

Get Started:

- **Print the activity sheets** or have them available for viewing. (On the church web site: www.bridgelife360.com/homechurch. You may need to scroll to the middle of the page.)
- Make sure **everyone has a Bible**.
- **Watch the lesson video.** (Watch it on Facebook on the Bridge Kids page, church FB page, or on the church web site: www.bridgelife360.com/homechurch. You may need to scroll to the middle of the page.)

Activities:

Our goal over the next few weeks is to help children get familiar with their Bible. Spend time each day reading the Bible together. Show kids how to look up scripture, use the Table of Contents, the glossary / dictionary. Look at maps and other pictures in their Bible. Does their Bible have special helps / interesting fact in-serts? Read and discuss.

- There are coloring sheets and a coloring sheet of the memory verse available for download.
- **Activities for Younger Kids:**
 - Color and cut apart the **Bible Verse Trains**. 'Hook up' the trains using tape. Read the Bible thought and then show your child where to find the Bible verse. Read it together.
 - **Play Bible Story Spin the Bottle.** Use a water / soda bottle as a spinner. Have family members sit in a circle. Spin the bottle. Whoever the top of the bottle points to must name a favorite Bible story. Mom/Dad show children where that story can be found in the Bible.
- Continue practicing **memorizing the books of the Bible** in order. (Activity Sheet included for this.)
- Work on **memorizing today's memory verse: Isaiah 40:8**. Make it fun and easier to memorize by adding motions, rhythm and movement. Do you have a Dominoes game and masking tape? Put a little piece of tape on the back of each domino. Write one word of the memory verse on each domino. Mix them up, and then put the dominos in order and read the verse.
- **Sword Drills Activity Sheet**—We learned how to do Sword Drills last week. Check out the new verses to find this week! Also—there is a new challenge for finding your favorite Bible stories. Check it out!
- Older kids will enjoy the **Bible Basics** activity sheets: *Swimming Divisions* and *Old Testament Surprise*.
- **Teach your child to use a Bible Concordance.** Where can these things be found in the Bible? Determine if these things are in the Old or New Testament. Can they be found in more than one book of the Bible? (Some things were recorded in one or more of the gospels.)

