

Cool Things in the Bible



“Talking with God...for Kids”

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**“Jesus said,
‘Let the little children come to me.
Don’t keep them away.
The kingdom of heaven
belongs to people like them.’”**
Matthew 19:14

Nothing is as great as the faith of a child!

And Jesus wants to spend time with them.

For Kids: Did you know there are a lot of cool things in the Bible? Things like miracles and mysteries. Things even your parents can't understand! And did you also know that God wants to talk with you today? Yes He does! This workbook will show you some of the cool things in the Bible. And help you learn how to become a friend of His. Someone who talks with Jesus every day!

For Parents: Our kids go to church on Sundays, but what is their spiritual input during the week? In this workbook your child will learn that the Bible is God's Word, and will then get into it every day. The Scripture is printed inside from the New International Reader's Version, the easy-reading edition of the New International Version (NIV). They'll have daily times with God, getting in the Word and praying. They'll have fun. And then they may even share some of what they find out with you!

So come on, let's get together with Jesus. And see some of those cool things in the Bible!



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A Spiritual Journey

Kids, please ask your parents (or an adult) to read this page!

Dear Parents,

I hope your child likes this workbook. It is meant to get them into the Bible every day and for God to speak to them. He (or she) will do this through weekly Bible study on a person or event, plus a daily reading from one of the gospels (the books about Jesus). I tell your son or daughter that God speaks through the Bible, which he does. Then I ask your child to talk with God in prayer. This process of reading in the Bible daily and talking to God in prayer is called a “Quiet Time”. Your child will write down some thoughts from his Bible study and daily Quiet Times. You may want to ask to read some of what your son or daughter writes, or ask him to read it to you! Regardless, praise your child for what he (or she) has learned and experienced in their time with God. Please help your child determine a time of the day to do this workbook. Many find the morning to be best. Others like to do it after school. You know your child. Help them to do this. You will also want to study the Bible yourself and have your own daily Quiet Times to provide a good example for your child. I have Bible studies and Journals for adults to help you do this.

I thank you for letting your child read and study this. And I pray that your children will grow in their walk with God!

*Sincerely,
Ed Blankenship*

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KIDS CAN START HERE!

The Bible is the most important and fun book in the world!

It is important because it talks about God. God made us and sent his Son Jesus to make us his child too! Once we ask Jesus to be a part of our life, we are a child of God forever! Cool!!! The Bible tells us about Jesus. He is God too.

And the Bible is also the most fun book in the world. This is because it has many cool stories about neat people. But it is fun because it is what grownups call, “the Word of God”. When someone talks, “words” come out. You hear them. When God talks, words come out too, but God’s words are written in the Bible. So by reading the Bible you hear God!



Each week you'll read a Bible story

Once a week you will read a story from the Bible and then answer some questions and write down your answers. You may also talk about your answers with others. This could be your parents, teachers, brothers or sisters, or friends. Or you may just do it for yourself. That's OK too!

Every day you'll read the Bible and Pray



You will read a little bit from the Bible every day and write down what was cool to you and why you liked it. Then you can talk with God about it. We call talking to God “prayer”. You can pray (talk to God) about anything you want to!

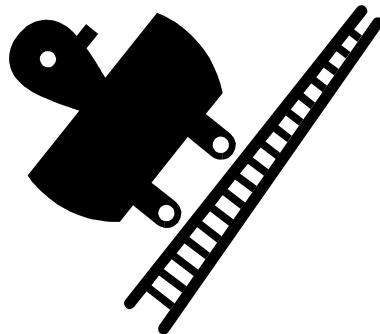
A “Quiet Time”

Christians call this daily reading from the Bible and praying a “Quiet Time”. I think they call it Quiet Time because you turn off the TV when you do it. Just like you want to talk with your family and friends every day, you will want to talk with God every day. And he wants to talk with you too! He loves you so much!!!

Pick a time every day when you can do this. It may be in the morning before school. Or you may want to do it after school. Ask your parents or an adult what they think is best for you. Then stick with it. My best time to do this is _____ . Put your workbook in a place where you can find it and see it daily. I will put it _____. Finally, have fun with God! He wants to have fun with you!!!



COOL THINGS IN THIS WORKBOOK



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Quiet Times for the Week

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More About Prayer

START OF THE COOL THINGS!

1st Week - Sunday

Read this Bible story:

Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)



³⁵ When evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." ³⁶ They left the crowd behind. And they took him along in a boat, just as he was. There were also other boats with him.

³⁷ A wild storm came up. Waves crashed over the boat. It was about to sink. ³⁸ Jesus was in the back, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him up. They said, "Teacher! Don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up and ordered the wind to stop. He said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down. And it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Don't you have any faith at all yet?"

⁴¹ They were terrified. They asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Answer these questions. Look back if you want.

1. How do you feel when you are in a bad storm? _____
2. The disciples (Jesus' students) woke Jesus up. What did Jesus do? _____

3. Do you ever get afraid? _____

4. With Jesus do we need to be afraid? _____

5. Below, draw a picture of Jesus in the boat with his disciples.



Monday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.

2. Then read it. See how I marked things I liked in it. I underlined, highlighted, colored, and circled some cool things!

Jesus Is Baptized and Tempted (Mark 1:9-13)

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee. John baptized him in the Jordan River. **10** Jesus was coming up out of the water. Just then he saw heaven being torn open. **He saw the Holy Spirit coming down on him like a dove.** **11** **A voice spoke to him from heaven.** It said, "You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you." **12** At once the Holy Spirit sent Jesus out into the desert. **13** **He was in the desert 40 days.** There Satan (also called the Devil) tempted him. **The wild animals didn't harm Jesus.** **Angels took care of him.**

3. What did you think was cool in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)



Tuesday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.

