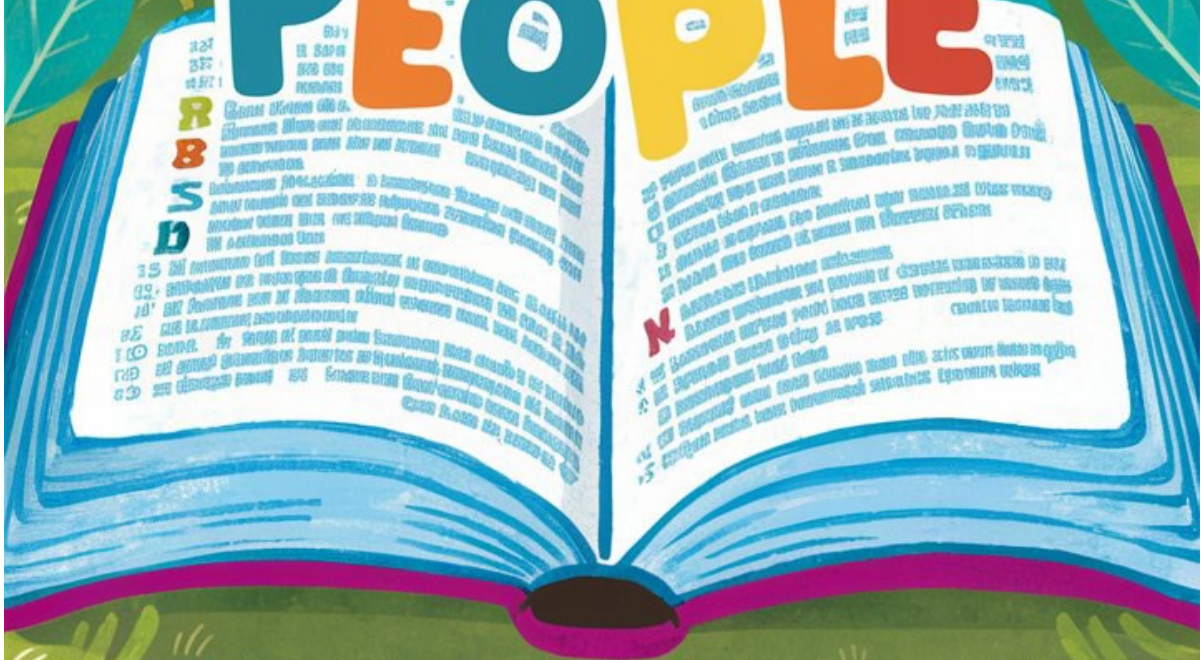




The BiBLE: God's Message to PEOPLE





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Best of All Books

The Holy Bible, God’s Word, is the best of all books because **it is God’s message to people**; you and me and everyone we know. God has chosen to make His message known in His written Word.

The one main teaching of the Bible is that Jesus Christ is our Savior. As a Christian I want to follow Jesus Christ: do what He says and go where He leads.

Jesus intended for us to have a book with His teachings. One of His top priorities was to choose and train His apostles

who were to preserve and pass on His teaching. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to “guide them into all truth.” (Jn. 16:13)

“The Bible tells us that God is amazing and kind, and He has a special plan to fix things between Him and all people through Jesus. God wants us to be a part of His big, happy family forever.”

God’s Message

Here’s a summary of the main points of God’s Message to people:

1. **God Loves Us:** God made the whole world and everything in it. He made us too and loves us very much.
2. **People Disobey:** Sometimes, people choose not to listen to God and do things their own way. This makes God sad.
3. **Jesus is King:** God sent His son, Jesus, to show us how to live and to be our King.
4. **Jesus Died for Us:** Even though we make mistakes, Jesus loves us so much that He died to take away all the wrong things we have done.
5. **Jesus Rose Again:** After dying, Jesus came back to life! This shows that He is stronger than anything, even death.
6. **We Can Say Yes to Jesus:** We can choose to follow Jesus and let Him be the King of our lives.

