

Learn Your Bible Lesson Plans

Lesson #1: What is the Bible & Building your Bible Map

* Learning activity/craft kids will make a "Bible Treasure" Map to help them learn how to navigate their bible.

Lesson #2: How do we use the Bible & Game Day

*Fun way to review and learn books of the bible

Lesson #3: Testament Treasure

* Kids Dive deep into the meaning and breakdown of what this is

Lesson #4: Quiz Bowl Trivia Series! Will be played May 9th

* Put your Bible knowledge to the test! What did you learn from your lessons?

Each lesson will be broken down into easy-to-follow sections

-Overview of what to expect with list of materials

-Announcements

-Jump into Bible Adventure Lesson Plan

-Closing announcement and next week reminders

What is the Bible and why is it important?

- The Bible is the account of God's action in the world, and his purpose with all creation. The writing of the Bible took place over sixteen centuries and is the work of over forty human authors. It is quite an amazing collection of 66 books with very different styles, all containing the message God desired us to have.
This group of books contains a variety of writing styles. It provides many stories about the lives of good and bad people, about battles and journeys, about the life of Jesus, and about early church activity. It comes to us in narratives (Stories) and dialogues (conversations), in proverbs and parables, in songs and allegories, in history and prophecy.
The accounts in the Bible were not generally written down as they occurred. Rather they were told over and over again and handed down through the years, before eventually being written down. A guide for living life to the full. It gives us a road map for the perilous journey of life. Or to put it another way, on our voyage through life's ocean, the Bible is an anchor. Here are other things the Bible is for us:
- A storehouse of wonderful stories for children and grownups. Remember Noah and the ark? Joseph's coat of many colors? Daniel in the lion's den? Jonah and the fish? The parables of Jesus? These stories emphasize the triumphs and failures of ordinary people.
- A refuge in trouble. People in pain, in suffering, in prison, and in mourning tell how turning to the Bible brought strength in their desperate hour.
- A treasury of insight as to who we are. We are not meaningless robots, but we are magnificent creatures of a God who loves us and gives us a purpose and a destiny.
- The Bible is our sourcebook for everyday living. We find standards for our conduct, guidelines for knowing right from wrong, and principles to help us make wise decisions.

Why is this so important? Let's look at what the Bible says about that: In Deuteronomy we hear "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:5-9

"The Lord commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. And if we are careful to obey all this law before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness." Deuteronomy 6:24-25

Some other facts about the Bible we all wonder

Who does the Bible talk about? God, Jesus and historical figures from Egyptian rulers, Babylonian Kings, peasants and servants to Moses, Noah, Adam and Eve

Where does all this happen? In the Middle East... which is WHERE? In the center is Syria, Israel, and Palestine. From the Western and Southern reaches of where we now call Libya, Egypt and Sudan, to the

eastern reaches of Persia with places we now know as Iran and Pakistan, then North through Greece and Rome

What events have led to this point? Creation, the sin and fall of man, salvation through Jesus Christ

Truth, the Bible tells us the truth about ourselves. Let's look at Deuteronomy 6:24 again: "The Lord commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today." –Wow this was written a couple THOUSAND years ago! How did God know we would still have trouble today? This book is no ordinary book, it can give us the greatest wisdom and understanding.

The Bible also tells us the truth about God and how much he cares for us John 3:16 tells us "For God so loved the world he gave his only son Jesus Christ so those who believe in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

What about man? Why would God give us his son Jesus? The truth in [Romans 6:23 \(NIV\)](#) tells us "For the wages of *sin* is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." God loved us so much he didn't want us to suffer. That means when our physical body grows old and weak as all things do our spirit lives on with through our faith in God and Jesus!

What about relationships / with others /with God what truth does the Bible say bout that:

Philippians 5 "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus" The passage goes on to remind us who Jesus was: loving, kind, humble, and obedient.

How can the truth be applied to our lives? The Bible is our sourcebook for everyday living. We find standards for our conduct, guidelines for knowing right from wrong, and principles to help us make wise decisions.

Scenario summary: Today we are going to work on a fun activity that will help us figure out or remind us where and how to use our Bibles now that we have refreshed what it is and why it's important.

Let's Get Started... 😊

Building your Bible Map

Lesson #1 Activity Plan:

Overview: The Adventure Bible the kids will be using is themed as a treasure hunt. This lesson will relate that theme to their Bible Map. We will be using brown craft paper much like a scroll to keep the theme. Kids will be instructed to add elements to their maps that will help them navigate their bibles so they can always refer back to their maps if they ever get lost looking through their bibles.

