

Welcome to Sunday School and our BIBLE 101: Overview of THE BIBLE lesson. Wow, where do we begin.?

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?:

The Bible is a book that is made up of collection of books (**66 total!**) compiled over thousands of years by over 40 different writers or authors, covering 4000 years of human history.

The Bible contains **39 books in the Old Testament** - these were stories written before Jesus was born and put together around 250 BC.

The Bible also contains **27 books in the New Testament** and these are stories about Jesus and his life and teachings and were written shortly after Jesus died from 50-70 AD and were put all together and included with the Old Testament around 150 AD.

Wow! That's a lot of books and a lot of time...

The Bible tells the story of ancient people and how they experienced God in their lives. It weaves the history of the time and different struggles and victories that these people encountered and how God was the one constant in all of their stories and brought them hope and purpose. It tells of how Jesus came to teach people about God's love and how the Christian church began. The Bible offers treasured words that help us learn ways that God wants us to live. The Bible is so important because it is our story and guidebook as Christians.

The Bible started as "oral tradition" which means it was first told as stories to one another before there were ways to write it down and then print it. Once we were able to print, in 1456, the Bible became the very first complete book to ever be printed.

The Bible contains lots of different types of books (law, history, poetry, letters, etc..) and different styles of writing and is the most translated book of all time. It was taken from it's original language of Hebrew and Greek and translated into different style and languages so

we can all relate to these amazing stories and inspirational writings. The Bible is sometimes hard to understand and that is why there are so many different translations so we can find the one that speaks to us.

The stories we learn about in Sunday School all come from the Bible.

Without the Bible we would not know about God's story and the great love God has for all people. We would not know about Jesus and we would not know how to share that love with others.

Next week we will learn more about how to use the Bible and find specific stories in the Bible.

ACTIVITIES:

Family Discussion:

1. What stories do you know from the Bible?
2. How would you describe the Bible and why it is important?
3. What does a lamp do when you are walking on a path in the dark? What do you think the scripture shown on the left (Psalm 119:105) means?
4. Why do you think the Bible was translated into so many different languages?

Sing "Bible Book Bop"

At the end of the Sunday School video, sing along to "Bible Book Bop" to learn the names of the books in the Bible

Look through a Bible

If you have a Bible at home, look through it and see if you can find the Old Testament and the New Testament. Look at the glossary and see the listing of all 66 books.

Complete the Books of the Bible Word Search:

Attached on next page.

PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for telling your story.
Thank you for inspiring people long ago to write down their stories and experiences with you. Help us to learn from the Bible and let it inspire us to live our lives in a way that is loving and kind and shows your LOVE for all people.

Let's pray the Lord's Prayer together:

Our Creator,
who art in heaven, hallowed be
Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will
be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us. Lead us not
into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory forever.

Amen



Books of the Bible Word Search

The remaining letters will reveal a verse from the Bible!



ACTS

AMOS

CHRONICLES

COLOSSIANS

CORINTHIANS

DANIEL

DEUTERONOMY

ECCLESIASTES

EPHESIANS

ESTHER

EXODUS

EZEKIEL

EZRA

GALATIANS

GENESIS

HABAKKUK

HAGGAI

HEBREWS

HOSEA

ISAIAH

JAMES

JEREMIAH

JOB

JOEL

JOHN

JONAH

JOSHUA

JUDE

JUDGES

KINGS

LAMENTATIONS

LEVITICUS

LUKE

MALACHI

MARK

MATTHEW

MICAH

NAHUM

NEHEMIAH

NUMBERS

OBADIAH

PETER

PHILEMON

PHILIPPIANS

PROVERBS

PSALM

REVELATION

ROMANS

RUTH

SAMUEL

SONG OF SOLOMON

THESSALONIANS

TIMOTHY

TITUS

ZECHARIAH

ZEPHANIAH