



Many Books



THE MISSION AIM

The Bible is one book made up of many different books, together they give us a better understanding of God.



KEY VERSE

Hebrews 1:1-2: "In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe."



Pre-Mission Activity



Supplies Needed

- Make phone calls or chat with the recruits to remind them to bring their creative ways of sharing Bible verses with them this week (as per last week's field mission); have one or two leaders come prepared to share their creativity
- Paper, Bibles, pencil crayons, markers, crayons
- Tape
- Template of "Favourite Bible Verses" copied and cut into parts so that the recruits can use them to create a picture/design (see attachment page 8)
- Ideas for Bible Stories: Noah, Creation, Jonah, Daniel, Goliath, Christmas, Easter

Directions

DO: Give the recruits a chance to share some of their creative expressions of Bible verses that they were challenged to create throughout the week. If the recruits did not do any, have some leaders share.

DO: Have recruits choose a favourite Bible verse (see Favourite Bible Verses for ideas) or story from the Bible and create a poster of it or act it out. If they don't have ideas make a list of Bible stories together and write them on a sheet of paper to post on the wall. Let them choose from the list.



Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 3 – The Bible Episode 2: Many Books"

Play "The Bible (S3) Episode 2 (1/4)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have TB-Episode_2-Many_Books.pptx ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



Mission #1



Supplies Needed

- Bible for leader and one for each recruit
- Template "Books of the Bible" copied once and cut out; use 8 envelopes to sort each of the books according to the type of writing it is (i.e. Law, Prophecy) so that they are easy to post when playing the game (see attachment pages 9-14)
- Two signs posted on the wall with space underneath them for sticking the names of the books of the Bible; sign one – "Old Testament", sign two – "New Testament"; under the Old Testament have one each of purple (5), brown (12), pink (5) and blue (17) pieces of paper (about 11x17) taped to the wall; under the New Testament have one each of red (4), green (1), orange (21) and yellow (1) paper taped up (The number in brackets is the number of pieces of rolled tape you will need to put on each different colour sheet of paper. You will use this for displaying the types of writing during Mission Assignment #2)
- Masking tape



Mission Assignment

SAY: I remember the days of Sword Drills. Looking up verses from the Bible and seeing who could be the fastest. Unfortunately, it always seemed to be the same people who won and the same people who had barely even opened their Bible before someone had found the reference. I totally get where Simon, Luke and Leah are coming from. I'm thinking our first mission will help them out a lot as they come to understand how the Bible is organized. Let's have a drum roll for Mission # 1 (reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Your mission is to find out how the Bible is organized and how many books make up this mini-library."

SAY: This amazing book (hold up the Bible) is just like a mini-library. What can you tell us about a library?

DO: Give the recruits a chance to answer. (*The books are organized by titles, genres, ages*)

SAY: So, the Bible is one mini-library, given by God and written down by people and put into a book. It's one book but it has lots of little books inside of it and each of these little books is organized into categories like a library. There's the Law with its instructions, the poetry



section, the history section, but I'm getting ahead of myself. As our mission says, our job is to find out how this library is organized.

DO: Give out Bibles or have the recruits collect their Bibles.

SAY: Now, turn to the Table of Contents in your Bible (watch here as some wording may differ for recruits i.e. "contents" vs. "table of contents"). Do you notice that it says, "Books of the Old Testament" and "Books of the New Testament"? Does anyone know what that means?

DO: Give the recruits a chance to answer. (*The Old Testament is before Jesus and the New Testament is after Jesus*)

SAY: So looking in the contents, stand up when you can tell me the first book that is in the Old Testament (*Genesis*).

DO: The same with the last book of the Old Testament (*Malachi*) as well as the first (Matthew) and last for the New Testament (*Revelation*).

SAY: So we have the Old and New Testaments which give us some of the timing of the events in each section. That's handy. I'm thinking that will make Simon's life easier if he figures out which books are Old and which are New. Within the two testaments there are different sections of the mini-library that have different kinds of books, for example, History, Letters, Poems. But, we'll get to those later, I'm sure. Now, we have one more task to do here. We still haven't looked at the number of books in this mini-library.

DO: Get out the slips that have the names of each of the books of the Bible on them.

SAY: I have here each and every book of the Bible on a slip of paper. I am going to call them out and tape them to the wall in two categories, the Old Testament and the New Testament. Every time I call one out, you will yell out what number I'm at as you do the exercise I tell you to do. So, for the first 10 we are going to do jumping jacks. Wait until I call the name of a book out, though. So, for example when I say "Genesis", do one jumping jack and yell "one"!