2. Then read it and mark it yourself. You can underline, highlight, color, or circle. Whatever cool thing you like!

Jesus Heals Many People (Mark 1:29-34)



²⁹ Jesus and those with him left the synagogue. Right away they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed. She had a fever. They told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her. He took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her. Then she began to serve them.

³² That evening after sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who were sick. ³³ All the people in town gathered at the door. ³⁴ Jesus healed many of them. They had all kinds of sicknesses.

3. What was the best cool thing in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)

Wednesday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.



Jesus Prays in a Quiet Place (Mark 1:35-39)

³⁵ It was very early in the morning and still dark. Jesus got up and left the house. He went to a place where he could be alone. There he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his friends went to look for Jesus. ³⁷ When they found him, they called out, "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let's go somewhere else. I want to go to the nearby towns. I must preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled all around Galilee. He preached in their synagogues. He also drove out demons.

3. What did you think was cool in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)

Thursday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

Jesus' Mother Mary and Brothers (Mark 3:31-34)



³¹ Jesus' mother and brothers came and stood outside. They sent someone in to get him. ³² A crowd was sitting around Jesus. They told him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside. They are looking for you."

³³ "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴ Then Jesus looked at the people sitting in a circle around him. He said, "Here is my mother! Here are my brothers! ³⁵ Anyone who does what God wants is my brother or sister or mother."

3. What cool thing did you like best in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)

Friday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.



Jesus Heals a Blind Man (Mark 8:22-26)

²² Jesus and his disciples came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man. They begged Jesus to touch him.

²³ He took the blind man by the hand. Then he led him outside the village. He spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him.

"Do you see anything?" Jesus asked.

²⁴ The man looked up. He said, "I see people. They look like trees walking around."

²⁵ Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened so that he could see again. He saw everything clearly.

²⁶ Jesus sent him home. He told him, "Don't go into the village."

3. What did you think was cool in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)

Saturday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.

2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.



Who Is the Most Important Person? (Mark 9:33-37)

³³ Jesus and his disciples came to a house in Capernaum. There he asked

them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet. On the way, they had argued about which one of them was the most important person.

³⁵ Jesus sat down and called for the Twelve to come to him. Then he said, "If you want to be first, you must be the very last. You must be the servant of everyone."

³⁶ Jesus took a little child and had the child stand among them. Then he took the child in his arms. He said to them, ³⁷ "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And anyone who welcomes me doesn't welcome only me but also the One who sent me."

3. What was the best cool thing in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)

“WHO’S CLOSEST?” GAME

Object of the Game: To Have Fun!!! To guess “Closest” to what someone is thinking of.



How to Play: Get 2 or more of your friends or parents.

1. The oldest person gets to start and is “IT”. He (or she) thinks of something. It can be something in the room. It can be something you like. It can be anything!
2. The person being “IT” gives people a clue. Here’s an example. If he’s thinking of the floor, he can say, “I’m thinking of something in the room.” Here’s another example. If she’s thinking of going to a movie, she can say, “I’m thinking of something to do.”
3. The others get to guess what “IT” is thinking of. They should say it out loud, one at a time. You may want to write them down. But you don’t have to.
4. The person being “IT” gets to decide who’s closest. Sometimes this is easy. Other times it is hard. But it’s always fun. “IT” has to pick someone as being closest.
5. Others can say things to help “IT” choose who’s closest. But don’t get mad if what you guess isn’t picked.

6. The person who was closest wins that round and is the new “IT”. He (or she) then tells what they are thinking of. Then others guess like before.

7. The game continues until you want to quit.

Fun Part of the Game: Trying to decide who is the closest. Trying to help “IT” choose who’s closest.

Bonus Round – Every few rounds play a Bonus Round. In this round, there are no clues. “IT” just says, “I’m thinking of something.” This makes it harder to guess. It also makes it harder to choose who’s closest. But the person being “IT” still has to choose. It’s also more fun!

Some Weird Rounds – My grand-son really likes these! In this round, he says, “I’m thinking of something I don’t know.” Or, “I’m thinking of something I’m not thinking of.” Or, “I’m feeling like doing something.” CRAZY!!!

IDEAS – If you can’t think of things, here’s some ideas. Trees. Animals. People. Colors. Things in the Bible. People in the Bible. Bible Books. Sounds. Places.

Have fun!

Sometimes it gets
hilarious!!!



2nd Week -Sunday

Read this Bible story:

Paul (a Student of Jesus) and a Snake (Acts 28)



² The people of the island were unusually kind. It was raining and cold. So they built a fire and welcomed all of us.

³ Paul gathered some sticks and put them on the fire. A poisonous snake was driven out by the heat. It fastened itself on Paul's hand. ⁴ The people of the island saw the snake hanging from his hand. They said to each other, "This man must be a murderer. He escaped from the sea. But Justice won't let him live."

⁵ Paul shook the snake off into the fire. He was not harmed. ⁶ The people expected him to swell up. They thought he would suddenly fall dead. They waited for a long time. But they didn't see anything unusual happen to him. So they changed their minds. They said he was a god. (But Paul wasn't.) ⁸ A man was sick. So Paul went in to see him. Paul prayed for him. He placed his hands on him and healed him.

Answer these questions. Look back if you want.

