



## What is the Bible? (Grades 6-8)

The Bible is an amazing, wonderful and powerful book that has been read by millions of people all over the world. However, when you first start to read the Bible, it may be very confusing. Why do some sections tell stories while others seem to be poetry? What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament? It is our hope that this lesson will help you gain a better understanding of the Bible and encourage you to read it every day. Let's get started!

**Directions:** please fill in the blanks as you watch the video presentation.

1. The Bible is a c\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_ books
2. There are \_\_\_ books in the Old Testament
3. There are \_\_\_ books in the New Testament
4. The Old Testament books were written \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was born
5. The New Testament books were written \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was born
6. There are four basic types of books in the Bible. The first type is  
H\_\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_.

These books tell us about real events that happened a long time ago. Some examples include:

G\_\_\_\_\_ Exodus

J\_\_\_\_\_ Acts

M\_\_\_\_\_



7. The second type of book in the Bible is P\_\_\_\_\_.

These books often use creative imagery (word pictures) to express ideas. The book of P\_\_\_\_\_ includes a collection of songs that people used to (and some still do) sing about God.



8. The third type of book in the Bible is P\_\_\_\_\_.

These books often contain warnings from God to Israel, Judah and other nations to stop sinning and predictions about the future. A lot of them contain prophecies about Jesus. Some of these predictions have already come true while others will be fulfilled when Jesus Christ returns. Some examples of prophetic books include:



Isaiah

Zechariah

M\_\_\_\_\_

R\_\_\_\_\_

9. The fourth and final type of book in the Bible is L\_\_\_\_\_.

These books were written by the Apostles to encourage Christians and answer questions about Jesus, God, and Christianity. The writers of these books were inspired by God (more on this later). These books are named after (1) the person the letter was written to, (2) the church the letter was written to, or (3) the person who wrote the letter. Some examples include:



R\_\_\_\_\_

James

1 Corinthians

E\_\_\_\_\_

T\_\_\_\_\_

Colossians

1 P\_\_\_\_\_

1 Timothy

Galatians

## 10. Who wrote the Bible?

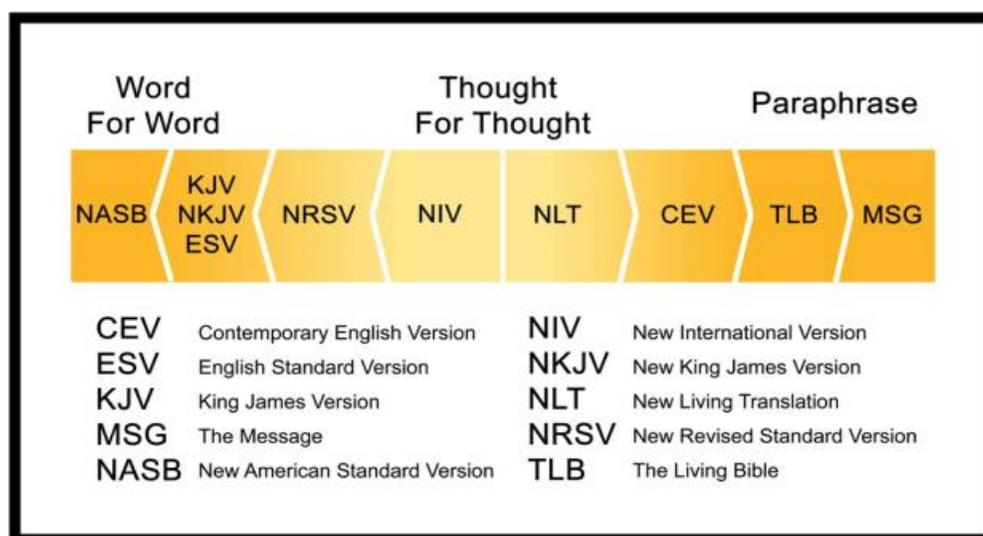
The Bible was written by \_\_\_\_\_ different people over \_\_\_\_\_ years on \_\_\_\_\_ continents yet only had one author. Can you guess who? If you said God, you're right! According to 2 Timothy 3:16, God told (inspired) the people who wrote the Bible what to say:

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness," 2 Timothy 3:16

That is why we call the Bible "God's Word". How do we know that the Bible is really God's Word? We will talk about that in our next lesson: "Can We Trust the Bible?"

Because the Bible is God's Word, we can trust it to answer questions about where we came from, our purpose in life, right / wrong and our eternal destination.

11. Since the books of the Bible was originally written in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic, they had to be translated into English. There are three major approaches to translations (1) word for word (2) thought for thought and (3) paraphrases. The chart below shows how popular translations fit on the spectrum.