DO: Go through each book of the Bible and as you do, call out an exercise for each group of 10 books or more. You could do jumping jacks, sit ups, push ups, running on the spot, leg kicks, jump to the side, jump to the front, bend and touch your toes, etc. As you read the books, have someone sticking them up on the wall in the appropriate testament and on the appropriate colour of paper that represents the types of writing.

SAY: Okay, what number did we stop at? (66) That's the total number of books in the Bible. Look up on the wall and you'll see them divided up into two groups. Do a quick count to see how many books are in the Old Testament (39) and then the New Testament (27).

DO: Give the recruits a moment to count.

SAY: What a great mini-library we have here (hold up the Bible). I sure hope it's been helpful for you and that Simon and Luke will better understand how things are organized too. Speaking of Simon, let's go see how he's doing getting his Bible organized. Before we go though let's all jump 66 times to send this Intel back to the Recon Team.





Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "The Bible (S3) Episode 2 (2/4)". Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when MISSION #2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.



Mission #2



Supplies Needed

- Books of the Bible from Mission Assignment #1 divided into their colour coded sections and posted on the wall; one or two pieces of tape rolled and ready at the top of each coloured page so that the descriptions of the types of writing can be taped on as groups finish up
- Template "Group Preparations" copied and cut up into the eight sections listed (see attachment pages 15-16)
- Tape



Mission Assignment

SAY: Rachel sure is an organizer isn't she? I'm glad that as _____ posted the names of the books of the Bible on the wall he/she put them onto particular colours. I have a feeling that will help us in our next mission even though we still don't know quite what each of the colours represents. Hopefully this next mission will help us to understand a bit more of how the Bible is organized and how it can help us to stay focused as we look up verses and chapters. No more chatting, let's find out our mission so that we can get down to work. Drum roll please... Mission # 2 (read mission card from satellite uplink) "Learn about and share the different types of writing styles that are in the Bible and what their focus is."

SAY: I sure hope we are able to help the team out while we do this activity. Simon could sure use some organization. Let's get started. I have eight information pages about the different parts of the Bible. We're going to divide you up and your job will be to read the page and prepare a way to tell the other recruits what you've learned. I want you to tell us the type of writing, a little bit about it and then at least three or four books in that section (if there are that many). You'll only have five minutes to prepare so don't get too fancy. You might want to read what it says in a dramatic way, do a little acting or even prepare a quick song.

DO: Divide the groups as you see necessary to get the eight types of writing covered. If some recruits can work alone that's great, but feel free to partner the groups up. Some groups may need to do two or more summaries.

SAY: Well recruits, now that you've had a moment or two to prepare, let's take some time to share, starting with group one and the Old Testament, the time before Jesus.

DO: Allow each group to share briefly. Give them about 30 seconds each. Pause at the New Testament to remind the recruits that this is when the Bible starts talking about the time after Jesus' birth.



SAY: Thanks for all of your hard work. Please return your information sheets and we'll post them with their appropriate books in the mini-library.

DO: Tape the information pages that you handed out onto the appropriate coloured papers (have another adult or recruit do this during the next game).

SAY: Okay, let's take a moment to review what we've learned. Everyone gather and sit in front of our mini-library of books and types of writing. I'm going to put you into teams. When I say the name of a book of the Bible, your team will quickly discuss what type of book it is and jump up. When I see that your team is up I'll point to you and you can call out the type of writing. Remember, the other teams will be listening so don't be too loud. Let's get started.

DO: Divide the group into teams no bigger than five or six. Play for a few minutes trying to get a book from each category.

SAY: Way to go. You worked well together. I'm sure the team is going to appreciate all of your hard work. When we left him poor Simon was working on understanding how his playlist could help him to figure out the organization of the Bible. Hopefully by breaking it down it will help him, and Luke and Leah for that matter, begin to figure out where to find things in this amazing book. It might help them and us to try to memorize some of the names of the books in the different sections. The best place to start might even be the Gospels. Something to think about when you're at home this week. Anyway, we should get back and see how the team is doing right now. Let's take a quick picture of our wonderful mini-library wall with our trusty Smart phones (have them pretend) and swoosh. To the Recon Team it goes.



Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "The Bible (S3) Episode 2 (3/4)". Pause the video when the FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.