1. Do you like snakes? _____ I don't.

2. Why do you think Paul didn't get sick when the snake bit him? _____

3. Do you think God and Jesus helped Paul? _____

4. Paul helped some people after this. Would there be anybody you could help sometimes in some way? _____

Who? _____

How? _____

5. Below, draw a picture of Paul and the snake by the fire.



Monday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

Little Children Are Brought to Jesus (Mark 10:13-16)

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus. They wanted him to touch them. But the disciples told the people to stop.

¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was angry. He said to his disciples, "Let the little children come to me. Don't keep them away. God's kingdom belongs to people like them. ¹⁵ What I'm about to tell you is true. Anyone who will not receive God's kingdom like a little child will never enter it."

¹⁶ Then he took the children in his arms. He put his hands on them and blessed them.



3. What did you think was cool in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)

Tuesday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

Jesus Tells About His Coming Death (Mk 10:32-34)



³² They were on their way up to Jerusalem. Jesus was leading the way. The disciples were amazed. Those who followed were afraid.

Again Jesus took the Twelve to one side. He told them what was going to happen to him. ³³ "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said. "The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will sentence him to death. Then they will hand him over to people who are not Jews. ³⁴ The people will make fun of him and spit on him. They will whip him and kill him. Three days later he will rise from the dead!"

3. What was the best cool thing in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)

Wednesday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

The Widow's Offering (Mark 12:41-44)

⁴¹ Jesus sat down across from the place where people put their temple offerings. He watched the crowd putting their money into the offering boxes. Many rich people threw large amounts into them.

⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins. They were worth much less than a penny.

⁴³ Jesus asked his disciples to come to him. He said, "What I'm about to tell you is true. That poor widow has put more into the offering box than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave a lot because they are rich. But she gave even though she is poor. She put in everything she had. She gave all she had to live on."



3. What did you think was cool in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)

Thursday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

A Woman Pours Perfume on Jesus (Mark 14:3-6)



³ Jesus was in Bethany. He was at the table in the home of a man named Simon, who had a skin disease. A woman came with a special sealed jar of very expensive perfume. It was made out of pure nard. She broke the jar open and poured the perfume on Jesus' head.

⁴ Some of the people there became angry. They said to one another, "Why waste this perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year's pay. The money could have been given to poor people." So they found fault with her.

"Leave her alone," Jesus said. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me."

3. What cool thing did you like best in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)

Friday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

Jesus Heals Ten Men (Luke 17)

¹¹ Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. He traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men met him. They had a skin disease.



They were standing close by. ¹³ And they called out in a loud voice, "Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!"

¹⁴ Jesus saw them and said, "Go. Show yourselves to the priests." While they were on the way, they were healed.

¹⁵ When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back. He praised God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Weren't all ten healed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Didn't anyone else return and give praise to God except this outsider?"

¹⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

3. What was the best cool thing in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)

Saturday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

Jesus' Appearance Is Changed (Matthew 17)

¹ After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John the brother of James with him. He led them up a high mountain. They were all alone. ² There in front of them his appearance was changed. His face shone like the sun. His clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then Moses and Elijah appeared in front of them. Moses and Elijah were talking with Jesus.



⁴ Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters. One will be for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵ While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud surrounded them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!"

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they were terrified. They fell with their faces to the ground. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

3. What did you think was cool in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said. Then pray about other things. Anything is Ok to talk with God about.

Bible Word Search

Object of the Game

The object of this game is to find as many words as you can in the block of letters. One is given for you.

How to Play

The words below are hidden. They are in the block of letters you see on the next page.



Some are read Left to Right. J O B

Others you must read backwards, Right to Left.

