



BIBLE BASICS WEEK 9: Take Home Activity

TBCV Definitions + Review

We have finished our series of introducing each part of the Bible: Testaments, books, chapters and verses! It has been a great semester so far, and I am so encouraged by the progress all of our first graders have made! We will continue to review each weekend in KidCity, and I encourage you to do the same at home! Included on this sheet is a list of the definitions we use in class, as well as our step-by-step process to look up a verse to use as a reference when you practice together at home. If you have not received any of our parent resources (TBCV Memory, color pages, etc.) or need ideas on how to make this successful at home, do not hesitate to email Sidney (sidney@citizenschurch.com).

TBCV Definitions

Table of Contents: A list of all the different parts of a book. The Table of Contents helps us to find specific books in the Bible. There are 66 books of the Bible, and the Table of Contents lists them all.

Testament: The Bible is broken up into two parts, what happened before Jesus was born and what happened after.

Old Testament: The Old Testament comes first, and most of the books in the Bible are in the Old Testament. In the Old Testament, we learn God created everything, sin entered the world and broke everything, and God made a promise to send a Savior to fix it.

New Testament: The New Testament comes after the Old Testament and is toward the back of the Bible. In the New Testament, we learn that Jesus came to save sinners by dying on the cross.

Book: Each Testament is made up of smaller parts called books. The Bible is one big book that has many shorter books inside of it. The Bible has 66 different books; there are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament! The books are the ones with names, like Genesis, Job and James.

Chapter: Each book in the Bible is divided into even smaller parts called chapters. Chapters are the big numbers in the Bible. Chapters are there to help us understand when new ideas are being explained.

Verse: Each chapter is divided one more time, making the smallest part of the Bible. The verses are the little, black numbers. When we put books, chapters and verses together, they create a reference.

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

Find a Reference!

Step-by-step instructions to help your kids find a verse in the Bible!

Below you will find an example sequence that our leaders use when describing how to look up a book using the Table of Contents. This is just a reference and of course is not the only way! You'll notice that there is a lot of repetition and this is intentional. Repetition is key in helping our kids to hear, see and understand the makeup of the Bible.

1. **What book are we looking for? What is it about?** Simply start by stating the book you are looking for. If possible, share with them how that book of the Bible fits into God's big story of redemption. Ex: Esther 10:3. The book of Esther shows us that God is always working and is always faithful, even when things seem really bad or really hard!
2. **Table of Contents:** The first thing we are going to do is open up to the Table of Contents! The Table of Contents is one of the very first pages in the Bible!
3. **Testament:** The book we are looking for today is in the Old Testament! These are all the true stories that happened before Jesus was born.
4. **Book:** Since we know this book is in the Old Testament, we are going to look at all the books in the Old Testament. I am looking for Esther, a book that starts with "E" and ends with "R."
5. **Page Number:** I found it! Right here! I am going to slide my finger all the way across these little tiny dots until I get to the page number. I got to the end! Esther starts on page 527.
6. **Find the Book:** 527 has three digits and starts with a 5. Take a big jump (turning several pages at one time) until you see a 5 at the beginning of the page numbers. Once I see the 5, I will make teeny-tiny jumps (turning a few pages at a time) until I find the second digit, 2, and the third digit, 7 – page number 527. Once you find page 527, show them the page that says "Esther" at the top. *Note: In the Bible we use, the first page of each book does not have the page number at the top. You can remedy this by explaining to them that we can find the page number before, page 526, and then just flip one more.*
7. **Find the Chapter:** Now we are going to find chapter 10! Remember, we are looking for the big number 10, the big, green number!. Let's count the big numbers until we get to number 10. "1... 2..." etc.
8. **Find the Verse:** Now we are going to find the little numbers! Verses are the little numbers. After you see the BIG number 10, can you find the little number 3?
9. **Repeat, repeat, repeat!**

***Note:** First graders at this point in the year do not generally understand numbers in the thousands. Talk to them about the number of digits in a page number. For example, James starts on page 1310. Let them know they are looking for a page number that has four digits. They need to find the first digit first, etc.. The first digit is a 1, the second digit is a 3, and now I look for the number 10 – page 1310.*