

# Levels of Bible Skills



## IDENTIFYING THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS

Kids can move from knowing that the Bible is a book, to being able to locate the Old and New Testaments, to being able to identify all the books in the Old Testament and all the books in the New Testament.



## PRONOUNCING BIBLE PEOPLE & PLACES

Babies can hear names of the books of the Bible and even pronounce some by the time they are older preschoolers. They can develop the ability to pronounce most names of Bible people, places, and things by their preteen years.



## FINDING THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Babies can touch, hold, and turn the pages of the Bible. As they grow and mature, kids can learn to locate some books and eventually can locate all the books in limited time frame.



## TELL OTHERS ABOUT THE BIBLE

Beginning by simply helping open the Bible to a marked verse or story, children can grow in their ability to locate specific verses or references. As preteens, they can begin to tell others the meaning of a verse or passage.



## MEMORIZING BIBLE VERSES

Babies can repeat short, 3-5 word phrases. By the time they are in early elementary school, they can memorize a few individual verses. Preteens can memorize Bible passages and quote up to 75 verses.



## LOCATING BIBLE VERSES

While babies can only listen to brief Bible stories, middle and older children can locate often-used verses from memory, such as the Ten Commandments or the Sermon on the Mount.



## UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Children can move from knowing that the Bible tells about God and Jesus, to knowing God's plan of salvation, to knowing how to use the Bible to tell someone about God and Jesus.



## ASSOCIATING BIBLE PEOPLE WITH SPECIFIC BIBLE BOOKS

Babies and preschoolers start by simply hearing the names of God and Jesus and can advance to remembering the names of familiar Bible people. As they mature, kids can eventually identify prominent Bible people by the books in which their stories are recorded.



## PRACTICING DAILY BIBLE READING

Babies begin by hearing verses at home. As younger children learn to read, they can use the Bible for daily reading. Older kids can gain the ability to use the Bible devotionally and establish a discipline of daily Bible reading.



## APPLYING THE BIBLE

Preschoolers can hear verses that relate to everyday activities and begin to apply verses to life. In time, kids can discover and apply truths in a Bible passage and apply biblical principles to personal and social issues.



## RESEARCHING BIBLE AUTHORS

Beginning by hearing that God told people to write the Bible, children can grow toward identifying writers who wrote multiple books, and then use Bible study resources to gather information about writers.



## RECITING BIBLE BOOKS IN ORDER

Kindergartners can understand that each main part of the Bible is divided into smaller parts called books. Throughout elementary school, kids can begin to know the books of the Bible in order. By the time they are preteens, they can name all the books in a limited time frame.



## NAMING BIBLE DIVISIONS

Kids can begin to master naming the 10 divisions of the Old and New Testaments in early elementary school. As preteens, they can name them in a limited time frame.



## USING EXTRABIBLICAL RESOURCES

Elementary-age kids can move from the ability to use the contents page of the Bible to other resources, such as Bible dictionaries, commentaries, etc.