The Beatitudes

The Ten Commandments

The Lord's Prayer

The Armor of God

The Fruit of the Spirit

The Days of Creation

The Crucifixion

Description of Heaven

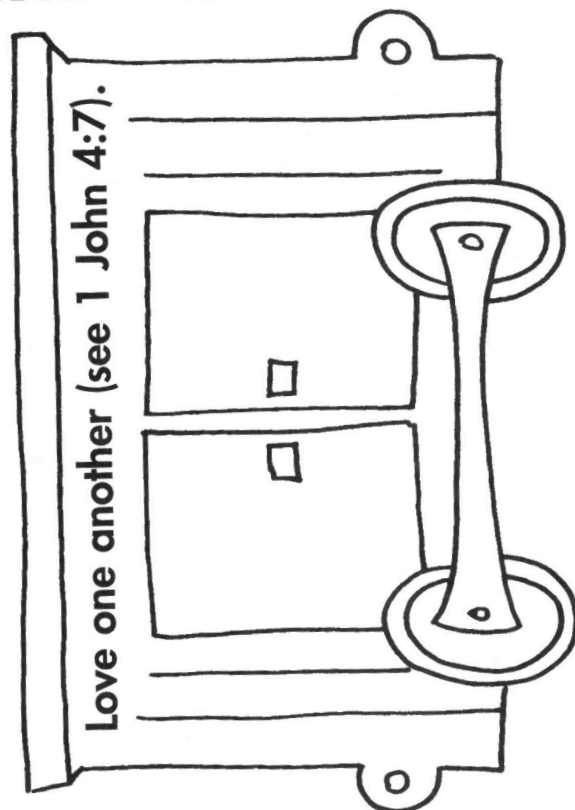