B O J

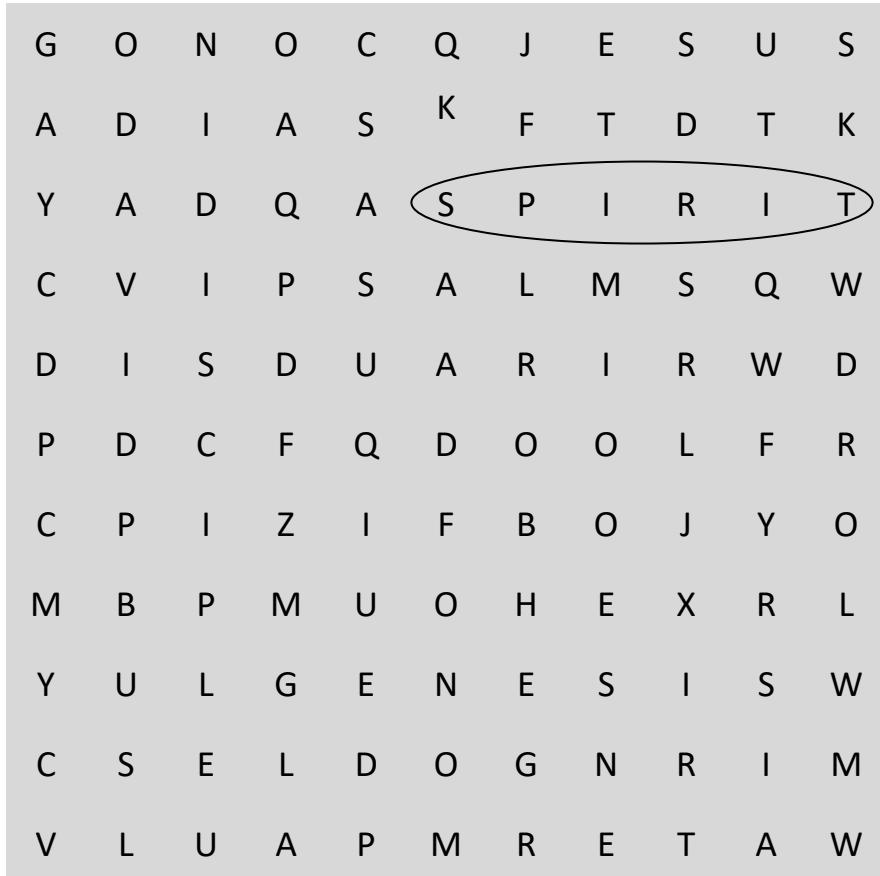
Still others are Top to Bottom. J
 O
 B

And then one is even Bottom to Top! B
 O
 J

See how many words you can find. Once you find a word circle it in the block of letters. Also, cross it out in the list below! One is already done. Have fun!!!

Find These Words in the Block of Letters

DISCIPLE	GENESIS	PSALMS
JESUS	SPIRIT	LORD
GOD	FLOOD	WATER
PAUL	DAVID	JOB



SCORE:	0-3 Words filled out	BEGINNER
	4-6 Words filled out	INTERMEDIATE
	7-10 Words filled out	TEACHER



BEGINNER DISCIPLE TEACHER

3rd Week -Sunday

Read this Bible story:

The Day the Sun Stood Still (Joshua 10:12-14)



The people of Israel were in a battle. They needed daylight to see so they could win. So their leader Joshua asks for more daylight!

12 So the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel. On that day Joshua spoke to the Lord while the people of Israel were listening. He said,

"Sun, stand still over Gibeon.

Moon, stand still over the Valley of Aijalon."

13 So the sun stood still.

The moon stopped.

They didn't move again until the nation won the battle over its enemies.

You can read about it in the Book of Jashar.

The sun stopped in the middle of the sky. It didn't go down for about a full day. **14** There has never been a day like it before or since. It was a day when the Lord listened to a mere man. You can be sure that the Lord was fighting for Israel!

Answer these questions. Look back if you want.

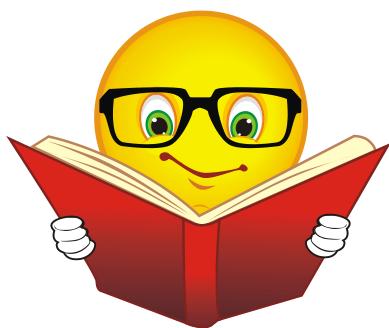
1. The people were at war and needed light to see. What did Joshua pray would happen? _____

2. How did God answer Joshua's prayer? _____

3. Was this a cool day or what? _____

4. Praying for the sun and moon to stand still is a BIG PRAYER. What big prayer could you pray for?

Draw a picture below of the sun and moon high in the sky!



Monday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

Jesus Walks on Water

(Mark 6:45-51)

⁴⁵ Right away Jesus made his disciples get into the boat. He had them go on ahead of him to Bethsaida. Then he sent the crowd away. ⁴⁶ After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.



⁴⁷ When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was alone on land. ⁴⁸ He saw the disciples pulling hard on the oars. The wind was blowing against them.

Early in the morning, he went out to them. He walked on the lake. When he was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹ they saw him walking on the lake. They thought he was a ghost. They cried out. ⁵⁰ They all saw him and were terrified.

Right away he said to them, "Be brave! It is I. Don't be afraid."

⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat with them. The wind died down. And they were completely amazed.

3. What was the best cool thing in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said. Then pray about other things.

Tuesday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.

2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine (John 2:1-12)

¹ There was a wedding. Jesus' mother was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said him, "They have none."

⁴ "Dear woman, why do you bring me into this?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do what he tells you."

⁶ Six stone jars stood nearby. Each held 20 to 30 gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the top.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now dip some out. Take it to the person in charge of the dinner."

They did what he said. ⁹ The person in charge tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He didn't realize where it had come from. But the servants who had brought the water knew.

Then the person in charge called the groom to one side. ¹⁰ He said to him, "Everyone brings out the best wine first. They bring out the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink. But you have saved the best until now."

¹¹ That was the first of Jesus' miraculous signs. Jesus showed his glory by doing it. And his disciples put their faith in him.

3. What did you think was cool in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Talk to God about the story. Then pray for other things.



Wednesday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

Jesus Teaches About Prayer (Luke 11:1-4)

¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples spoke to him. "Lord," he said, "teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

² Jesus said to them, "When you pray, this is what you should say.

" 'Father,
may your name be honored.
May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,
as we also forgive everyone who sins
against us.



Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted.' "

3. What was the best cool thing in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (Remember, you can talk to God about anything in prayer.)

Thursday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.



Jesus, the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-16)

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. **12** The hired man is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when the hired man sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. **13** The man runs away because he is a hired man. He does not care about the sheep.

14 "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and my sheep know me. **15** They know me just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I give my life for the sheep.

16 "I have other sheep that do not belong to this sheep pen. I must bring them in too. They also will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd.

3. What cool thing did you like best in this story?

4. Why did you like it?

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (Remember, you can talk to God about anything in prayer.)

Friday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.

2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

The Big Catch! (Luke 5)

4 When he finished speaking, he turned to Simon. He said, "Go out into deep water. Let the nets down so you can catch some fish."

5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done so, they caught a large number of fish. There were so many that their nets began to break. 7 So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees. "Go away from me, Lord!" he said. "I am a sinful man!"