Supplies needed:

- 9x11 inch sheets of brown craft paper one per student
- Pencils, markers, pens, crayons, glue sticks, and precut symbols for key
- One Adventure Bible per student. (yes even the littles 😊 it's great practice)
- One isle and supplies for teacher the display as they lead the lesson

Lesson 1 Activity:

Pass out all supplies. Instruct children to open their bible and begin exploring pages. Give them just a few minutes.

Have the kids get out their 'scrolls'. The brown craft paper, make sure it's placed landscape view.

First thing we are going to mark on our maps is the Key. Anyone know what a Key is on a map? It is also known as a legend and it contains all the information need to make the map make sense.

Mark a line on the right side of the map with enough space to add definitions about a 2"-3"width.

Write Key at the top of your space here and now we are going to add our first symbol. Everyone look at your symbols; find the 'table'. Anyone have any idea what this is for? This will represent our Table of contents.

Have the students write Table of Contents next to the symbol. (Ask students what this means; have them write this short definition under it: 'where to find all the stuff in my bible')

Next we are looking for our dictionary symbol. The dictionary is where we look up words we don't understand.

Glue the 'dictionary' symbol and write its definition

We need to know there are different books in the bible. So we are going to find our 'book' symbol it kind of looks like a library. There are lots of books in the bible and we need to know that there are chapters and verses with numbers in them to help us find what we are looking for in a hurry!

Glue the 'books' symbol down with the definition: Chapters, verses, and numbers to find them

Extra Extra... read all about it! Did you notice as you were looking through the bible there were some extra special little spots in there that didn't look all the same? That's because you bible gives you all kinds of extra special thing like activities you can do at home with your parents, it tells you about people and gives you advice. There are so many things that we have a whole lesson devoted to show you what all these awesome things are! So we are going to find our Newspaper symbol and glue that to our key with the definition: Extra special things for me

Now that we have finished our key we are going to 'Build' our maps. You can place any of the items from the Key anywhere you would like on your map. Now as bible Adventurers you guys can use your imaginations for where you map is! You can add seas and hills or deserts the most important sport I want you to mark before you color in anything else is a Cross. You know how most maps have an x marks the spot? This has a Cross that marks the spot, because this map will help you navigate, your bible and your bible helps you find Jesus. Jesus is always with us but sometimes we don't feel that way. That's why God gave us the bible; it's His word to remind us of things when we get lost and now you will get to create a map to help you find Him. Help students finish up their maps 😊

Closing: Adventurers be ready to GET YOUR GAME ON! Next week we will have some super fun game time to help us remember our books of the bible. Study up for the advantage! Please keep these with you over the next few weeks as we go on an adventure thru the bible.

Lesson title or topic: How to use this Bible

Bible Reference: So Last week we learned what our Bible is and why it's important. An account of God's action in the world, and his purpose with all creation. The writing of the Bible took over sixteen centuries that's 1600 years! A little math for you today 16, 100 times! 40 people contributed to all the different books in the Bible. It's like a mini library. The collection of 66 books all bring us the message God wanted us to have. The Bible is our guidebook for everyday life. For our character, guidelines for knowing right from wrong, and principles to help us make wise decisions.

THIS week we are going to learn or refresh how to use this book. Now I know some of you are great at using your Bibles and I am so excited that you have spent time to gain that wisdom! Great job, your mission now is to help others, maybe your younger siblings and friends. There is always something new and exciting to find in our Bibles and today we are going to go over all those really neat things and get familiar with what is in our Bibles and how to use it! You'll need to remember this lesson because there are some great games you can play together and with your family, and a quiz bowl we will all Zoom together with at the end of these lessons!

Lets look as some of these Bible Facts:

Open your Bibles to that very first page. You will see the article on "How to use this Bible" This information is going to be very important in your everyday use of your Bible.

"It's the beginning of your journey. Before you is a whole Bible full of experiences just waiting for you to find. Here are some helpful tips for how to use your Bible.

The table of contents is like your "map". It tells you what each book of the Bible is and where you can find it. The dictionary is in the back and helps you understand words you don't know. In between the Bible text is broken out into books, chapters, and verses. They help you look up exactly what you want to find. Once you know the book you are looking for you can turn to it (the table of contents will tell you what page to go to.)

Next you can look up the chapter number within that book. Then you can look up the verse number within that chapter. Make sense? Along the way, you will see section headings. These give you a summary of what's going on in that chapter."