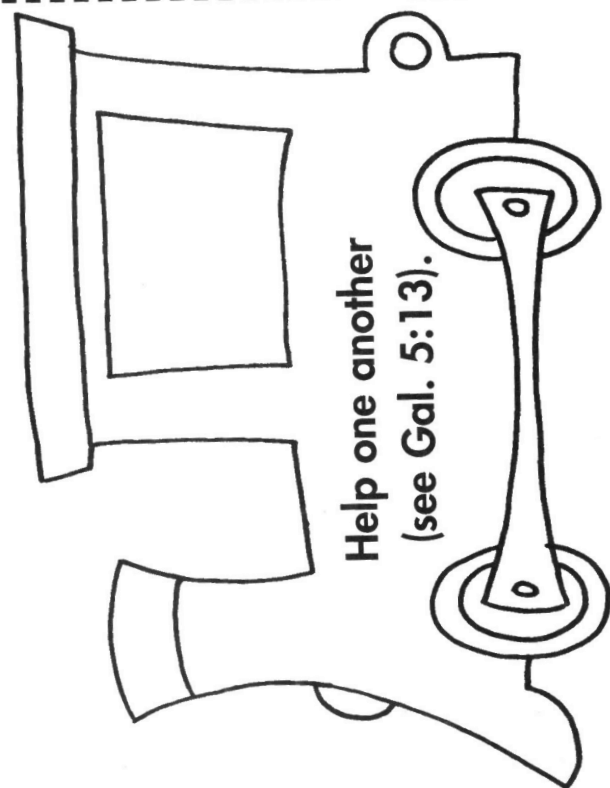
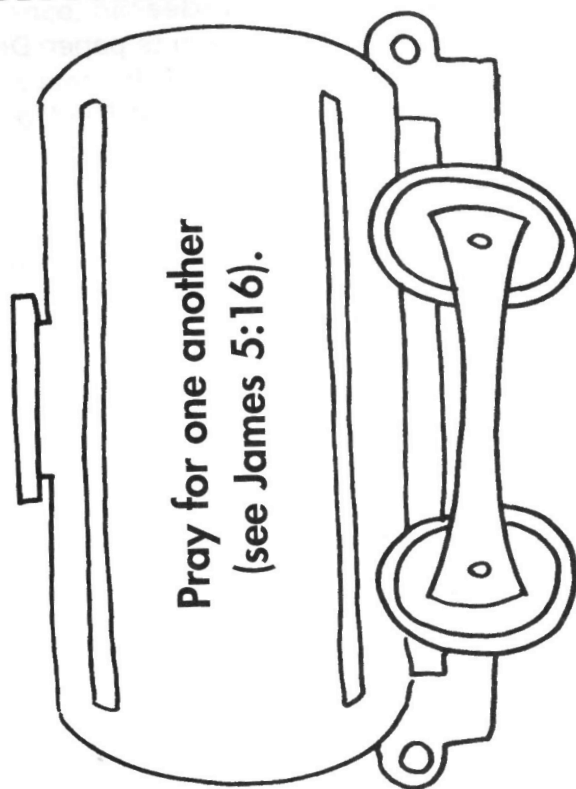
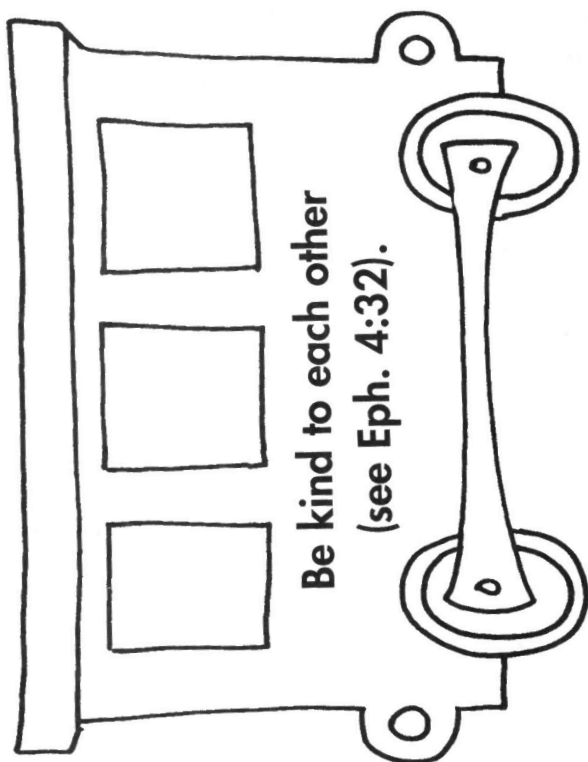
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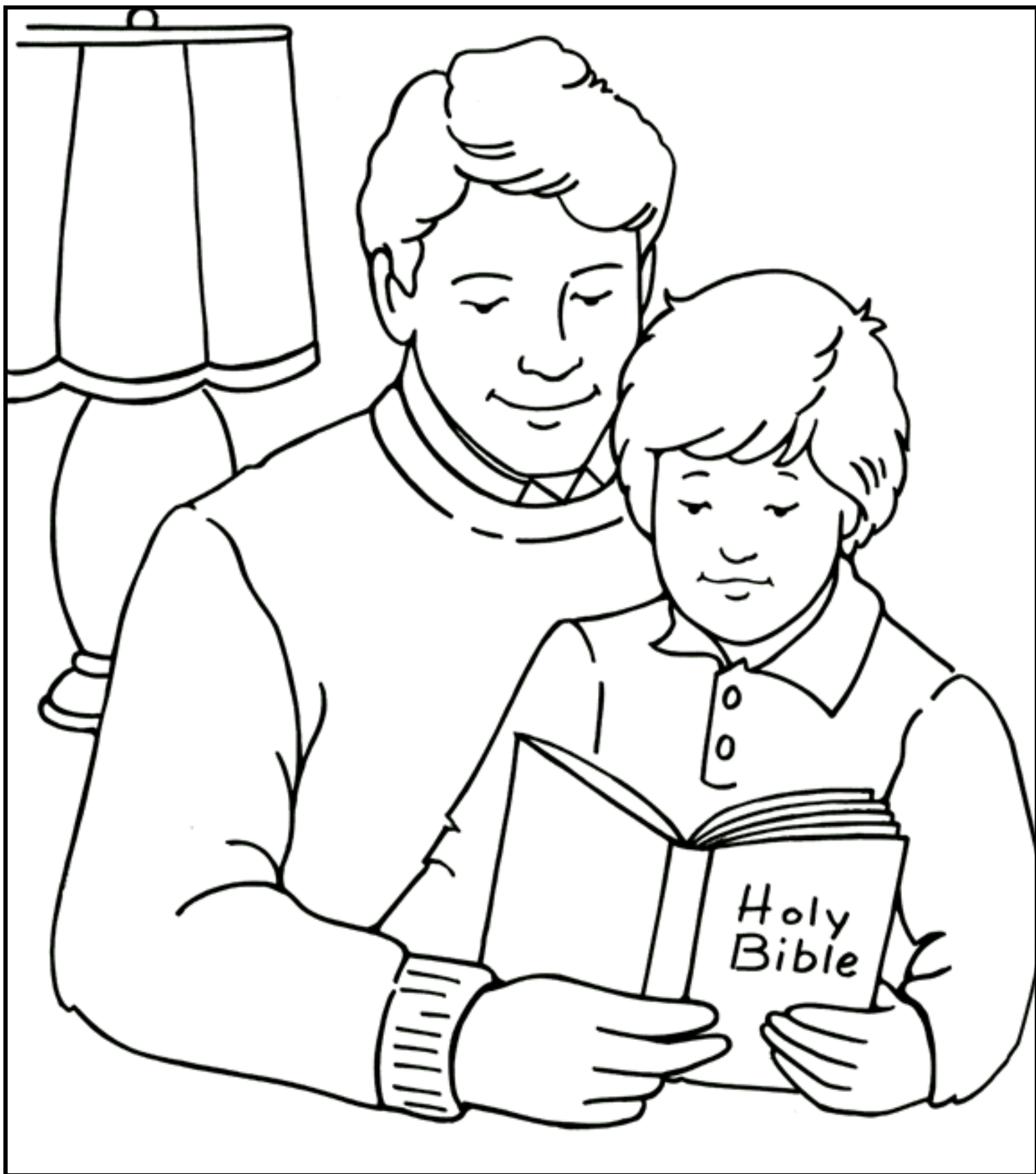
Noah and the Ark