9 He and everyone with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught.

3. What did you think was cool in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (Remember, you can talk to God about anything in prayer.)



Saturday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.



Jesus Raises A Man From the Dead (John 11)

32 Mary reached the place where Jesus was. When she saw him, she fell at his feet. She said, "Lord, I wish you had been here! Then my brother would not have died."

33 Jesus saw her crying. He saw that the Jews who had come along with her were crying also. His spirit became very sad, and he was troubled.

34 "Where have you put him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

35 Jesus sobbed (another word for "cry").

36 Then the Jews said, "See how much he loved him!"

38 Once more Jesus felt very sad. He came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone in front of the entrance.

39 "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad smell. Lazarus has been in the tomb for 4 days."

40 Then Jesus said, "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see God's glory?"

41 So they took away the stone.

Then Jesus looked up. He said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. **42** I know that you always hear me. But I said this for the benefit of the people standing here. I said it so they will believe that you sent me."

43 Then Jesus called in a loud voice. He said, "Lazarus, come out!"

44 The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of linen. A cloth was around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the clothes he was buried in..."

2. What was the best cool thing in this story?

3. Why did you like it? _____

4. Tell God what you thought about what he said. Pray.

Jesus Crossword Puzzle

Object of the game

Fill out the puzzle. Some words cross each other. This makes it harder. Some Bible verse clues and page numbers in this book are given if needed. Read “More About the Bible” on how to look up a verse. 2 free letters are given too!

How to Play

In this game you must guess the word being asked for. Then find the number in the puzzle. Finally, write your answer on the puzzle starting with that number. Some words have to be written Across (Left to Right). Others are written Down (Top to Bottom). If answers cross each other they will have one letter the same. Do in pencil so you can erase mistakes. Have fun! See how many you can get! Show them to an adult to see if you are right. If you can get up to 3 correct, you are a “Beginner”, and are learning the game. If you get 4-6 correct you are a “Disciple”, and understand it. If you get 7 or more you are a “Teacher”, and can help others in this game.

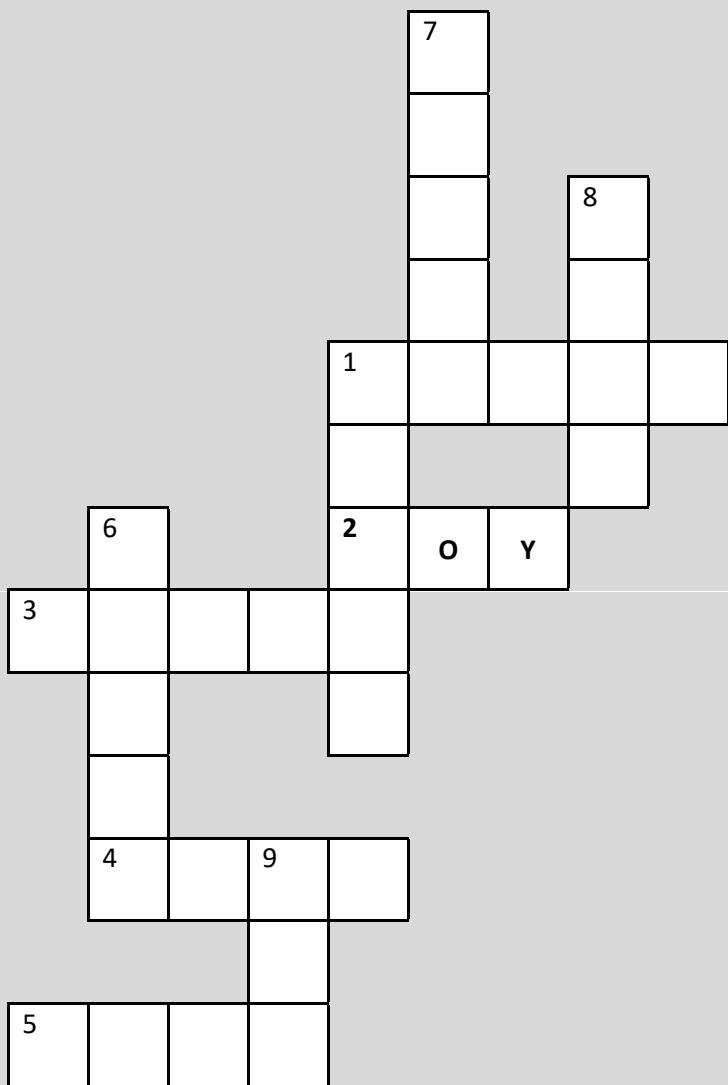
ACROSS (Use clues if needed)

1. Besides fish, what did Jesus give people to eat? (See Luke 9:13 or page 36)
2. Who helped Jesus feed 5,000 people? (John 6:9 or page 37)
3. Who is an enemy of God? (Matthew 13:39 or page 8)
4. What kind of people did Jesus heal? (Matthew 9:12 or page 9)
5. Who was Jesus' Mother? (Matthew 1:16 or page 11)



DOWN (Use clues if needed)

1. What is God's Word called? (See page 3)
6. Who is God's Son? (Matthew 3:16-17 or page 46)
7. What did Jesus walk on once? (Matthew 14:25 or page 28)
8. How do we talk to God? (Matthew 6:9 or page 30)
9. What did Jesus do when sad? (John 11:35 or page 33)



SCORE: 0-3 Words filled out
4-6 Words filled out
7-10 Words filled out

BEGINNER
DISCIPLE
TEACHER



4th Week -Sunday

Read this Bible story:

Jesus Feeds 5,000 People! (Luke 9:10-17)

10 They went off by themselves to a town called Bethsaida. **11** But the crowds learned about it and followed Jesus. He welcomed them and spoke to them about God's kingdom. He also healed those who needed to be healed.



