

#### Get Started:

- **Print the activity sheets** or have them available for viewing. (On the church web site: [www.bridgelife360.com/homechurch](http://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](http://www.bridgelife360.com/homechurch). You may need to scroll to the middle of the page.) **The Pre-K's should enjoy this one!**

#### 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.

- Continue practicing **memorizing the books of the Bible** in order. (Activity Sheet included for this.)
- Work on **memorizing today's memory verse: 2 Timothy 2:15**. Make it fun and easier to memorize by adding motions, rhythm and movement. Write the verse on paper, cut the words apart, mix them up, and then put the words in order. Or use a piece of paper and have kids copy the verse, and then roll the paper up into a scroll.
- **There are coloring sheets and a coloring sheet of the memory verse available for download.**
- **Sword Drills**—there is an activity sheet with instructions on leading sword drills for both readers and non-readers! F-U-N!
- Older kids will enjoy the **Bible Basics** activity sheet.
- **Look up these fun facts: (Look up the scripture and see what's up!)**
  - Longest chapter in the Bible: Psalm 119. Shortest? Psalm 117
  - Shortest verse in the Bible: John 11:35. Longest? Esther 8:9
  - What does the first verse in the Bible say? Genesis 1:1
  - What does the last verse in the Bible say? Revelation 22:21
  - Who was the oldest man in the Bible? Genesis 5:27
  - What man in the Bible never died? (There are TWO!) Genesis 5:24; 2 Kings 2:11
  - Who was the tallest man in the Bible? 1 Samuel 17:4
  - Where were God's followers first called Christians? Acts 11:26
  - When the donkey talked, what did he say? Numbers 22:28

***Share with your child some of your favorite scriptures,  
favorite stories, fun facts!***

***Spend time in the Word together, reading, studying, and discovering!***

# The Books of the Bible



# 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.

## 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:

- Did you color and place the Bible story pictures in last week's lesson? 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.**

**Have readers and non-readers?** Let them all play together. Give the scripture reference for readers, and the story picture description for non-readers. See who can find it first!

## Some Suggested Scriptures to find:

Luke 3:23	Ephesians 6:17	1 Timothy 6:12	Jonah 1:17	Titus 3:14
Titus 3:2	2 Samuel 7:9	Numbers 7:89	Acts 7:55	James 4:8
Exodus 13:21	Proverbs 3:9	Hebrews 4:12	Jude 2	2 Peter 3:9
Psalms 140:7	Zechariah 4:6	Nahum 1:7	Joel 2:28	2 Timothy 2:15



# BIBLE BOOKS

## Bible Book Basics



Draw an arrow in the box to show which way you have to go in your Bible to move from the first book listed to the second book listed.

FROM	TO
Psalms	Leviticus
Mark	John
1 Corinthians	Ephesians
Romans	1 Thessalonians
Jeremiah	Micah
Haggai	1 Kings
Ezekiel	Acts

Use your Bible to fill in the correct answers.

The book

before Ecclesiastes \_\_\_\_\_

after Joshua \_\_\_\_\_

before Jude \_\_\_\_\_

after Ezra \_\_\_\_\_

before Micah \_\_\_\_\_

after Luke \_\_\_\_\_

before 1 Peter \_\_\_\_\_

after Job \_\_\_\_\_

**Down**—Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus

**Across**—First book of the Bible

Fill in the answers to the cross puzzles.

**Down**—Fifth book in the Old Testament  
**Across**—New Testament book starting with H

**Down**—First book of the New Testament  
**Across**—Last of Paul's letters beginning with the letter T

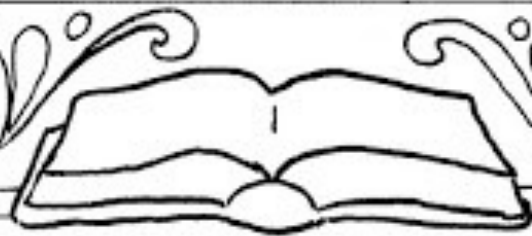
**Down**—Either one of two of the books of Prophecy would fit here  
**Across**—Book of Prophecy beginning with N



**I can read God's Word anywhere—anytime!**

# Reading God's Word





Study to show  
yourself  
approved unto  
God, a workman  
that needs not  
to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing  
the word of  
truth.

2 Timothy 2:15



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