

Faith-Builders Sunday Morning Workout
September 11, 2011
"What's a Bible?"

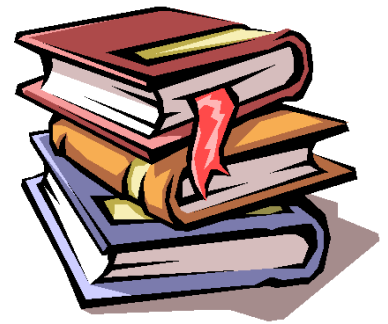
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Class Goal: to become more familiar with the Bible, its structure and purpose.

Belong

STORY TIME

- 1) What is the name of your favorite book?
- 2) Who is the author of that book?



- 3) Who is your favorite story-teller? *(Not an author ... a story-teller!)*
- 4) What favorite story do you remember that person telling?

5) Why do you enjoy the books / stories that are your favorites?

- because they are entertaining / funny
- because they teach something interesting
- because they tell about something important
- because they are scary / exciting
- because they tell about somebody I know and love
- because they help me know who I am

Believe

BIBLE BASICS



- The Bible is divided into two major sections,

The _____ Testament and

The _____ Testament.

- The Bible is not a book but a _____ (a collection of books,) and there are _____ books in the library we call the "Bible".
- The Old Testament – which contains _____ books – tells the story of God's promise to the _____ and was mostly written in a language called _____.
- The New Testament – which contains _____ books – tells the story of God's promise to _____ and was originally written in a language called _____.
- The writing of the Bible took place over about _____ centuries and is the work of more than _____ human authors.

WHAT'S A BIBLE GOOD FOR?

- It is a guide for living life to the full. It gives us a road map for the perilous journey of life.
- It is a storehouse of wonderful stories. In these stories we recognize the triumphs and failures of ordinary people - and we may even see ourselves!
- It is a refuge in trouble. People in pain, in suffering, in prison, in mourning, tell how they turned to the Bible and found strength there in their desperate hours.
- It is a treasury of insight as to who we are. We are not meaningless robots, but we are children of a God who loves us and gives us a purpose and a destiny.
- It is a sourcebook for everyday living. We find standards for our conduct, guidelines for knowing right from wrong, principles to help us in a confused society where so often “anything goes.”



THINK ABOUT IT

God gave us the Bible to serve as one of the cornerstones of our faith. We can be inspired by the Bible. We can learn from the Bible. We can develop a deeper relationship with God through the Bible. The Bible is a special gift from our loving God.

But rather than making the Bible our friend, we make it a mystery. What questions do you have about the Bible? In the box below, write one question you have about the Bible.

HOMEWORK!!

Ask an adult how they feel about the Bible. Is it scary to them? Confusing? Comforting? What – to them – is good about the Bible? What – to them – is difficult about the Bible? (Do you agree or disagree with their answers?)

Become



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Solve the mystery below by using your new-found Bible skills!

1. In Exodus 5:11, the Israelites had to go find their own _____.
_____.
2. In Luke 15:15, the animals which the young man got a job feeding were _____.
3. In 1 Samuel 17:43, the giant Goliath jokes that David is treating him like a dog because he comes at him with _____.
4. In John 10:12, Jesus talks about a _____ that comes in and scatters the sheep.
5. In Genesis 11:3, the people agree that they should get together and make a batch of _____.
6. What familiar story ties the words above all together?

PJ'S BIBLE BOOK CHEAT SHEET

THE OLD TESTAMENT

THE TORAH	GENESIS
	EXODUS
	LEVITICUS
	NUMBERS
	DEUTERONOMY
THE HISTORY BOOKS	JOSHUA
	JUDGES
	RUTH
	1 SAMUEL
	2 SAMUEL
	1 KINGS
	2 KINGS
	1 CHRONICLES
	2 CHRONICLES
	EZRA
	NEHEMIAH
	ESTHER
THE WISDOM BOOKS	JOB
	PSALMS
	PROVERBS
	ECCLESIASTES
	SONG OF SOLOMON
THE PROPHETS	ISAIAH
	JEREMIAH
	LAMENTATIONS
	EZEKIEL
	DANIEL
	HOSEA
	JOEL
	AMOS
	OBADIAH
	JONAH
	MICAH
	NAHUM
	HABAKKUK
	ZEPHANIAH
	HAGGAI
	ZECHARIAH
	MALACHI

THE NEW TESTAMENT

THE GOSPELS	MATTHEW
	MARK
	LUKE
	JOHN
A HISTORY	ACTS
PAUL'S LETTERS	ROMANS
	1 CORINTHIANS
	2 CORINTHIANS
	GALATIANS
	EPHESIANS
	PHILIPPIANS
	COLOSSIANS
	1 THESSALONIANS
	2 THESSALONIANS
THE PASTORAL LETTERS	1 TIMOTHY
	2 TIMOTHY
	TITUS
	PHILEMON
OTHER LETTERS	HEBREWS
	JAMES
	1 PETER
	2 PETER
	1 JOHN
	2 JOHN
	3 JOHN
	JUDE
A FUTURE VISION	REVELATION