12 Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him. They said, "Send the crowd away. They can go to the nearby villages and countryside. There they can find food and a place to stay. There is nothing here."

13 Jesus replied, "You give them something to eat."

The disciples answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish. We would have to go and buy food for all this crowd." **14** About 5,000 men were there.

But Jesus said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about 50 each." **15** The disciples did so, and everyone sat down.

16 Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up to heaven and gave thanks. He broke them into pieces. Then he gave them to the disciples to set in front of the people. **17** All of them ate and were satisfied. The disciples picked up 12 baskets of leftover pieces.

Answer these questions. Look back if you want.

1. What was Jesus doing with the people? _____

2. What was the problem? _____

3. How much food did they have? _____

Extra Bonus: The fish and bread came from a boy!

4. What did Jesus do with these? _____

5. Was there enough for everybody? _____

Below, draw a picture of some bread and fish.



Monday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

The Story of the Lost Coin (Luke 15)

⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one.

She will light a lamp and sweep the house. She will search carefully until she finds the coin. ⁹ And when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbors together. She will say, 'Be joyful with me. I have found my lost coin.'

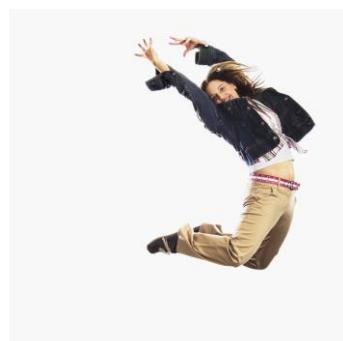
¹⁰ "I tell you, it is the same in heaven. There is joy in heaven over one sinner who turns away from sin."

3. What did you think was cool in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)



Tuesday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.



Woman Healed by Touching Jesus (Luke 8)

42 ... As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. **43** A woman was there who had a sickness that made her bleed. Her sickness had lasted for 12 years. No one could heal her. **44** She came up behind Jesus and touched the edge of his clothes. Right away her bleeding stopped.

45 "Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

They all said they didn't do it. Then Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pushing against you."

46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me. I know that power has gone out from me."

47 The woman realized that people would notice her. Shaking with fear, she came and fell at his feet. In front of everyone, she told why she had touched him. She also told how she had been healed in an instant.

48 Then he said to her, "Dear woman, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

3. What was the best cool thing in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said. Then pray for other things. (Anything is OK.)

Wednesday

1. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane (Mark 14)

32 Jesus and his disciples went to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, "Sit here while I pray."

33 He took Peter, James and John along with him. He began to be very upset and troubled. 34 "My soul is very sad. I feel close to death," he said to them. "Stay here. Keep watch."

35 He went a little farther. Then he fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass by him. 36 ["Abba]," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup of suffering away from me. But let what you want be done, not what I want." *Abba* means Father.



3. What cool thing did you like best in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said. Then pray about other things. Anything is OK to pray about.

Thursday

1. This is a sad story today. Jesus will be hurt. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.



Jesus Is Nailed to a Cross (Luke 23)

²⁶ ...They led Jesus away... ²⁷ A large number of people followed Jesus. Some were women whose hearts were filled with sorrow. They cried loudly because of him... ³² Two other men were also led out with Jesus to be killed. Both of them had broken the law. ³³

The soldiers brought them to the place called The Skull. There they nailed Jesus to the cross. He hung between the two criminals. One was on his right and one was on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing." The soldiers divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood there watching. The rulers even made fun of Jesus. They said, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and poked fun at him... ³⁷ They said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ³⁸ A written sign had been placed above him. It read, "this is the king of the jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals hanging there made fun of Jesus. He said, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself! Save us!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal scolded him. "Don't you have any respect for God?" he said. "Remember, you are under the same sentence of death. ⁴¹ We are being punished fairly. We are getting just what our actions call for. But this man hasn't done anything wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ Jesus answered him, "What I'm about to tell you is true. Today you will be with me in paradise."

3. What did you think was cool in this story?

4. How did it make you feel? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said. Pray.

Friday

1. This also is a sad story today. Jesus dies. Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.
2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

Jesus Dies (Luke 23)

⁴⁴ It was now about noon. The whole land was covered with darkness until three o'clock. ⁴⁵ The sun had stopped shining. The temple curtain was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my very life." After he said this, he took his last breath.



⁴⁷ The Roman commander saw what had happened. He praised God and said, "Jesus was surely a man who did what was right."

⁴⁸ The people had gathered to watch that sight. When they saw what happened, they beat their chests and went away. ⁴⁹ But all those who knew Jesus stood not very far away, watching those things. They included the women who had followed him from Galilee.

3. What was the best cool thing in this story?

4. How did it make you feel? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said.

6. Pray (tell God) about other things. (This might be about your parents, teachers, friends, brothers, or sisters, school, or church. You can talk to God about anything.)

Saturday

1. This is a happy story. Jesus comes back to life! Ask God to talk to you through the Bible story below.

2. Then read it and mark (underline, highlight, color, or circle) what you like.

Jesus Rises From the Dead (Mark 16:9-11, 14, 19-20)



⁹ Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week. He appeared first to Mary Magdalene. He had driven seven demons out of her. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him. She found them crying. They were very sad. ¹¹ They heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him. But they did not believe it. ¹⁴ Later Jesus

appeared to the 11 as they were eating. He spoke firmly to them because they had no faith. They would not believe those who had seen him after he rose from the dead.