David & Goliath

List of the 12 Disciples

***Share with your child some of your favorite scriptures,
favorite stories, fun facts! Spend time in the Word together, reading,
studying, and discovering!***

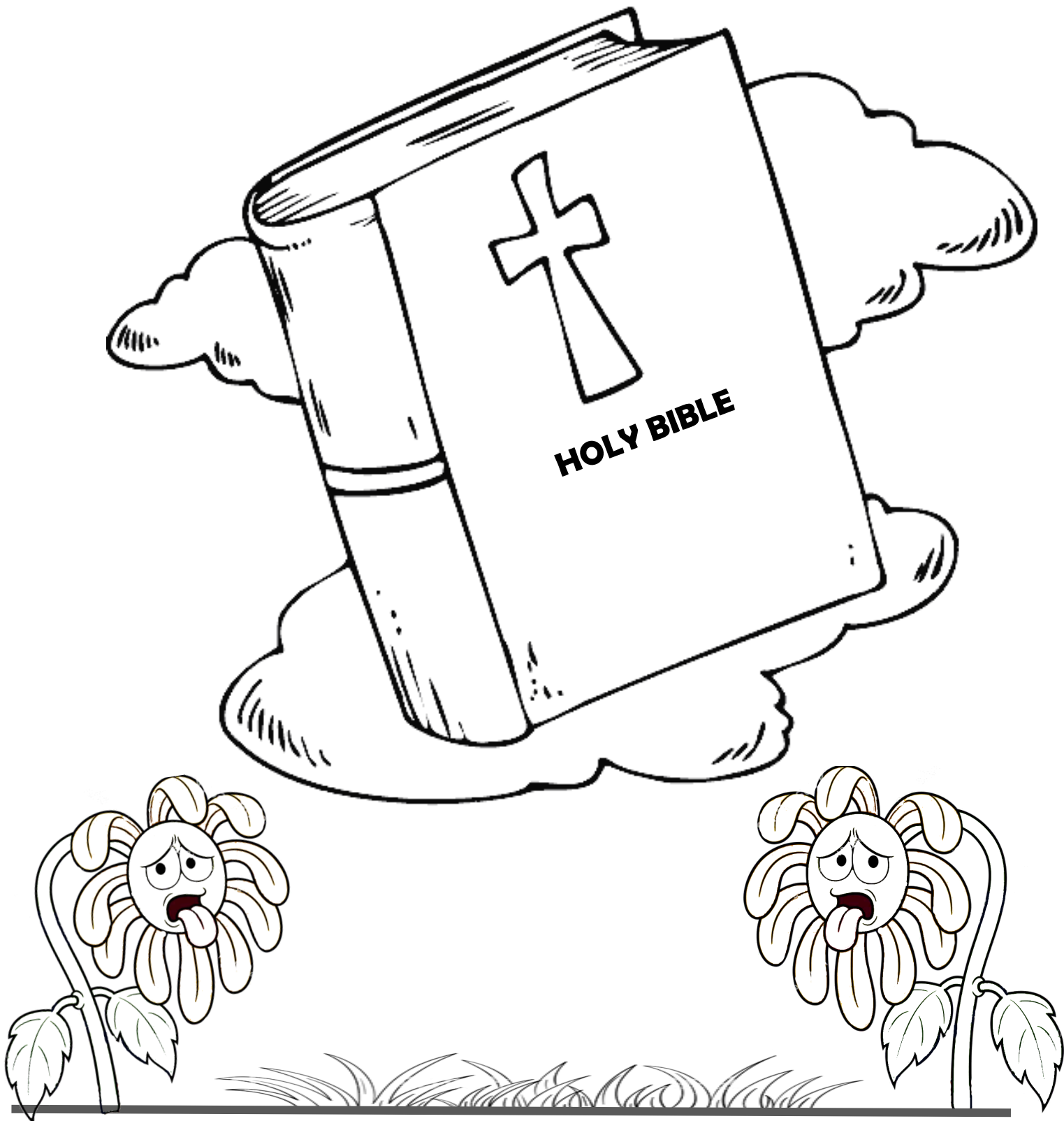




The Bible is God's Word, the Truth, for all time, for all people.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever!

Isaiah 40:8





Scriptures for this week's Sword Drills!



2 Timothy 3:16	John 17:17	Romans 1:16	1 Peter 1:16	John 8:32
Psalms 119:160	Isaiah 55:10-11	Matthew 4:4	Joshua 1:8	Jeremiah 29:11
Isaiah 40:8	Psalms 119:05	John 1:1	James 1:22	Revelations 1:3
Psalms 119:90	1 Corinthians 1:18	1 Samuel 2:2	Ephesians 6:7	Colossians 3:16
Hebrews 4:12-13	Matthew 24:35	Leviticus 19:2	Philippians 4:13	Galatians 6:9

How to Have a Sword Drill for All Ages

The Bible is your sword—or your tool / weapon to help you divide (decide) right from wrong. A **Sword Drill** is a fun way to learn to find scriptures! You can play this game with family or friends. Everyone needs a Bible, and one person will act as the Drill Master. The object of the game is to be the first person to find the scripture. Play as many rounds as you like. Keep score or don't keep score. The more you play, the better you will get at finding scriptures in any book of the Bible! Here is how you can have fun with your family / friends AND learn to use God's Word:

Sword Drill for those who can read:

Assign someone to be the Drill Master. (*Leads the game, calls out the scripture, determines who was first.*)

Have all the players stand in a row with their Bibles.

Drill Master Says: Attention!

Players stand at attention with their Bibles in hand at their side.