At the top of the page you will see the page numbers, book name and chapter numbers, followed by the section headings, chapter and verse numbers and also foot notes. You will see special sections along the way that point out other important information.

Let's look at the Contents page:

Here you see the Old and New Testaments and each book that is in them (we will get more familiar with this in a later lesson.) At the bottom of the page you will see some other important information about what pages to find things like weights and measures, Subject index and more!

On the very next page the Books of the Bible are arranged in alphabetical order. This might help you when you are looking up something in a hurry and you aren't sure if its Old or New Testament.

You will see the Welcome section on the next page and that gives you detailed information about the

features your Bible has to help you learn along the way.

Words to Treasure: Key Verses are highlighted throughout your bible and memorizing them can help you in everyday situations!

Did you know? This section give you insight to many interesting facts found in the Bible.

Life in Bible times: What was it like to live in the time of Jesus and before? This section will tell you about things like how they lived, worked, traveled, what they ate and more.

People in Bible times: The Bible is full of wonderful people, good and bad. They give you life lessons and teach you about character and the value of making good choices.

Live It!: This helps apply what you learn in the Bible to your everyday life. There are also activities you can do by yourself or with family!

Book Introductions: Much like the Bible keychains you have received the Book Introduction tells you the most important things you will find in the book like who wrote it who's in it where are they what are they doing and what stories will you read about in it.

You will also find Full color pages like the one on 310 that gives you some advice for how you might be feeling.

How can all this be applied to our lives? It can help us everyday deal with emotions or help us answer questions, remind us not to be afraid. It teaches us about friendships and relationships with our loved ones, even people we don't get along with! There is so much in your Bible God wanted to tell you so that you can live a comfortable joy-filled life!

Memory verse: 2Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness"

Subject Index

In the back of the Adventure Bible is an index of different subjects and people covered in this Bible. If you need to do a report for school or are wondering about a certain subject or person, look it up in this index and then read about it on the pages listed.

Activities

If you want to not only read the Adventure Bible but also do something with what you've learned, turn to the list of activities at the back of the Bible. You'll find there many ideas for things to discuss, to do, and to make.

Dictionary-Concordance

When you're reading the Adventure Bible, you may come to a word that you don't understand. Take a minute to look it up in the dictionary-concordance found at the back of your Bible. Read the definition so you can better understand God's message.

Full-Color Pages

Twenty full-color tip-in pages offer inspiring activities set to a jungle safari theme. They are scattered throughout the Adventure Bible and are special, colorful pages that contain important information. Be sure to check out these pages. You'll be glad you did!

Maps

In the back of this Bible are eight color maps. They will help you better understand where the events in the Bible took place. Check out the Map Index too.

WHERE TO START

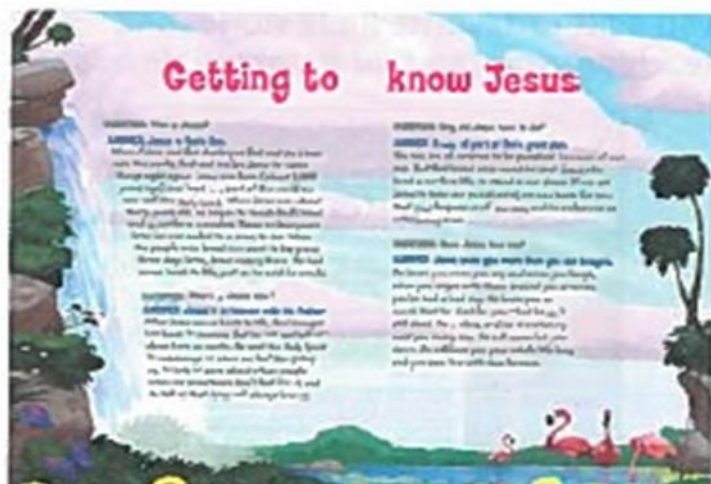
Don't worry about where to start. Start anywhere. Go through the Bible and see what features interest you. Then begin exploring and reading both the features and the Bible text. Use the Adventure Bible every day to begin the great adventure of living for Jesus!

If you have any questions or comments about this Bible, please write and tell us.

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Note to parents and teachers:

The special features of the Adventure Bible can be used as a teaching or devotional tool by parents and teachers but also may be used to encourage children to explore the Bible on their own and to have their own quiet times with God.



Welcome!

New

Welcome to the great adventure of reading, exploring and discovering the Bible for yourself.

Are you ready to discover God's Word and apply it to your life? Then the Adventure Bible is for you!