¹⁹ When the Lord Jesus finished speaking to them, he was taken up into heaven. He sat down at the right hand of God.

²⁰ Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere. The Lord worked with them. And he backed up his word by the signs that went with it.

3. What cool thing did you like best in this story?

4. Why did you like it? _____

5. Tell God what you thought about what he said. Pray.

Sword Drill! Game

Read “More About the Bible” before playing.

Kids used to play this game when I was a boy. You do this in a group with others. In this game one person says a Bible verse reference. The others look it up in their Bible. The one who finds it first reads it out loud. That person wins the round. The Bible is called the “Sword of the Spirit”. That is where the name “Sword Drill!” comes from.

How to Play

1. You will each need a Bible or a New Testament. These should be made with sturdy paper and easy to turn. Not thin paper. (These can tear.) Ask an adult to help you find a good one for this. Also, be careful of paper cuts. Ouch!!!
2. Find the Table of Contents first. You will need this. Some also have an Alphabetical list. This can be even better.
3. Someone reads a verse reference to look up. It might be “John 3:16”. He or she will say it as “John Three Sixteen”.
4. Everyone else looks up the book of John by looking in the Table of Context. (Or the Alphabetical list.) Then turn to that page number.
5. Then find the chapter Three (3). These are Big Numbers. Finally in chapter 3 find verse 16 (Small numbers).
6. Whoever finds it first read it out loud. That person gets a point. The person with the most points at the end wins!



Simplified Version of the Game

Look up the first verse of Bible books. The person would say “John 1:1”. “John One One”. This makes it faster too!

Different Translations

Some Bibles read differently from others. That's OK.

See next page for Verses to Look Up

Old Testament (Chron. = Chronicles, Deut. = Deuteronomy)

1 Samuel 16:7	1 Chron. 16:11	Ezra 7:10
Psalm 16:8	Psalm 19:14	Psalm 27:1
Psalm 34:17	Psalm 37:4	Psalm 73:23
Proverbs 4:1	Isaiah 40:13	Jeremiah 29:13
Genesis 1:1	Leviticus 19:11	Deut. 30:14
2 Samuel 22:26	2 Chron. 15:12	Job 5:8
Psalm 16:11	Psalm 23:1	Psalm 27:4
Psalm 35:18	Psalm 50:10	Psalm 84:11
Isaiah 26:3	Isaiah 41:10	Lamentations 3:22
Exodus 19:5	Numbers 23:19	Joshua 1:8
Job 22:22	Psalm 32:8	Psalm 122:1
Psalm 28:8	Psalm 119:9	Ruth 2:12
Psalm 118:24	Judges 21:25	Psalm 9:1
Joshua 1:9	Psalm 8:1	Psalm 34:9
Psalm 5:3	Psalm 33:11	Proverbs 3:5

New Testament (Cor. = Corinthians)

Luke 10:27	Philippians 4:4	2 Timothy 2:15
Acts 4:12	Matthew 6:33	Matthew 22:38
1 Cor. 3:16	John 1:12	John 10:11
Ephesians 4:32	Romans 5:8	Romans 8:32
1 John 1:9	2 Cor. 5:7	Galatians 5:22
Matthew 5:9	Philippians 4:13	2 Timothy 3:16
Luke 18:1	Matthew 19:26	Mark 1:35
Acts 27:25	John 3:16	John 14:6
1 Cor. 12:26	Romans 6:23	Romans 10:13
Ephesians 6:10	2 Cor. 5:17	Galatians 6:2
Revelation 3:20	2 Timothy 2:1	Hebrews 11:1
Matthew 5:16	Matthew 21:22	Mark 16:15
Luke 19:10	John 5:24	John 15:7
Romans 3:23	Romans 8:28	Romans 12:2
1 Cor. 13:4	Galatians 3:26	Ephesians 2:8
John 16:24	Ephesians 4:15	James 1:5
Romans 14:12	1 Peter 5:7	Luke 6:31

More About the Bible

This book has some stories from the Bible, but it isn't the whole Bible. The Bible is a big book. It has two main parts,



just like a tree has two main parts, the trunk and branches as one part, and the leaves as the other part. The two main parts of the Bible are called Old Testament and the New Testament. Testament means "proof". The Old Testament is the Old Proof about God. The New Testament is the New Proof about Jesus,

God's Son. As a young Christian you should read some of the New Testament about Jesus every day. Then when you grow up you will also want to read the Old Testament.

In the Bible there are Books

Each Testament in the Bible also has many parts called "Books". This is funny, because the Bible is only one book. But grownups call the many parts in the Testaments "Books". The first book in the Old Testament is called Genesis. It has the story about God making the world and the animals. This is called "creation". Another Old Testament book is called "Psalms". It is a book made up of prayers. The first book in the New



Testament is called “Matthew”. It is one of the books about



the life of Jesus. There are four books about the life of Jesus (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). God spoke these words, but people actually wrote them down on paper. The person who wrote the book of Matthew was a man named Matthew. A man named Mark wrote what God said in the book of Mark. There

are other books in the Old and New Testaments. Note too that there are some books that sound alike. There is a book of John. Another book is 1 John. Another is 2 John. 3 John.

In each Book there are Chapters

Each book in the Bible has chapters. You've probably read books with chapters. Each chapter is numbered, starting with 1, 2, and 3. Some books in the Bible have many chapters. The book of Psalms has 150 chapters! It's big!!! Other books in the Bible have only a few chapters. And some books in the Bible have only one chapter. They are small!!!

