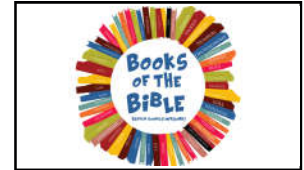


# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

## LESSON SNAPSHOT



### **BOTTOM LINE:**

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### **OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will memorize the last 9 books: Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, and Revelation.

### **KEY PASSAGE:**

Revelation 21:1-7, A New Heaven and Earth

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

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### **SUMMARY:**

The Bible ends with a few more books from Jesus’ closest friends and followers, including a stunning book of prophecy about the end of times. These books encourage us to keep the faith and remember God is in control.

### **SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for promising to take us to heaven if we put our faith in you.*

*In Jesus’ name,*

*Amen*

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2 TIMOTHY 3:16 NIV

*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.” 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)*

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### **LARGE GROUP:**

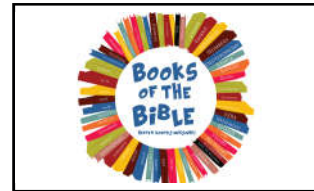
Split the main group in two. See which group can recite the memory verse from memory the loudest.

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Put each word of the memory verse on a card. Have the kids rearrange the cards and put the words in order.

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## SKIT



### THE END IS HERE!

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

None

#### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

#### CHARACTERS:

Mike and Elaine - Bible fans

*Mike and Elaine enter.*

MIKE: Hey guys, I'm Mike.

ELAINE: And I'm Elaine.

MIKE: And we are Bible fanatics!

ELAINE: You guys are not going to believe this but today we reach the end of the Bible!

MIKE: I can't believe it's here already. Seems like only yesterday we were learning Genesis, Exodus, and Leviticus.

ELAINE: And now, it's time to bring the Bible to its big finale.

MIKE: After Paul's letters, the New Testament gives us several more letters, most written by close friends of Jesus.

ELAINE: No one knows who wrote the first of those letters, but the author of Hebrews uses the Old Testament scriptures to convince his readers that Jesus is the Christ. Let's pretend we're sipping a cup of freshly-brewed coffee to help us remember Hebrews.

MIKE: James is the next letter, and it may have been written by one of Jesus' earthly brothers, the son of Mary and Joseph. This letter speaks to the Jewish believers, and one of its key passages is where James teaches us to tame our tongues. Point to your tongue to help you remember the message of James.

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ELAINE: The next two books were written by a man who knew Jesus very well, the Apostle Peter. Peter was a fisherman before meeting Jesus, so let's count 1 and 2 on our fingers and then pretend to throw a fishing line to remind us of Peter.

MIKE: The Apostle John wrote a few letters as well. In fact, he wrote not one, not two, but three letters total. Since he's the only one with three letters, let's count 1, 2, and 3 on our fingers to remember First, Second, and Third John.

ELAINE: The last letter is the book of Jude. It's a short letter, like Philemon, with no chapters at all. Let's hold up two fingers to show how short and small Jude's letter is.

MIKE: And finally, we come to Revelation. Revelation was written by John, and it's a book of prophecy. You may remember the Old Testament prophets wrote about Israel's exile and the coming of Jesus. John writes about Jesus' return, when he will come to judge the world and save his people. Let's hold our hands over our eyes like a pair of binoculars and peer into the future as we remember Revelation.

ELAINE: Let's review the last books of the Bible one more time! Sip a cup of coffee for Hebrews. Point to your tongue for James.

MIKE: Count one, two, and throw your fishing line for 1 and 2 Peter. Then count 1, 2, 3 for the three letters of John.

ELAINE: Remember that Jude is a tiny book so hold up two fingers, and remember that Revelation let's us peek into the future with our binoculars.

MIKE: Great work, guys! Now you know all 66 books of the Bible!

ELAINE: Next week, we'll put it all together! See you then!

# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

## HAND MOTION LESSON

*During the middle 10 lessons of this series, there will not be a traditional object lesson. Instead, use this time to teach and reinforce the hand motions that go with each book.*

The Bible ends with several more letters to the new church. These letters were written by other leaders and not by Paul, and each one has a special message for us.