Each feature of the Adventure Bible is designed to introduce you to the wonderful messages and promises in God's Word. Take a few minutes to read about the features. Then you will know the best way to use the Adventure Bible.

FEATURES YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Words to Treasure

Key verses throughout the Bible are highlighted as "Words to Treasure." These verses are worth memorizing. The best way to live for Jesus is to have his Word in your heart.



Did You Know?

This feature points out many of the interesting small facts that are found in the Bible. Learn them all and wow your parents, teachers and friends with your Bible knowledge.



Life in Bible Times

Do you ever wonder what it was like to live in the times of Abraham or Ruth or Jesus? What kind of food did they eat? Where did they sleep? What kind of work did they do? "Life in Bible Times" will tell you—and show you! Each of these exciting features includes a picture.



People in Bible Times

The Bible is full of wonderful people. You are probably very familiar with some of their stories, but you may never have heard of others. "People in Bible Times" helps make these real-life characters and their true stories come alive for you. It might be fun to try to imagine yourself in their situations. What would you do?



Live It!

It is important to read and memorize God's Word. But what really counts is living it, letting the Bible affect how you work, play and live. "Live It!" tells you what the Bible has to say about your life RIGHT NOW!



Book Introductions

If you need the basic facts about a book of the Bible (who wrote it, where it took place, why it was written), you'll find that information at the beginning of each book. The book introduction will also give you a list of favorite Bible stories and teachings you can find in that Bible book.



Game Day

Lesson #2 Activity

Overview:

Today we aren't focusing on perfect memorization but just having a lot of fun with a mild amount of competition. Kids will be split into 2 teams with one teacher each as team leader. You will guide your group through a series of fun activities that encourage them to remember their books of the bible.

The games are broken up into 3 sections, whichever teams to complete the series of game point first wins.

Supplies Needed: (will be set up prior to Sunday School)

- Category Craze game 1, 2 sets of cards with books of the bible on them and 2 sets of bags to organize Old & New testament cards
- Old/New testament Hopscotch: 2 Hopscotch board for each team
- I have _who has_ game with cards and ball for each team

Announcements:

Lesson 2 Plan: Game Day

Game 1 Category Craze: Challenge for each group all together. There are a series of cards mixed up; each card has a book of the bible on it. Students have to follow the guide and correctly place each card in either the Old or New Testament bag. Students are encouraged to work as a team. First team to successfully complete this challenge wins the round.

Game 2 Hopscotch: Help each student correctly say each name of the books as they hop along the game boards. First team whose players have all successfully hopped across repeating the books wins the round.

Game 3 I have _who has_: There are 2 sets of cards for each team. Disburse cards to players evenly. Have the students sit down in a circle, put the cards in front of them on the floor so they can see them. The person with the START card goes first by asking their question. Each card has a question at the bottom. The students must listen closely to hear what question was asked. The student who has the answer will say it and the ball will be passed to them, and then they will ask the next question and so on until all cards have been played. Students will toss a ball gently to the team mate who correctly answers. The team who successfully finishes the game wins the round.

Closing:

Keep practicing with your Bible key chains great job playing today! Next week get ready to dive deep into Testament Treasure!! Bring your Key chains back~

Testament Treasure

Overview: In this section we are going to dive into what this means. We will be breaking down the Old and New Testament and category of books. This will give the kids a better understanding of the meaning, format, and context of their bibles. This will be a much more structured class room setting so we will offer a treat to sweeten them up for doing a good job participating at the end of the lesson

Supplies:

- White board and dry erase markers
- Chart for books of the Bible (one per student)
- Pencils
- Bibles (one per student)
- Key chains (students should have brought theirs)
- Snacks (because it's fun ☺)

Announcements:

Lesson Plan 3 Testament Treasure:

Teachers pass out supplies except snacks, leave snacks in plain view as incentive when lesson is over 😊 We are going to jump right into the lesson, as we go along there will be question and answer series for kids to participate in using their key chains and the chart