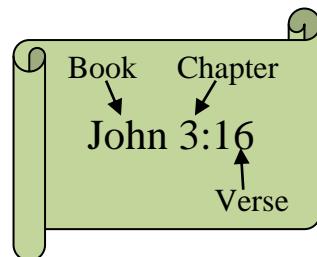


In each Chapter there are Verses - Sometimes

Each chapter in some Bibles also have what is called “verses” and “verse numbers”. Verses are usually a few words long. Like a sentence. Or maybe two sentences. In some Bibles, each verse is numbered. In each chapter, verses start with 1. Some Bibles don't show the verse numbers. But the verses are still there. Use a Bible with verse numbers for drills.

Finding Verses in the Bible

Grownups refer to verses in the Bible with a name and some numbers. The name is the book of the Bible. The numbers are the chapter and the verse. John 3:16 means the book of John, chapter 3, verse 16. You will probably be asked some day to find John 3:16 in a Bible. Here's how. First, find the Table of Contents in your Bible. It is somewhere up front in the Bible. It shows both Testaments and the different books in each one. Some Bibles even have a second Table of Contents listing all the books in the Bible alphabetically. (Alphabetically means by first letter.) That is easier to use to find a book. Look the Table of Contents over and find the book you are looking for. Then see what the page number of that book is. Find that page in the Bible. Then begin turning pages until you find the chapter you want. The chapter numbers are printed bigger. Then in that chapter look for smaller numbers. Those are the verse numbers.



So for John 3:16 you first find the book of John in the Table of Contents and see the page number. Then you go to that page number. Then you go to chapter 3 in John. Finally you go to verse 16 in chapter 3. That is John 3:16. If you have a Bible, practice finding John 3:16. When you find it, it should read something like this. "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." If you find John 3:16, Good job!!! If you didn't, ask a grownup to help. And

don't get discouraged. It's hard for some grownups to find



verses in the Bible too. And remember, it's fun to just read the Bible! **A fun game to play finding Bible verses is called "Sword Drill!"** You see who can be first in finding a Bible verse someone has said out loud. Some people like to memorize the order of the books in the Bible. You can too!

Different Versions

There are also different "versions" of the Bible. Some Bibles are written for grownups. They use hard words. They are harder to understand. Other Bibles are written for kids and use easier words. Each of these different versions are called

"translations". If you want a Bible of your own get one that is easy to read. I think there are two that are best for young readers like you. One is called the "New International Reader's Version".

The other is called the "International Children's Bible". Talk with your parents or an adult about getting a Bible for you. Show them this.

Most Important – The Bible is God's Word to you

Don't get confused by all the big words here. Just remember that the Bible is God talking to you. It is His words to you!!!



More About Prayer

Prayer can be just talking with God. But prayer is also asking God for something. God is powerful and answers our prayers. Sometimes He answers them **YES**. When he answers YES, we see what we prayed for happen, and come true. It is good for us or for someone else. When he answers **NO**, we don't see that happen. God knows that this is not best for us or for someone else. Or it might not be the right time. God sometimes answers **WAIT**, if he knows it would be better later. It is hard to WAIT, but God knows best. We must believe that. He loves us. So God answers prayer three ways – YES, NO, or WAIT.

How to Pray

You can fold your hands and bow your head when you pray. But you don't have to. You can say your prayer out loud so others can hear it. You can also pray softly. And you can even pray just thinking the words. All are OK. We also must not be too selfish in what we ask. A selfish prayer is asking just for us, like, "God, give me a bicycle." An unselfish prayer is asking for someone else, like, "God, make my Mom feel better." Always remember, Jesus, who is God, hears your prayers!!!



Prayer List

Some people like to keep a prayer list. This is a list of things you are praying for. Having a prayer list helps you remember what you are praying for. You can also write on it answers you see. Here is a Prayer List you can use if you want. One example is shown. It's cool to see some answers!

What I'm Praying For

Mommy would get better

God's Answer

She did!!!



WAY TO GO!!!

I hope you have had fun reading these Bible stories and having Quiet Times talking with God. If you want, I have some other workbooks you can get. Just ask your parents to get one! Or you may want to graduate to a real Bible. It's up to you. Either is OK. The important thing is to spend time each day listening to God in the Bible and talking with Him in prayer! **Have fun talking with Him!!!**



Did you like this?

I have developed studies and journals like this for the whole family: pre-schoolers and early readers, elementary age, teens, and adults. The goal is to help people spend time daily with God in His Word and prayer. That changes lives! The format differs according to the age and interest.

For Adults

- Reflections – Spending Time with God
- Finances – More than Making Ends Meet
- Marriage & Family – Living and Leaving a Legacy
- Acts – Reaching the World for Christ
- James – Living Out Your Faith
- 2nd Timothy – Multiplying Your Ministry
- Directions – Moving Others Towards Christ
- Excavations – Digging Deep into God’s Word
- Meditations – Being a Person After God’s Own Heart
- Reflections Journal – Your Time with God

For Teens

- Cool Things in the Bible, for Teens
- Cooler Things in the Bible, for Teens
- Coolest Things in the Bible, for Teens

For Elementary Age (Readers)

- Cool Things in the Bible, for Kids
- Cooler Things in the Bible, for Kids
- Coolest Things in the Bible, for Kids

For Pre-Schoolers and Early Readers

- Jesus Calms the Storm