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12. Some tips for studying the Bible:

1. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand what you're reading
2. Get a student Bible then read it every day
3. Don't just read the Bible, study it!
4. Go to church every week
5. Remember that the Bible is really all about Jesus Christ



*“For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day.” Exodus 20:11*

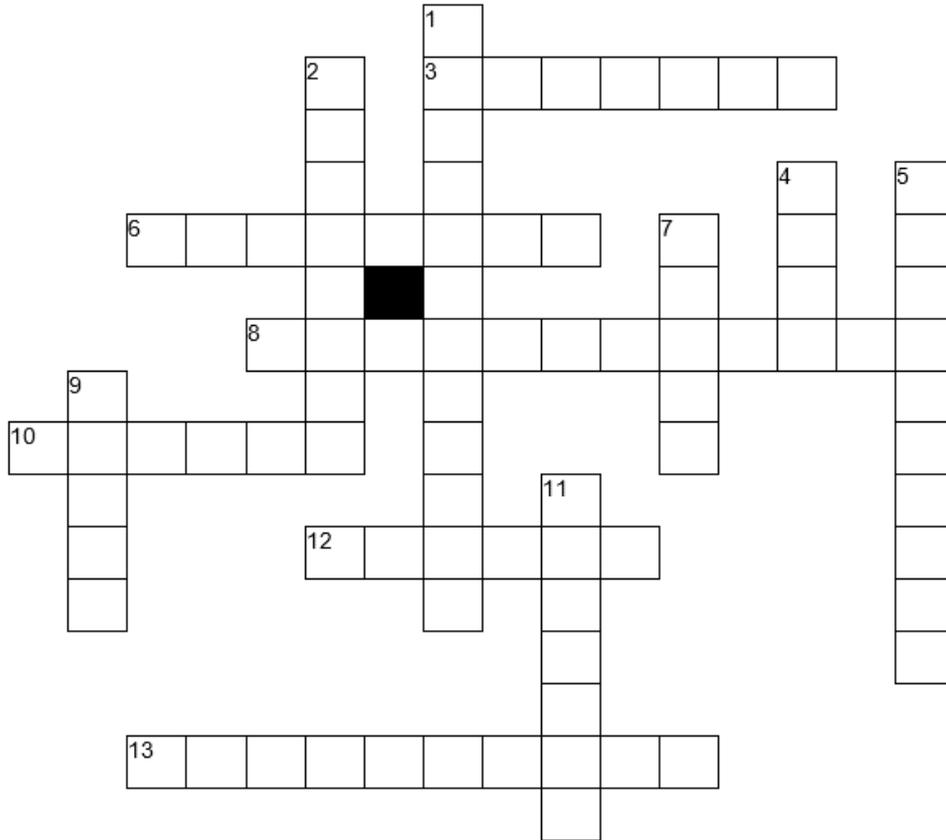
Just for fun

## Books of the Bible

T N U D K Q Z N V D A N I E L K O R E H T S E H  
X Y H T M R G W P L F D P I D A B X J X I Y J N  
D Q N A H Y M A T T H E W R I Z P V H B Z O B Q  
V Q W R G J A O M P G E W H T U R L K X Y L I X  
F F N L Z J F B T V E T S Z N M I F G P A E C J  
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H O N U J U A M E T A V B J L P O I T E H I R G  
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A V J U B O R H B W Q L Y B D I B X N R H S D F  
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P E Q J K Y T P K P U S Z F L W I G I M D O O W  
N G M M I G Q B G C M D U E V T G U A G Z W D E  
B L R H H F H V J L H U X E A E A J E S I C M K  
B N O K B B E B A F F O X L N B X P Z F J C U B  
W L H E I H W S O K D O A E P I H Q P T T H D O  
K W K O F I P Q S U H G S K R A M U U N C O H J  
V I A H J P B T S H Y I R C R F O C Y A O A B L  
A Z F J S W K G C X S C C Q I R O C Z N C Q U L

Titus	Ruth	Romans	Revelation	Psalms	Proverbs
Matthew	Mark	Luke	Leviticus	Jonah	Job
James	Exodus	Esther	Deuteronomy	Daniel	Genesis
Galatians					

# Bible Crossword



**Across**

- 3. The book of Romans is an example of this type of book
- 6. Predictions about the future
- 8. Section of the Bible written after Jesus was born
- 10. Psalms is an example of this type of book
- 12. Historical book that contains a lot of prophecies
- 13. The last book of the Bible

**Down**

- 1. Section of the Bible written before Jesus was born
- 2. Revelation is an example of this type of book
- 4. One of the four gospels
- 5. Type of book in the Bible that tells about past events
- 7. This book of the Bible means "songs"
- 9. Was swallowed by a giant fish
- 11. First book of the Bible