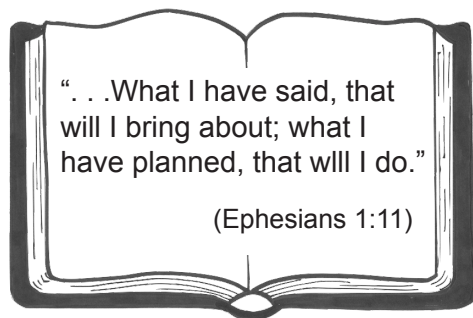


GOD'S Plan . . . Revealed in the BIBLE



ACTIVITY

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“Teachable Moments”

OBJECTIVE: To help children discover just how important the BIBLE should be in our lives to understand the plan of GOD for His creation.

- ✦ **Simple Truths:** The basic truths are in each of the four boxes, but you will notice some development of these truths in the bold-print questions. These will give you information to discuss with your children and might also stimulate more questions to explore.
- ✦ **Activity Pages:** Remember to use these as learning opportunities, so enjoy them together. Follow instructions on each page.

#1 - GOD'S STORY

Knowing where the books of Bible are located can be very useful for reading and studying. In this lesson you can see an overview: The eight categories and the individual books. In future lessons more book content will be presented. Use this chart and your own method for learning (memorizing).

#2 - BOOK GROUPS PUZZLE (for Review)

#3 - Getting to Know GOD'S WORD

(Answers: Read, Study, Memorize, Meditate, Share, Pray)

- ✦ **Enjoy singing & learning together:** *I Love God's Word*

(Learning to sing this song will actually help prepare your child for the review activity on page #3.)

- ✦ **Memorize :** Ephesians 1:11

- ✦ **Prayer Time:** Your child can read this prayer, but looking at the scripture verses will help them discover how God helps us learn to pray by seeing prayers in His Word.

(Permission granted to make extra copies of coloring or game page for other children in the family as needed.)

Simple Truths

1 GOD'S PLAN is in the BIBLE.

How can we discover the truth of God's Plan?

- Reading God's Word (His Big Story) can help us learn, little-by-little, what God wants us to know.
- His Word tells us things about **who He is**.
- He tells the "life story" of many people and how they relate to God and how God responds to them.

Who wrote the Bible?

- God chose men who loved Him, to write down His words into collections we now call Books of the Bible.

"All Scripture is God-breathed. . ." (2 Tim. 3:16)

" . . .you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

(2 Peter 1: 20 & 21)

- God protected and preserved His Word; we still have it today.

What or Who is the center of God's Plan?

- God wants to bring sinful man back into fellowship with Him.
- God planned to send JESUS (His Son) to live on the earth they created. JESUS told mankind about His Father in heaven and how to live like His children should.
- God will provide salvation & eternal life through JESUS' death on the cross for sinful man. ---**It's All About JESUS!**

2 This **Big Story** takes a long time to happen.

Why are there so many books in the BIBLE?

- Each book in the Bible has a special purpose in telling God's whole story about sinful man and God's purposes for him.
- Some people obeyed God's plan: righteous people.
- Some people did not obey God's plan: wicked people.

Is it helpful to know how the BIBLE is organized?

- Knowing the books and what they teach can make it easier for us to find our way around in it.

3 GOD'S Plan is certain.

How can we be sure He has a plan?

- His holiness demands that He keep His promises.
- He said He would follow His plan.

" . . . What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do." (Ephesians 1:11)

"Your Word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in heaven." (Psalm 119:89)

- Much of His plan has already happened and it is recorded in God's Holy Word; there is more to come and some of it is recorded also.

4 GOD wants us to discover His Plan.

Why should I read the BIBLE?

- God's truth will help me want to seek GOD and keep my heart from wanting to sin.

"How can a young man (or woman) keep their way pure? By living according to Your Word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You."

(Psalm 119:10 & 11)

- God's truth will help me grow to know Him better, day by day.

"And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19)

How can we use the Bible in our lives?

*"All Scripture is . . . useful for **teaching, rebuking, correcting** and **training** in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.."*

(2 Timothy 3:16 & 17)

OLD TESTAMENT

GOD'S STORY

NEW TESTAMENT



1 LAW

GENESIS
EXODUS
LEVITICUS
NUMBERS
DEUTERONOMY

3 WISDOM

JOB
PSALMS
PROVERBS
ECCLESIASTES
SONG of SOLOMON

4 MAJOR PROPHETS

ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
LAMENTATIONS
EZEKIEL
DANIEL

2 HISTORY

JOSHUA
JUDGES
RUTH
I SAMUEL
II SAMUEL
I KINGS
II KINGS
I CHRONICLES
II CHRONICLES
EZRA
NEHEMIAH
ESTHER

5 MINOR PROPHETS

HOSEA
JOEL
AMOS
OBADIAH
JONAH
MICAH
NAHUM
HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH
HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