Field Mission Project



Supplies Needed

- One copy per recruit of the "B-I-B-L-E template" and Books of the Bible bookmarks (see attachment pages 17 and 18)
- Pencils

Mission Project

SAY: That was really helpful. Finding out how to look up the specific chapters and verses in the Bible is great. I'm sure that's part of our mission so let's countdown from three for mission # 3... 3-2-1 (Read mission card from satellite uplink) "Recruits, work together to look up verses from the Bible and use one to have some prayer time together."



DO: Hand out the B-I-B-L-E template, the Books of the Bible bookmarks and some pencils.

SAY: You have just received a page that will guide you through some homework this week. The first reference listed there is actually our key verse. Its Hebrews chapter one verses one and two. Let's begin by looking in the table of contents in our Bible to find Hebrews. Is it in the New Testament or the Old Testament?

DO: Give recruits a moment to look up the contents and find out if it's in the New or Old Testament.

SAY: Right, it's in the New Testament. Write that down on your page.

DO: Give the recruits a moment to write.

SAY: Now, let's look at our bookmark. What kind of writing is Hebrews? Right, it's in the letters or epistles section. So, write that down on your chart.

DO: Give a moment to write down the type of writing.

SAY: Now, let's go to Hebrews. Check out the page number in the contents. Now we're going to be looking for a big number one. That will tell us the chapter.

DO: Give the recruits a moment to find Hebrews. Help and encourage other recruits to help as needed.

SAY: Great work. So we know we're looking for chapter one in Hebrews. Fill in the next two boxes on your page.

DO: Give a moment to write.

SAY: Okay, now we're looking for a little one.

DO: Give the recruits a moment to find the verse.

SAY: Now we're actually going to read verses one and two so you can write that down on your chart.

DO: Have recruits write down the verses and read the verses aloud for them.

SAY: Basically what this verse is saying is that in the past God spoke to people like the prophets, who wrote down the words that we now have in the Bible. Then Jesus came to show us how to live and people wrote about His life. Then of course others came and wrote letters and prophecy for us too. We are blessed to have this wonderful word of God.





Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "The Bible (S3) Episode 2 (4/4)". Pause the video when the PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.



Supplies Needed

- Bibles
- The B-I-B-L-E template from Field Mission Project
- Pencils

Directions

SAY: Alright, we're going to look up one more reference to use as our prayer time today. Use your Bible sheet to find 1 Chronicles 29:10-20. If you need help, work together. Feel free to fill in your sheet as you go.

DO: Provide assistance as needed.

SAY: So, Chronicles is in the Old Testament, it's a history book and we're looking at chapter 29 verses 10 to 20. Great. Now, I'm going to read this prayer. This is a prayer that David wrote when his people brought many gifts of gold, silver, bronze and so on to build a temple for God. As I read listen to how he praises God and asks that the people will keep loving God. This is our prayer today. May we praise God and ask that as we study His word, we will keep loving Him.

DO: Have the recruits follow along as you read the prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-20.

SAY: Amen! May we worship God well. We've learned a lot today. The Bible is in two parts, the Old and New Testaments and there are various types of writings that are all grouped together. We also learned how to look up chapters and verses. We are well on our way to becoming independent Bible readers. Way to go. Now have a great week and don't forget to do your homework.



Squad leader, if there is time, look up the other references on the B-I-B-L-E template sheet. If there is not time, dismiss the recruits with the challenge to do this for homework. Again, confirm that all the recruits have a Bible and if they don't be sure to help them get one.



Favourite Bible Verses

Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 13:13: And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (NIV)

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (NIV)

Matthew 7:7: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (NIV)

Matthew 6:33: But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well. (NIV)

Psalms 89:1: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. (NIV)

Psalms 119:9-11: "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (NIV)

Matthew 25:40: "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" (NIV)

Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (NIV)

Psalms 51:10: Create in me a pure heart O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (NIV)

Matthew 6:9-13: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. (NIV)

