

Learn the Books of the Bible by Groups

Learning the Books of the Bible by groupings. Rather than asking students memorize all the books of the bible in order, it is easier to have them memorize the different groups, and if time, which books belong in which groups. Keep this page posted so that when a scripture reference comes up in the normal course work the teacher can stop and ask students what group it comes from. Practice all year.

The books of the bible can be compiled into different groups:

Old Testament Groups:

The Pentateuch (Greek word meaning 5, the first 5 books of the bible)– Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Historical books (tells the story of the rise and fall of Israel) – Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2nd Samuel, 1 & 2nd Kings, 1 & 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1 & 2nd Maccabees

Wisdom books (collection of words of wisdom for living a Godly life)– Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach

Prophetic books (God’s messages to the people of Israel, words of warnings and words of hope)– Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

New Testament Groups:

The Gospels (the life of Jesus Christ) – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Historical book – (the beginning of the Church, the actions of the apostles) Acts

Pauline Epistles (Letters that St. Paul wrote) Romans, 1 & 2nd Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2nd Thessalonians, 1 & 2nd Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews

General Epistles (other letters from various authors) James, 1 & 2nd Peter, 1, 2 & 3rd John, Jude

Revelation (St. John’s vision recorded, relying on symbols and prophetic knowledge of end times)