Japan Only)
- [Japanese Christian Bookstore](https://japanesechristianbookstore.com/) (<https://japanesechristianbookstore.com/>)
There are many Japanese and bilingual resources available here. (U.S. Only)
- [Multi-Language Media](https://multilanguagemedia.org/products/categories/japanese/) (<https://multilanguagemedia.org/products/categories/japanese/>)
Multi-Language Media, a ministry of CLC USA, provides Japanese resources. (U.S. Only)
- [Second Level Store](https://secondlevel.org/en/resources/) (<https://secondlevel.org/en/resources/>)
The Second Level Store offers some helpful discipleship resources.

BOOKS

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

- [*First Level: The Path to Reunion with God, by Second Level Ministry*](#)
This book discusses theological questions and topics from a Japanese cultural perspective. This would be an excellent book for individual reading or group discussion. (Available in English and in Japanese)

>>Both versions are available here: <https://secondlevel.org/en/resources/>
- [*The Case for Christ, 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 his personal journey to find Jesus, and the evidence that points to Christianity. (Available in English and in Japanese)

>>English only version: <https://a.co/d/6wbXXp6>
>>Japanese only version: <https://a.co/d/gXywXGS>

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WORSHIP MUSIC

This playlist includes contemporary worship songs available in Japanese.

- [YouTube Playlist: Japanese Christian Worship Songs](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLekowm2LYFCvyudWAccXngpMctp9qaspz)
(<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLekowm2LYFCvyudWAccXngpMctp9qaspz>)
This is a playlist of contemporary Christian worship songs in Japanese. Most of them display lyrics as well.

KIDS' MINISTRY

Here are some good resources for kids:

- [The Jesus Storybook Bible, by Sally Lloyd-Jones](https://japanesechristianbookstore.com/product/ジーザスバイブルストーリー%E3%80%80the-jesus-storybook-bible/)
(<https://japanesechristianbookstore.com/product/ジーザスバイブルストーリー%E3%80%80the-jesus-storybook-bible/>)
This is a Children's Bible available in Japanese. (Japanese version)
- [The Bible App for Kids](https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app-for-kids/)
(<https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app-for-kids/>)
This interactive app uses an engaging format to teach kids Bible story basics.
- [Mustard Seed Kids' Ministry Packet](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b866cd7372b964f073036e2/t/5bab1286419202c598511750/1537938059576/親子バイブルプロジェクト+Bible+Project.pdf)
(<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b866cd7372b964f073036e2/t/5bab1286419202c598511750/1537938059576/親子バイブルプロジェクト+Bible+Project.pdf>)
This handout provides some helpful guidance and resources for discipling children.

ESL MINISTRY

Here are some resources for churches with ESL outreach/ministry groups:

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

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PART 2: MISSIONARIES, MINISTRIES, CHURCHES

ORGANIZATIONS

These organizations provide unique resources and support to help kingdom laborers in Japan and around the world.

- [Reaching Japanese for Christ Network \(RJCN\)](https://ricnetwork.org/) (<https://ricnetwork.org/>)
RJCN has many resources to assist missionaries and ministries. They provide online training and webinars that often focus on evangelism, discipleship, and resources. They host conferences and events to help facilitate networking.
- [The RJCN Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/groups/24076595173/) (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/24076595173/>)
The RJCN Facebook page helps connect and equip those who are reaching out to the Japanese. That is a great place to find out about churches and resources in a particular area, or to ask questions.
- [The Mustard Seed Network](https://www.mustardseedjapan.com) (<https://www.mustardseedjapan.com>)
The Mustard Seed Network is a church planting organization in Japan that also has a wealth of publicly available, cross-cultural discipleship resources on their website.
- [Second Level Ministry](https://secondlevel.org/en/about/) (<https://secondlevel.org/en/about/>)
Second Level Ministry offers resources, from a Japanese perspective, to support the spiritual growth of Japanese Christians.
- [Japanese Christian Fellowship Network \(JCFN\)](https://jcfm.org/) (<https://jcfm.org/>)
JCFN encourages outreach to Japanese living abroad. They also help returnees transition back to Japan, by helping them getting connected with churches and other believers.
- [Japanese Evangelical Missionary Association \(JEMA\)](https://jema.org/) (<https://jema.org/>)
JEMA is a good place for missionaries in Japan to network and find resources.

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LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

These websites will help you learn more about the nation and culture.

- [Defense Language Institute \(DLI\)](https://www.dliflc.edu/elearning/) (<https://www.dliflc.edu/elearning/>)
The DLI website contains language learning software and cultural study resources, to include Headstart2, Rapport, Language Survival Kits, Cultural Orientation, and GLOSS.
- [PrayerCast- Japan](https://prayercast.com/japan.html) (<https://prayercast.com/japan.html>)
PrayerCast is a Christian website that provides country information and prayer points.
- [Joshua Project- Japan](https://www.joshuaproject.net/countries/ja) (<https://www.joshuaproject.net/countries/ja>)
Joshua Project provides information about the religious affiliation and unreached groups within the nation.
- [Operation World- Japan](http://www.operationworld.org/country/japa/owtext.html) (<http://www.operationworld.org/country/japa/owtext.html>)
Operation World provides statistics and information about the cultural and spiritual conditions in Japan, along with requests for prayer.
- [Commisceo Global- Japan](https://www.commisceo-global.com/resources/country-guides/japan-guide)
(<https://www.commisceo-global.com/resources/country-guides/japan-guide>)
Commisceo Global provides familiarization with culture, customs and etiquette.
- [CIA World Factbook- Japan](https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/japan/) (<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/japan/>)
The CIA World Factbook provides country data and information. This will help you learn more about the history and demographics of Japan.

RESOURCES FOR LEADERS

The following resources can help with ministry to the Japanese community.

- [RJC Webinar: Mentoring for Making Disciples Among Japanese, Mayumi Pohl](https://vimeo.com/335237051?fbclid=IwAROS1urwa56L1j8fP9XrQlaa7hQiGYkGTqeAdVe09bdvI4VDdcfZGs5fKSU)
(<https://vimeo.com/335237051?fbclid=IwAROS1urwa56L1j8fP9XrQlaa7hQiGYkGTqeAdVe09bdvI4VDdcfZGs5fKSU>)
Mayumi Pohl, from Second Level Ministry, discusses using a mentorship approach in discipleship among Japanese.
- [Operation Japan Prayer Guide, by Don Wright](https://www.amazon.com/Operation-Japan-Prayer-Guide-5th-Wright/dp/1702635775)
(<https://www.amazon.com/Operation-Japan-Prayer-Guide-5th-Wright/dp/1702635775>)
This handbook includes up-to-date information on each prefecture in Japan, with a system for praying through specific needs and issues throughout the nation.