There are only two ways to live:

The first way — Keep saying “no” to God and pretend to be your own king.

The other way — Stop saying “no” to God and ask Him to forgive you.

So — who will be your king?

If you say, “I want Jesus to be my King.”

Talk to God and say **sorry, thank-you** and **please**:

- Say **sorry** to God for not treating Him as your King.
- Say **thank-you** to God for sending Jesus to die so you could be forgiven.
- Ask God to **please** forgive you and help you to live with Jesus as your King. You can trust Jesus.

Power Point

The Bible is
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to People.

MEMORY VERSE

1 Thessalonians 2:13, “...when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God...”

Year 2—Quarter 1 The Bible

Books of the Bible Memory Game

Have the children sit in a circle, and select one child to start the game. That child must say the first book of the Bible, and going clockwise, the next child says the next book and so on. Instruct the children that if they do not know the book on their turn they can say pass, and the next child can try. You can also time the kids to see how fast they can name all the books in this fashion, and even set a quicker goal to see if they can reach it. The child that finishes can start the next round.

Books of the Bible Bookmarks

Make sure each of your students has a copy of the Books of the Bible Bookmark. (See the template in Lesson 1.)

Before you play the above circle game, allow your students to review the books of the Bible on their bookmarks for two minutes.

Object Lesson: Contract to Sign

Before class, duplicate enough “contracts” for everyone. Give everyone a copy of this “official looking” contract.

(See the template on the supplement page.)

Allow them only a minute to look it over and then ask them to sign it.

On the page are several “small print” items that they have agreed to do. Read them. Laugh together.

Explain how important it is to make sure you read the “fine print” on a contract. In order to fully understand God’s message to us, we must be in His word and make sure we read all the Bible has to say.



Books of the Bible Memory Project

If you have decided to adopt the Books of the Bible Memory Project for your class, have stars ready for your students to put on the STARBOARD.

Books of the Bible Song

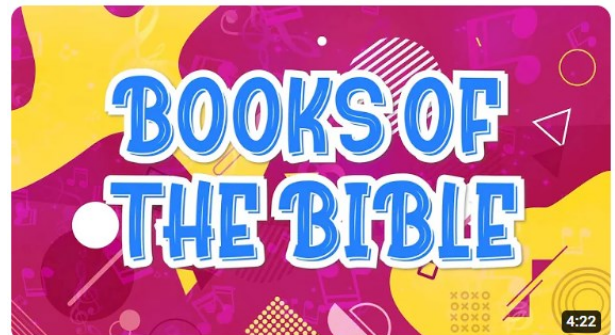
Use the Mary Rice Hopkins song from YouTube to make it fun for your kids to learn the books of the Bible.

Award Certificate/Prizes

Consider giving your students a certificate of completion. (See *template, Lesson 5*)

Other ideas: Offer a prize, give a new Bible, invite them to all say the books of the Bible together on stage in a church service and give them their certificates there.

Books of the Bible	Memorized To:											
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By Mary Rice Hopkins on YouTube



Binding Contract

To All Whom This Document Comes

All treats, prizes, certificates, and awards received at _____

(Name of Church)

Will be mine. I promise to use all benefits I gain from this program to further the Kingdom of God.

Furthermore, I also agree to share with others, be a good sport and...I will pick up all waste paper and clutter from the floors in our classroom as well as cleaning the men's and women's restrooms weekly, which will include: swabbing out the toilets, cleaning the mirrors, taking out the trash and mopping the floors. Further even more, I promise to come to the church and mow the lawns every eight days (even in winter) as well as rake all fallen leaves in the Fall. In consideration of this service assignment, I agree to donate \$5 per week to the church offering.

I promise to obey my parents.

In response to the above contract: I have read it and do now agree to abide by every word of it by putting my signature at the bottom of this contract.

Today's Date: _____

X _____

SIGNATURE