Drill Master Says: Draw Swords!

Players should hold their Bible in the air with a straight arm (like you've just drawn a sword from your belt!)

Drill Master: Give the complete scripture reference: the book, the chapter, the verse(s)

(e.g. John 3:16)

Drill Master: Repeat the scripture reference, and then shout CHARGE!

Children now race to find the reference, place their finger on the verse, and then step forward to be recognized.

Drill Master: Waits until all players have found the reference. Then have someone read the scripture aloud.

Repeat as long as children are interested.

Alternative Methods of Play:

Are the children beginners?

- Start by challenging them to find just a book in the New Testament, or the Old Testament.
- Move up to challenging them to find a particular book of the Bible.
- Getting better? Move up to finding particular scriptures.

New Challenge!

- Ask everyone in your family to name their favorite Bible story.
- Find the story in the Bible.
- What is the scripture reference? *Book, chapter, verse(s)*

Sword Drills for Non-Readers

Play the same as for those who CAN read using a drill master, calling players to attention, asking them to Draw Swords, telling them what to find, and shouting Charge! (*See instructions for those who can read.*)

The difference:

Use Picture Bibles. Do a little digging before you begin. Choose ten Bible story pictures (some Old and some New Testament) that you know each player has in their Bible.

Use the picture as the 'scripture reference' you would call out. For example, *The Story of Noah and his ark!*

The first player to find the picture wins that round.

