



conversation guide

Basics of the Bible

week 2

How Do I Navigate the Bible?

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks
- Books of the Bible Sticker (provided)

optional icebreaker: would you rather? bible edition

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the “would you rather” questions below and have your group raise their hand for the option they would rather do.

Would you rather...

- Face Goliath with only a slingshot **OR** wander in the desert for 40 years?
- Be a sheep **OR** a shepherd?
- See Jesus walk on water **OR** see Jesus heal a blind man?
- Live as long as Methuselah (969 years) **OR** have as many children as Rehoboam (88)?
- Be imprisoned for two years **OR** be swallowed by a giant fish?
- Experience a plague of locusts **OR** a plague of frogs?
- Have dinner with Moses **OR** with Paul?

do an activity as a group.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a discussion about how the Bible is organized using their **Bibles** and the **Books of the Bible Sticker** in your series kit.

- Hand each student a **Books of the Bible Sticker** and tell them to peel it off and stick it on the inside cover of their Bibles.
- Starting with the **Old Testament**, go through each of the squares of the **Sticker Sheet** and tell your students to fill in the blanks of the squares as you say them. Then, tell them to flip through the books in that category as you describe it to them.



O.T. SQUARE 1: BOOKS OF THE LAW: Genesis - Deuteronomy

- **SAY THIS:** The first five books of the Bible tell us about the Beginning, God’s Creation, His relationship with His people, and His laws.

O.T. SQUARE 2: BOOKS OF HISTORY: Joshua - Esther

- **SAY THIS:** These 12 books tell us about the history of God’s people.



O.T. SQUARE 3: BOOKS OF POETRY & WISDOM: *Job - Song of Solomon*

- **SAY THIS:** *These five books use poetry, songs, and imagery to tell about God and His ways.*

O.T. SQUARE 4: BOOKS OF THE PROPHETS: *Isaiah - Malachi*

- **SAY THIS:** *These 17 books are written by God's prophets.*

N.T. SQUARE 1: THE GOSPELS: *Matthew - John*

- **SAY THIS:** *These four books give accounts of the life of Jesus including His birth, teachings, miracles, death, and resurrection.*

N.T. SQUARE 2: EARLY CHURCH: *Acts*

- **SAY THIS:** *This book outlines the formation of the Christian Church and how the first apostles spread the Good News about Jesus throughout the world.*

N.T. SQUARE 3: CHRISTIAN LIVING: *Romans - Jude*

- **SAY THIS:** *These 21 books explain how faith in Jesus transforms the way His followers should live and creates a unified, multi-ethnic family around the world.*

N.T. SQUARE 4: THE FUTURE: *Revelation*

- **SAY THIS:** *In this book, the disciple John describes the visions that he received about the future of the Church and Jesus' return in the Last Days.*

talk with others about our faith.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a discussion about the Bible using the questions below.

- **ASK:** *Do you think it is important to be able to navigate your Bible? Why or why not?*
- **ASK:** *Is there a category of books in the Old or New Testament that seems more interesting to you? Why?*
- **ASK:** *What is one book of the Bible you want to read next?*

live in a way that honors God.

DO THIS: Give your students the following **LIVE** challenge for the week:

- Memorize all 66 books of the Bible in order this week. There are plenty of videos and songs on YouTube that can help with memorizing the books of the Bible. Next week, we will have a prize for whoever has all the books memorized in order!

