



BIBLE BASICS WEEK 7: Take Home Activity

References – Part 2

Today, after learning all the different parts of the Bible (Testaments, books, chapters and verses), we put them together to make a reference.

Reference: A reference tells us where to turn in our Bibles. It always has a book, chapter and verse(s).

A reference is just like an address. Just like an address tells us where to find someone's house or where to find a place we want to go to (like the church, Yogurtland or Chick-Fil-A), a reference tells us where to go to find a specific place in the Bible.

When writing or reading a reference, the order always stays the same. The book comes first, the chapter comes second and the verse(s) comes third. It goes "Book, chapter, verse. Book, chapter, verse." Have your kid(s) repeat this with you.

When reading a reference, the size of the chapter and the verse numbers are the same. In the Bible, chapters are the big numbers and verses are the little numbers, but when reading a reference, we can see that they are the same size. Whenever we read or write a reference, we remember that the order stays the same! It always goes book, chapter, verse. Have them repeat this one more time.

Family Activity: Provided are a few coloring sheets to continue to help your kiddo recognize the book, chapter and verse in a Bible reference. Have your kids color or underline the book in blue, the chapter in green and the verse in red. For each verse, grab your child's ESV Children's Bible and use the Table of Contents to find which testament the book is in. Lastly, find each reference in the Bible, read them together and spend time talking about each verse. Below are a few examples of talking points for each verse:

Point out that each of these books has a number in its name. Ask your child, "What number do you see that is part of the name?" Explain that there are several books in the Bible that have a number before the name. This number is not a chapter and is not a verse but is part of the name of the book!

- **3 John 1:11** – 3 John is tricky because the number 3 is not a verse or a chapter but a part of the book! Also, because this book is only one page, most of the time we can't see the chapter. The book's name is 3 John and it only has one chapter. This is tricky, but you'll get the hang of it!
- **1 Samuel 16:7** – Is this book in the Old Testament or the New Testament? Do you think God is more concerned about what our outsides look like or what our insides look like? Why do you think that? God cares most about our heart!
- **1 Peter 2:22** – Who do you think this verse is talking about? Jesus! Let's read this verse again and instead of saying "He" we are going to say "Jesus." Jesus was completely perfect and He never sinned, not even one time!