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE TEMPLATE

1. Genesis

2. Exodus

3. Leviticus

4. Numbers

5. Deuteronomy

6. Joshua

7. Judges

8. Ruth

9. 1 Samuel

10. 2 Samuel

11. 1 Kings

12. 2 Kings

13. 1 Chronicles

14. 2 Chronicles

15. Ezra

16. Nehemiah

17. Esther

18. Job

19. Psalms

20. Proverbs

21. Ecclesiastes

22. Song of Songs

23. Isaiah

24. Jeremiah

25. Lamentations

26. Ezekiel

27. Daniel

28. Hosea

29. Joel

30. Amos

31. Obadiah

32. Jonah

33. Micah

34. Nahum

35. Habakkuk

36. Zephaniah

37. Haggai

38. Zechariah

39. Malachi

40. Matthew

41. Mark

42. Luke

43. John

44. Acts

45. Romans

46. 1 Corinthians

47. 2 Corinthians

48. Galatians

49. Ephesians

50. Philippians

51. Colossians

52. 1 Thessalonians

53. 2 Thessalonians

54. 1 Timothy

55. 2 Timothy

56. Titus

57. Philemon

58. Hebrews

59. James

60. 1 Peter

61. 2 Peter

62. 1 John

63. 2 John

64. 3 John

65. Jude

66. Revelation

Group Preparations

Law

What do you think of when you think of the Law? Rules, expectations, ways to behave?

The first five books of the Bible are called the books of the Law. There's a big huge word for it too, the Pentateuch. You don't have to remember that word quite yet though. It has the Ten Commandments in this section as well as the stories of Creation, The Exodus out of Egypt and many others that you probably know. These are the books on the purple paper (#1-5).

History

What do you think of when you hear history? I hope you don't think boring or tiring. History is filled with the stories of the past. Great stories of people like King David, Samuel, and Esther- a woman who saved her people by obeying God. These are the books on the brown paper. (#6-17)

Poetry/Wisdom

You have an easy one. What do you think of when you think of poetry or wisdom? Rhyming, songs, rhythm, someone who's smart?

The books of Poetry/Wisdom actually include songs, poems and wise sayings. Many of the songs are called Psalms. The Proverbs are wise sayings. There is even a poem about love with kissing in it. Yuck! Seriously it's a great love song. These books are represented on the pink paper. (#18-22)

Prophets

When you think of the Prophets does anything come to mind? This is a tough one. The prophets here are those whom God gave a special message to tell His people. Then that message was written down and became the books of the prophets. The prophets in the Bible are divided into 2 groups, the major prophets and the minor prophets. This major prophets just have longer books than the minor ones (They go from Isaiah to Daniel). The minor prophets are no less important. (They are from Hosea to Malachi) Some of the prophets you may of heard of are Isaiah, Daniel and Jonah. Others have some pretty tricky names and are a little less known. Don't worry if you can't say all the names properly, they are tricky. Your books are the ones on the blue paper. (#23-39).

Gospels

Any thoughts on what the Gospels might be about? Gospel means good news. These books of the Bible are about the Good News of Jesus coming. They tell the story of Jesus' life. They include stories of His birth, life and death. Miracles are everywhere in the gospels including the miracle that Jesus came, died for our sins and rose again. Your books are in the New Testament and are on the red paper. (#40-43)

Early Church History

So, does anyone know what happened during the Early Church? Someone really important came to help us live the life that Jesus called us to live. It was the Holy Spirit. After He came the early church began and the Holy Spirit performed miracles through the first Christians. Many people believed in Jesus. This book is on the green paper. (#44)

Letters/Epistles

Okay, so what is a letter? What is its purpose? In the past, letters were really important ways to communicate because people couldn't phone or text or even travel to see their friends or churches easily. The letters that are in the Bible are letters to encourage, to correct, to challenge and they are written to both individuals and to churches. Many of them are written by Paul (from Romans to Philemon). The rest are general letters written by others (Hebrews to 3 John). These books are on the orange paper (#45-65)

Prophecy

What do you think prophecy might mean? There is only one book in this category. It is the book of Revelation. Does anyone know what the book of Revelation is about? It tells of the future. It is a vision of John who sees some of the awesomeness of heaven and he writes down what he sees. It's just a glimpse of what it will be like. This is the book on the yellow paper. (#66)

The B-I-B-L-E

Your homework is to look up the following verse(s) and record where they are found in the Bible. We'll do a couple together.

Reference	Old or New Testament	Type of Writing	Name of Book	Chapter	Verse(s)
Hebrews 1:1-2					
1 Chronicles 29:10-20					
John 3:16					
2 Timothy 3:16					
(Your Choice)					

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE BOOKMARKS

Print enough copies for each recruit. Cut apart and encourage recruits to keep in their Bible. If possible laminate the bookmark so that it will be more durable.