Hebrews was written to the Jewish believers and uses the Old Testament to show that Jesus is the Messiah. Pretend to sip a “brewed” cup of coffee to remember Hebrews.

James also wrote to the Jewish believers and warned us that our tongues are dangerous, like a spark that starts a huge fire. Point to your tongue to remember James.

1 & 2 Peter were written by Jesus’ disciple Peter, and 1, 2, and 3 John were written by the disciple John. Count 1 and 2 with your fingers and throw your fishing line for Peter. Then 1, 2, 3 fingers for John.

Jude is the last letter in the Bible. It’s a short book, and we can remember it’s short by holding two fingers up to show us just how short it is.

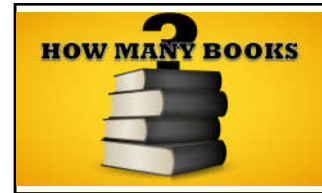
Finally, put on your binoculars and get ready to peer into the future. Revelation is the last book of the Bible. It’s a book of prophecy that tells us Jesus is coming back and preparing a New Heaven for us.

Great job, guys. Now let’s review these letters a few more times.

*Repeat the last books of the New Testament 2-3 times then try to do all 66 books with their hand motions to wrap up the lesson.*

# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

## LARGE GROUP GAME



### HOW MANY BOOKS?

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Buzzers (whoopee cushion, bike horn, or table bell make good buzzer alternatives)

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

This week's game will quiz the kids on how many books share the same names. Give the name of a book of the Bible that has more than one such as Chronicles, Kings, John's letters, Peter's letters, and Corinthians. The kids will buzz in and answer how many of each book there are. To mix it up, throw in a few books that only have one, such as Ruth, Joshua, Matthew, Galatians, etc.

#### VARIATION:

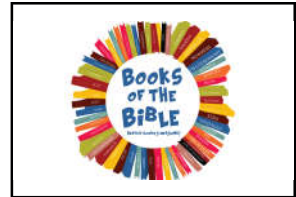
For a tougher challenge, ask the older kids to tell how many books of the Bible are in the Old Testament, New Testament, entire Bible, Gospels, Poetry, Old Testament History, etc.

#### WHAT'S THE POINT?

The whole of the Bible teaches us to keep our faith because Jesus is coming back.

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## LARGE GROUP LESSON



### **BOTTOM LINE:**

The final books in the Bible remind us that Jesus is coming back and to keep the faith.

### **OBJECTIVE:**

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### **KEY PASSAGE:**

Revelation 21:1-7, A New Heaven and Earth

### **INTRO:**

Can you guys believe we've come to the end of the Bible? After eleven long weeks, we've learned the names and hand motions for every single book - 39 in the Old Testament, and 27 in the New Testament!

Today we're learning the last nine books of the Bible, God's final messages to his people. Eight of these books are, like the books we've learned the last two weeks, letters to God's people. The final book is a book of prophecy, a mysterious book called Revelation.

The Bible is a unique book in many ways. For one, it's one big book broken into two parts and sixty-six smaller books. Each book was written to a different audience for a unique purpose, and the books were written over the course of thousands of years. Yet all of these books point to one central message. God created us. God loves us. God sent his son Jesus to save us.

The Bible is also unique because the end of the Bible isn't really an ending. It's a cliffhanger, an open ending with the promise of more stories to tell. In the New Testament, Jesus comes to die for our sins, and his followers establish the church that continues to this day. And the last book of the Bible, Revelation, tells us we have much to look forward to!

### **READ REVELATION 21:1-7**

### **MAIN POINT:**

The Bible doesn't end with more stories or another letter. It ends with a book of prophecy. Revelation tells us that God isn't done with us yet.

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

One of these days, Jesus is going to return. God is going to judge the world, and the world that we know will come to an end.

The Good News for those who know Jesus is that we will be going to a better place. Jesus is preparing a New Heaven and a New Earth where we will live forever! John, the author of Revelation, describes gates made of pearl and streets made of gold. He describes a paradise where there is no need for sunlight or electric light because God is there, and he is the only light we need.