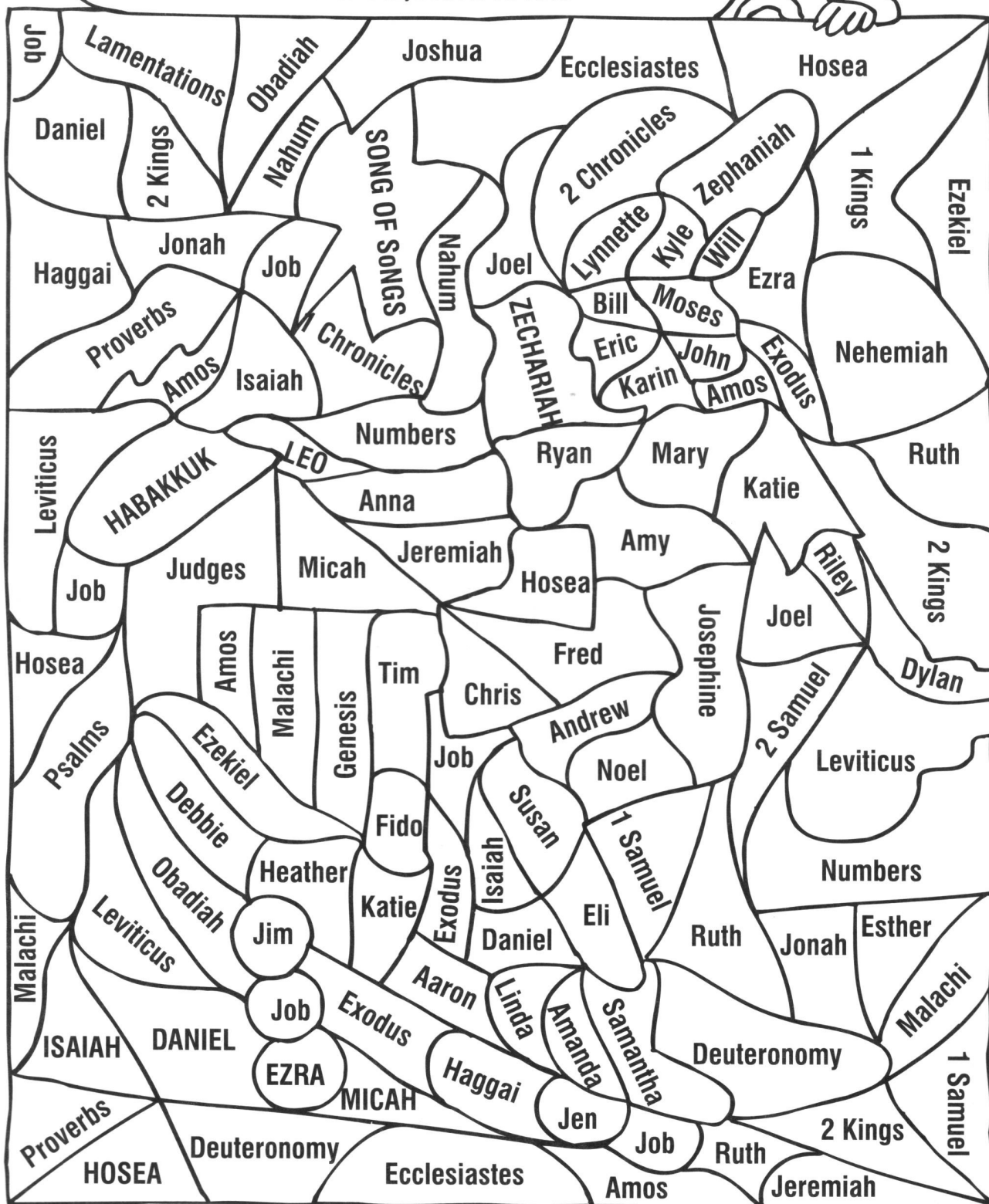
Options:

- Do you have Bible story picture cards from previous lessons? Use those pictures for this game.
- As children are looking for pictures ask them if they think this story happened before or after Jesus was born (in the old or new testament.)

Play as long as children are interested.

Old Testament Surprise

Color in each section that contains a book of the Old Testament. You'll find a picture of someone who is not found anywhere in the Bible.



Hint: Use the contents page in your Bible.

Swimming Divisions

POOL RULES:

(2) Find the Old Testament book names written below. Draw a line to match each set of books to its division above.

(1) To discover the names of the Old Testament divisions, follow the arrows and change each letter in the inner tubes to the letter that comes before it in the alphabet. Write the name you find on the line below each inner tube.