6 GOSPELS

MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN

7 HISTORY (church)

ACTS

8 LETTERS (to the church)

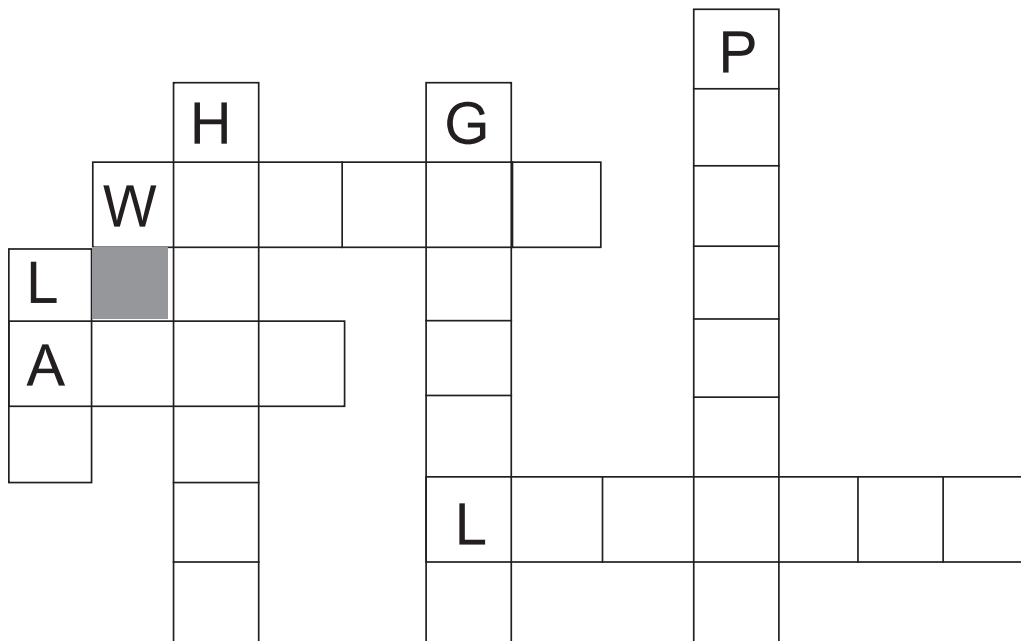
ROMANS
PAUL'S Epistles:
I CORINTHIANS
II CORINTHIANS
GALATIANS
EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS
COLOSSIANS
I THESSALONIANS
II THESSALONIANS
I TIMOTHY
II TIMOTHY
TITUS
PHILEMON
HEBREWS
General Epistles:
JAMES
I PETER
II PETER
I JOHN
II JOHN
III JOHN
JUDE
REVELATION

WOW!---
This is a
BIG STORY.

Memorize the book groups (Hint: there are 8), and the names of the individual books in their order in each group.

- 1 --Work on learning or memorizing the books of one group at a time. Perhaps one a day.
- 2 --Show your children this group and the individual books in your Bible or there own, if they have one.
- 3 --For review, have a guess time: you name a book and see if they can find it. This provides a more practical learning activity.

BOOK GROUPS PUZZLE



REVIEW

Answer the questions and spell the words on the puzzle.

The books of the Bible that tell about the birth of Jesus and life with his disciples can be found in the _____.

There is one special book that tells us about the history of the early CHURCH. It tells us alot about the _____ or the working of the Holy Spirit in the first christians.

God tells us "how to live" in the five Books of _____ in the OLD TESTAMENT.

In the NEW TESTAMENT there are 23 **books**, written by five different godly men, that are **called** _____ to the churches.

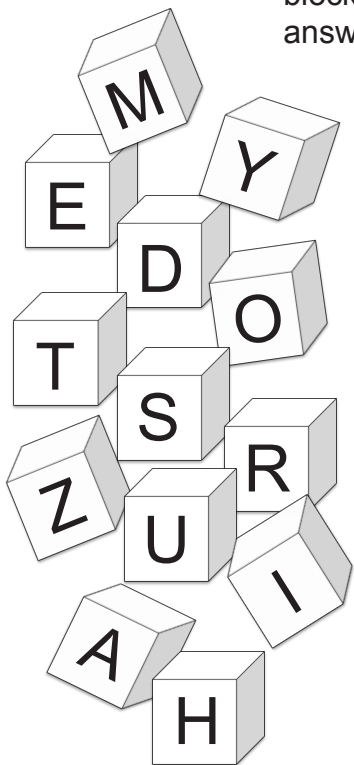
The _____ are the five books called the Pentatuch that told the people of God, Israel, how to worship Him and obey His rules.

The stories of most of the great Bible Characters you have learned about can be found in the collection called the Books of _____.

God send men to His people to warn them about God's judgment if they disobeyed Him. The **big** books were called **Major** _____ and the **smaller** books were **Minor** _____.

Getting to Know GOD'S WORD

Use the scrambled letter blocks to spell your answers



What can I do to understand the BIBLE better?

R _ _ _ it

S _ _ _ _ it

M _ _ _ _ _ it

M _ _ _ _ _ on it

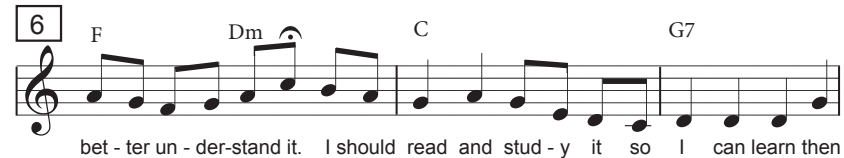
S _ _ _ _ it

P _ _ _

I Love God's Word



Words & Music
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Color the boy and girl if you wish.



Prayer Time

Say God's words and thoughts as you talk to Him in prayer.

Dear God,

Thank you God for Your Word; it is like a lamp that gives light so my feet can see Your path clearly. (Psalm 119:105)

I am so excited that Your Words are true and all Your righteous laws are forever (eternal); they stand firm in Heaven. (Psalm 119:160 & 89)

Open my eyes so I can see and understand all the wonderful things in Your law. (Psalm 119:18)

Your Word (BIBLE) is more precious to me than lots and lots of silver and gold. (Psalm 119:72)

Thank You, God.
I love you very much.

Amen!