On your charts you will see a lot of information! We are going to add some to that and talk about what that all means so that it will make sense for you. First thing we are going to talk about and maybe some of you older students might know this, what does the word "testament" mean? Listen to feedback encourage discussion. The word Testament means 'covenant' or 'promise'. So when you read the Old Testament you are reading the Old 'Promise' and the New 'Promise'. Have the Children write on the chart where the meaning is for testament the definition as you write it on the white board. If we are looking at the Old Testament can anyone tell me why it's called the Old Testament? Why isn't it all just called testament? Listen and engage for brief discussion. Let's look at that, the Old Testament is made up of 39 books. That can be organized into 5 different categories and we will talk about that in a few minutes. These books tell the story of God, of creation, of humans and mistakes that have caused them to turn from God. It also tells us about a forgiving God and the promises God had made for humans that would bring them back to a relationship Him. The difficulty with the Old Testament is that it was limited. It was limited to the Israelites or Jewish people. If you weren't one of them you couldn't just change how you were born or start going to a different church or service. It still left some people out with no way to come to God. God didn't create just one people He created all people and He had a plan. This brings us to the New Testament. The New 'Promise'. God saw that humans needed A LOT of

help. We needed Him and we need a constant reminder, something that would cover over everything, anything that could ever separate us from God's love. To fulfill His promise to people God sent Jesus. Jesus who was God and Man would be the final promise that God needed to make sure humans always knew that He was with them; and that NOTHING could separate them from His love. All they needed to do was to believe in Jesus and Jesus would be the way for all people to come to God. To help us remember this we are going to write a short description what the Old Testament and New Testament mean on our paper.

Old Testament: Old 'promise' tells stories of God, creation, and people. It was limited to only Jewish people it left other people out, this made God sad so God came up with a plan

New Testament: New 'promise' Fills Gods promise through Jesus' sacrifice bringing all people to him who believes.

Now we are going to talk about the books of the bible and how they fit together. First thing we are going to do is number all these books so we can easily see where they are. You will notice on your paper they are broken up into sections. The Old Testament has how many sections? 5 good; let's look at what those are and what they mean. The first 5 books 1-5 are the books of the Law- those gave Jewish people rules they were supposed to follow. Take a look at you key chains can anyone tell me who wrote any of these books? Wait for answers a discussion and then move on. Next is History books 6-17, these are the stories of the history passed, use your key chains and tell me what you find interesting what stories you like. Pause for discussion and move on. Poetry, ahh poetry books 18-22 these are beautifully written books praising God, giving wisdom and giving us important information and encouragement we need. Next

we are going to talk about Major Prophets books 23-27 and Minor Prophets books 28-39. These are the people God used to share His plans with; they had information and knowledge of things that were going to happen in the future.

There are a lot of warning and praises in these books.

Now let's investigate the New Testament. There are only 4 sections of books in this portion of the Bible. There are the 4 Gospels which are books 40-43 and they are about the life of Jesus. Pastor has a fun way to remember these does anyone know what it is? The rhyme is "Mathew, Mark, Luke and John! Hold my horse till I get on!" There is only one History book for the New Testament and that is book 44 Acts. Let's look at our key chains and find out what the Theme of Acts is. Pause of brief discussion. The next 21 books 45-65 are the Epistles. Who knows what an Epistle is?? Discussion time. Epistles are letters written to a person or persons from the Apostles. Epistles Apostles geesh! Can anyone tell me what an Apostle is? Pause for discussion, An Apostle is one of the 12 disciples of Jesus. The 12 guys he called to follow him. So the Apostle wrote the Epistles 21 letters to peoples about Jesus helping them on their faith journey in Christianity. There is one last book. Number 66 the book of Revelations. John had a vision about Jesus and he wrote it down. This is the last book and it's about Prophecy and what God's next plan is. Whew! Great Job everyone!

Closing:

The Books & Divisions of the Bible

Books	Division	Books	Division
Old Testament		New Testament	
Genesis	(5) Law	Matthew	(4) Gospels
Exodus		Mark	
Leviticus		Luke	
Numbers		John	
Deuteronomy		Acts	(1) History
Joshua	(12) History	Romans	(21) Epistles
Judges		I Corinthians	
Ruth		II Corinthians	
I Samuel		Galatians	
II Samuel		Ephesians	
I Kings		Philippians	
II Kings		Colossians	
I Chronicles		I Thessalonians	
II Chronicles		II Thessalonians	
Ezra		I Timothy	
Nehemiah		II Timothy	
Ester		Titus	
Job	(5) Poetry	Philemon	
Psalms		Hebrews	
Proverbs		James	
Ecclesiastes		I Peter	
Song of Solomon		II Peter	
Isaiah	(5) Major Prophets	I John	(1) Prophecy
Jeremiah		II John	
Lamentations		III John	
Ezekiel		Jude	
Daniel		Revelation	
Hosea	(12) Minor Prophets		
Joel			
Amos			
Obadiah			
Jonah			
Micah			
Nahum			
Habakkuk			
Zephaniah			
Haggai			
Zechariah			
Malachi			