

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Bible is a **remarkable** book. Within this letter there are 26 books of the Bible hidden. Can you find them all? Have a go **at it using** a pen or pencil to highlight the ones you find.

The Bible was written by God, using many authors from all sorts of backgrounds, having many different **jobs**. God tells us the story of his nation Israel and His son, Jesus Christ, **making sure** it has been preserved for us through the ages for us to read today.

The Bible outlines **the right way** to lead our lives, as well as containing many historical accounts. Moses led Israel through the Red Sea, at the battle of Jericho **trumpeters** marched round the walls for seven days, **Judea** saw great wars and captivity, **Abishag** gained David as a husband, the Pharisees would **act superior** to everyone else, perhaps **almsgiving** for example, but Jesus kept giving them **a most stern rebuke**. Jesus also performed many miracles, after receiving the Holy Spirit upon his **baptismal achievement**, with his first miracle being turning the water into wine for the **groom at the wedding**, maybe it was a nice Spanish

Rioja? Mesopotamia was an important region in Biblical history, with Ur and Babylon in that area, as was **Sudan** **I elsewhere** read.

When studying the Bible it is helpful to look out for any Bible **echo**. **Search** for them whenever you read as you will see some fascinating things, particularly when reading the letters to the various churches, **orecclesias**. **Testing** what you hear against the Bible is also very important to show if it is true, for example if someone suggests Jesus was born in **Suez** rather than Bethlehem, you would use the Bible to check its accuracy. The same applies if you think Paul ate locusts, David played a **banjo eloquently** for Saul, Barnabas went on missionary work to **Dijon**, **a horse** carried Jesus into Jerusalem or Lazarus died of swine **flu**, **keep going back** to the Bible as you can learn a lot **from answers** to your questions. There is no need to put being **academic ahead** of everything else though as Jesus said it is most important to love one another, **in a humble spirit**. Jesus gave his life for us and when we are in a spiritual **rut**, his love will give us the comfort we need.

Sincerely, the **Rev. E. Lation**