

BIBLE SKILLS FOR KIDS



	YOUNGER PRESCHOOL	OLDER PRESCHOOL	YOUNGER KIDS	OLDER KIDS
IDENTIFYING THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS	Knows the Bible is a book.	Knows there are two main parts of the Bible—the Old Testament and the New Testament.	Locates the two main parts of the Bible—the Old Testament and the New Testament—and identifies some books in each part.	Names all the books of the Old Testament and all the books of the New Testament.
PRONOUNCING BIBLE PEOPLE & PLACES	Hears names of some of the books in the Bible.	Begins to pronounce the names of the books of the Bible.	Pronounces some of the names of Bible people, places, and things mentioned in the Bible.	Pronounces most of the names of Bible people, places, and things mentioned in the Bible.
FINDING THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE	Touches, holds, and turns the pages of the Bible.	Begins to recognize names of books in the Bible. Knows that Genesis is the first book of the Bible, Matthew is the first book of the New Testament, and Psalms is in the middle of the Bible. Opens Bible to a Bible marker.	Locates many books in the Bible without assistance.	Locates all the books of the Bible in a limited time frame.
TELLING OTHERS ABOUT THE BIBLE	Helps open the Bible. Says the word Bible.	Begins to understand that a Bible reference includes a book, chapter, and verse. Knows that the Bible is a book that people use at church and home.	Reads and locates Bible references.	Begins to tell others the meaning of the biblical content of a verse or passage.
MEMORIZING BIBLE VERSES	Hears Bible words and phrases. Says some Bible words and repeats short phrases (3-5 words).	Remembers and says simple Bible words, phrases, and verses with Bible references.	Memorizes individual Bible verses.	Memorizes Bible passages and quotes individual verses when given the reference.
LOCATING BIBLE VERSES	Listens to brief Bible stories. Points to the Bible and pictures of Jesus.	Remembers and retells a familiar Bible story and Bible fact.	Becomes familiar with the contents of specific books, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Book of Genesis tells about God and His creation. • The Book of Psalms contains songs about God. • The Gospels tell about Jesus. 	Locates from memory often-used Bible passages and memory verses such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Model Prayer (Matt. 6; Luke 11) • The Ten Commandments (Ex. 20; Deut. 5) • The Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5; Luke 6) Is able to locate Bible passages in a limited time frame.
ASSOCIATING BIBLE PEOPLE WITH SPECIFIC BOOKS	Hears the names of God, Jesus, and some Bible people.	Remembers the names of familiar Bible people.	Knows some of the names of the people in the Bible. Begins to find the names of prominent Bible people in the books where their stories are recorded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel (Daniel) • Moses (Exodus) • Jesus (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) 	Identifies prominent Bible people by the books in which their stories are recorded.
UNDERSTANDING SALVATION	Associates God and Jesus with the Bible.	Understands that the Bible tells that God sent Jesus to earth.	Knows the Bible tells that God sent Jesus to earth because He loves all people.	Knows that the Bible tells about God's plan to rescue us. Knows how to use the Bible to tell someone about God and Jesus.
PRACTICING DAILY BIBLE READING	Hears Bible verses and stories read from a Bible at home.	Uses the Bible at home to participate in family devotional times.	Begins to use the Bible for daily Bible reading.	Establishes the discipline of daily Bible reading.
APPLYING THE BIBLE	Hears Bible verses that relate to his everyday activities.	Begins to understand how Bible verses apply to his life.	Understands and applies truths from a Bible verse.	Applies biblical principles to personal and social issues.
RESEARCHING BIBLE AUTHORS	Hears that God told people to write the Bible.	Begins to understand that people wrote God's words in the Bible.	Identifies some of the books of the Bible by the names of the writers.	Uses Bible study resources to gather information about Bible writers.
RECITING BIBLE BOOKS IN ORDER	Hears the names of Bible books.	Knows that the Old and New Testaments of the Bible are divided into smaller parts called books. Names a few Bible books in order.	Begins to know some of the books of the Bible in order and pronounces names of some Bible books.	Knows and recites all the books of the Bible in order in a limited time frame.
NAMING BIBLE DIVISIONS	Hears the names of Bible divisions.	Hears about content of different divisions of the Bible, such as history, gospels, and letters.	Names the 10 divisions of the Old and New Testaments.	Names the 10 divisions of the Old and New Testaments in a limited time frame and identifies examples of books in each division.
USING BIBLE REFERENCE TOOLS	Sees the Bible used to tell a story. Helps open the Bible.	Begins to use simple tools for Bible discovery (printed and digital resources). Helps open the Bible to a Bible book.	Locates all books of the Bible by using the contents page or with teacher guidance. Uses other tools for learning from the Bible, including Bible-learning apps, Bible dictionaries, and maps.	Uses other resources to enrich her Bible skills and knowledge (Bible dictionary, commentary, concordance, atlas, and digital sources).
THE RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE	Hears that the Bible is a special book.	Knows that everything in the Bible is true.	Learns that Bible truths never change.	Understands the truths in the Bible are without error and will last forever.
THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE	Hears that the Bible tells about God and Jesus.	Understands the Bible teaches us what God and Jesus are like.	Knows the Bible helps people know more about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.	Learns the Bible is God's message about Himself and how He rescues and transforms us.
THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE	Hears that people in the Bible told about God.	Learns people wrote God's words in the Bible.	Understands that God told the writers of the Bible what to write.	Knows the Bible is the only inspired, written Word of God.
THE BIBLE'S TEACHING ABOUT JESUS	Hears that the Bible tells about Jesus.	Knows the Bible teaches that Jesus died on a cross.	Learns the Bible teaches that Jesus died on a cross, was buried, and was raised from the dead.	Understands the Bible teaches that salvation through Jesus is God's gift of forgiveness.
THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE	Hears that the Bible helps people know what to do.	Understands the Bible teaches right and wrong.	Knows the Bible teaches people how God wants them to live.	Learns the Bible teaches people how to live a Christian life by following Jesus.

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