

KNOW: READ BIBLE TOOL

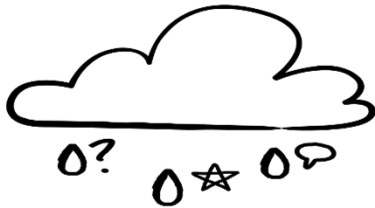
1. **Say:** Reading the Bible is part of being a disciple and here's an easy way to get the most out of your reading.
2. **Read** Isaiah 55:10-11 ¹⁰ **As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**
3. **Explain:** Just as rain comes down from heaven, so does God's Word. God's Word causes us to flourish when it's applied. Here's a simple way to get the most out of your Bible reading. Choose a passage and you'll read it three times.



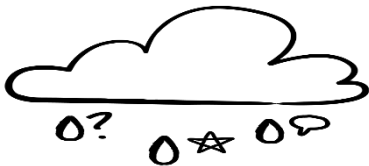
a. **Draw a cloud:** Read your passage 1 time and get an overview of what it's about. What is obvious- about God or about humanity? What do you think is the big picture?



b. **Draw a few big raindrops:** Read 2nd time...

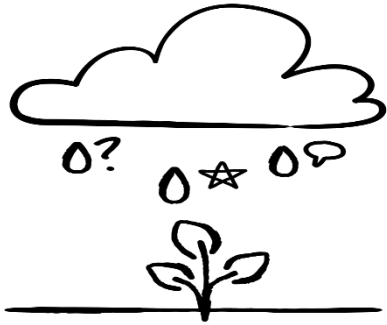


c. and here's where you'll write down questions you have, insights you see, or anything the Spirit is making clear to you. Take your time, no need to rush.



d. **Draw a horizontal line.** Read 3rd time for application.





Say: Rain needs to soak into the ground for plants to grow, and God's Word needs to soak into your heart for you to grow. The growth starts Pwhen God's Word meets your heart and sprouts something new. This new growth is not just for ourselves, but just as in Isaiah, that new growth is to yield seeds and bread. Share with someone what you've discovered in this passage to help them grow too!

