



The Books of the Bible

Anatomy of the Bible

Today we will learn to find our way around in the Bible. There are sixty-six books within the Bible, with 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. (An easy way to remember these numbers is that $3 \times 9 = 27$ and 3 next to 9 is 39).

There are **four main divisions** of the Old Testament:

- I. Books of Moses (five books)
- II. Books of History (twelve)
- III. Books of Poetry (five)
- IV. Prophetic Books (seventeen) Major Prophets (five) Minor Prophets (twelve)

Blindfold Treasure Hunt

To teach the children how important it is to know their way around in the Bible, play a simple game of hide-and-go-seek. The twist is that one child is blindfolded and the leader gives directions (ie, “hot” or “cold”) to treasures hidden around the room.

Let several children find treasures and then explain how we can find treasures in God’s Word. To not know the books of the Bible is like going on a treasure hunt blindfolded. (Show a Bible with chain & lock around it.) Say, “Let’s unlock our Bibles today.”

The New Testament has **five main divisions**:

- I. Life of Jesus (four)
- II. Book of History (one)
- III. Paul’s Letters (thirteen)
- IV. General Letters (eight)
- V. Book of Prophecy (one)

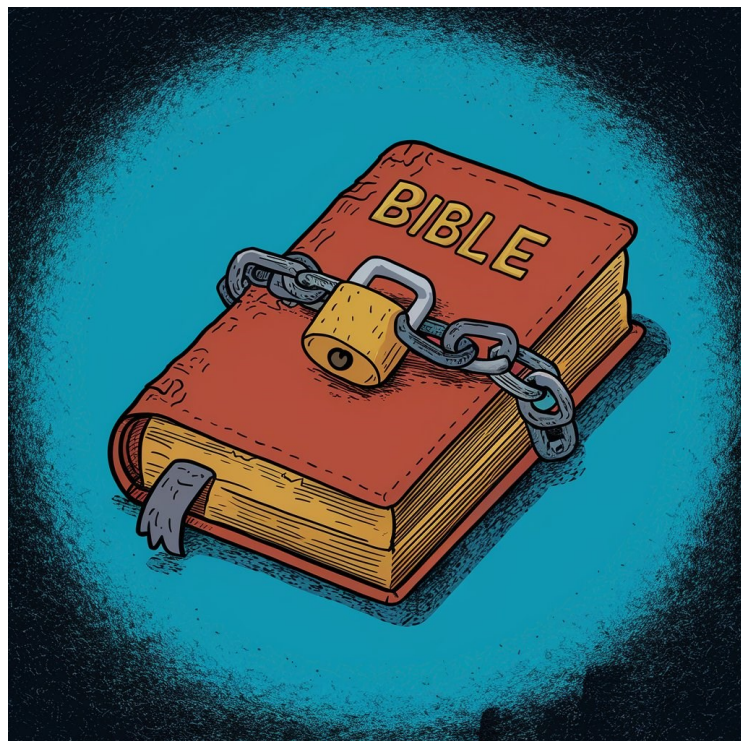
The main teaching of the Bible is that Jesus Christ is our Savior. In the New Testament we read eye-witness accounts of those who knew Him. There we discover that Jesus claimed to be the revelation of God Himself, the One who shows us what God is like. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the focus of the New.

Power Point

You should know your way in God’s Word.

MEMORY VERSE

This week we are memorizing all of the books of the Bible. You can find them listed in the index of your Bible. Also, bookmarks will be given in class with a list of these books on it.



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BIBLE BALLOON RACE

In this game, children scramble to win the race and recall specific books of the Bible.

ITEMS NEEDED:

18 Balloons (9 red and 9 blue)

Permanent Marker

Two 6 ft. strings

Books of the Bible Bookmarks

Adult Assistant

PREPARATION:

Before class, print copies of the Bible bookmarks (See supplement page. Note: Four bookmarks will print per page.) The children and leaders should each receive one Bible bookmark. Blow up all 18 balloons* and knot-tie them closed. Do not blow up the balloons to the point of popping; rather, leave some expansion room within, so that the balloons won't pop as easily when the players roll them across the floor.

With permanent marker, print one category below per red balloon. Repeat the process for the blue balloons.

Law (OT)	History (OT)	Poetry (OT)
Major Prophet (OT)	Minor Prophet (OT)	Gospels (NT)
History (NT)	Letters (NT)	Prophecy (NT)

Lay the strings on the floor, across from each other, with a distance of 8'-12' between them. Ask the children to remove their shoes.

**If there will be more than 18 players, categories can be repeated as necessary.*

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Divide children into two teams, each containing an adult leader. Before starting the game, leaders will hand out the Bible bookmarks and spend several minutes reviewing the books under each category with their team. Teams line up single file behind the first string. The string on the opposite side of the room is the finish line. Tell the children that they will be using just their feet to roll the balloon across the floor towards the finish line.

Leader #1 hands each member of "Team One" a red balloon and Leader #2 hands each member of "Team Two" a blue balloon, in random order. After handing out the balloons, both leaders position

themselves at the finish line. When one leader says, "Bible Balloon Race," the first player from each team sets his or her balloon on the floor and begins to maneuver it towards the finish line. Once a player's balloon crosses the finish line, he or she must show the category printed on the balloon to his or her leader then name one book of the Bible from that category. If the player answers correctly, his or her team receives one point. If the answer is incorrect, no points are awarded. Either way, the next player on the respective team should begin moving his or her balloon to the finish line. If a player accidentally pops a balloon, no points are awarded and the next player on the team begins immediately. If teams are uneven, a child from the team with fewer players will need to play twice.

The team that finishes with the most points wins the game or if both teams have equal points, the first team to finish wins the game.



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Game Ideas:

1. Books of the Bible Flash Cards:

- Create flash cards with the names of the books of the Bible, one book per card.
- Shuffle the cards and have kids arrange them in the correct order.

2. Books of the Bible Song:

- Use a catchy tune to teach the books of the Bible in order.
- There are many songs available that list the books of the Bible chronologically.
- Sing along with the kids to reinforce their memory.

3. Index Card Stack Game:

- Write the names of the books of the Bible on index cards or small pieces of paper (one book per card).

- Mix up the cards and have kids stack them in the correct order.

- Time them to make it more exciting!

4. Bible Bingo:

- Create bingo cards with the names of the books of the Bible.
- Call out the books randomly, and kids mark them off on their cards.
- The first one to get a line (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally) wins!

5. Books of the Bible Puzzle:

- Print out a list of the books of the Bible and cut it into individual pieces.
- Scatter the pieces on a table, and kids have to assemble the puzzle by putting the books in order.

Starboard

Recreate this starboard on a large piece of posterboard and display it in your classroom. Challenge your kids to memorize the books of the Bible up to each book listed. Kids get excited when they are able to stick another star on the chart.

Song

Teach your class the books of the Bible and have fun doing it with “The Books of the Bible Song and Lyrics” by Mary Rice Hopkins on YouTube.

Repeat Games and Songs

You may use games for several weeks. Once you have all the materials prepared and once you and your kids understand all the rules, play it for several weeks.

The same goes for songs that you use. Once you teach the words and motions to the kids, they will enjoy singing them over and over.

Books of the Bible STARBOARD	Memorized To:							
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Books of Law

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Books of History

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 & 2 Samuel
1 & 2 Kings
1 & 2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Books of Poetry

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

Major Prophets

Isaiah
Jeremiah
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