The Bible ends with the promise that one day, we will be with Jesus. One day we will walk on streets of gold. The Bible ends by telling us to keep the faith so that we can live forever with Jesus.

## **DRIVE IT HOME:**

The last nine books of the Bible all teach us that we need to keep our eyes on Jesus. Over and over, these books remind us what Jesus did for us and why. They teach us to love others and live holy lives that will be pleasing to God. And they teach us to keep the faith as we wait for Jesus to come back.

Hebrews is the first of these books and the first letter in the New Testament not written by Paul. The author of Hebrews points to the Scriptures to show that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and he encourages the early church to keep their faith in Jesus.

James also writes to the church, urging Christians to live godly lives. He teaches us to be good witnesses for Christ so that others will believe in Him.

Peter, the disciple turned apostle, wrote two letters to the early church. He wrote one letter to encourage the believers to stand strong when they are persecuted, and he wrote a second to warn them about false teachers.

John wrote three letters that are included in the Bible. John was also concerned about false teachers, and he didn't want believers to fall for their lies. John points the believers back to Jesus, urging them to test what they are taught and to keep their faith in Christ.

Jude is one of the shortest books in the Bible and the last of the letters. Jude wrote about the salvation we can have in Jesus, and he too warned about false teachers.

The Bible concludes with Revelation, John's book of prophecy. Revelation tells us that one day, the false teachers will be called to account, and the sin that has made a mess of our world will be no more. All those who believe in Jesus will live forever with Him, and all the suffering of this world will come to an end.



# LARGE GROUP LESSON

The Bible ends with eight letters and one book of prophecy. These books urge us to keep the faith, to avoid false teachings, and to remember the promise that Jesus will return. These books may be the end of the Bible, but they're not the end of our story. They are the beginning of our story and the promise of a bright future with Jesus.

## **CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for promising to take us to heaven if we put our faith in you.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*

# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

### ICEBREAKER:

Who can go through the entire Bible with the hand motions?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

#### 2 Timothy 3:16

Put each word of the memory verse on a card. Have the kids rearrange the cards and put the words in order.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

#### Read Revelation 21:1-7

What did John see in his vision?

How will this new Heaven and Earth be different from our world?

How can we live forever with Jesus in Heaven?

### ACTIVITY:

**Review the hand motions with the kids for the personal letters.**

Hebrews - Pretend to sip "brewed" coffee from a cup

James - Point to your tongue

1 & 2 Peter - Count 1 and 2 with your fingers, then throw your fishing line

1, 2, and 3 John - Count 1, 2, 3 fingers

Jude - Hold two fingers up (thumb and index) to show Jude is a short book

Revelation - Hold your hands over your eyes like a pair of binoculars

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the Bible and all the promises you've made.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*

# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

## POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

### Q & A

How many letters did Peter write?

TWO

How many chapters are in Jude?

NONE

True or False: The author of Hebrews is unknown.

TRUE

How many books total did John write?

FIVE

What book of prophecy ends the New Testament?

REVELATION

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# MAKE IT STICK

## 5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: HEAVEN SOUNDS AWESOME!



#### IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Ask the kids to teach you the hand motions they learned to help them remember the last nine books of the Bible. See if they can remember all of the books of the Bible from the beginning.



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did some of the letters in the Bible warn against false teachers?
- What is the book of Revelation all about?
- What has Jesus promised he is preparing for us?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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#### PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Your kids have now learned the names of all 66 books of the Bible as well as hand motions for all 66 books. Help them to review the books this week, and ask them what they have learned about the Bible during this series.

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## CRAFT ACTIVITY

Each week, the kids will cut out and make “book spines” for the books of the Bible they learn that week. The goal is by the end of the series, they will be able to put all of these crafts end to end on a wall or other display at home to show all the books of the Bible lined up, if they so choose.

Use construction paper to cut out the book ends. They can either do different colored strips for each book and paste them onto another piece of paper, or they can use one color and use a marker to draw lines to divide the books. Help them write the book names on each book “spine” in order.

This week's books are:

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

3 John

Jude

Revelation