

GOD'S GOOD CREATION

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

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Key Verse:

God saw everything that [God] had made, and indeed, it was very good.
Genesis 1:31

The Point:

God declares that creation is good.

Making Connections:

God Provides Blessings

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

What Is the Bible?

Spiritual Practice:

Worship



BACKGROUND FOR TEACHERS

Making Connections

The Narrative Lectionary, just like the Bible itself, begins with the story of creation. This is the story of beginnings. In fact, our name for this book of the Bible comes from the Greek word for “origin.” How a story begins is critical to understanding the story as a whole.

Story Summary:

God’s Good Creation

It is in the first verse of Genesis where we meet the main character of the Bible: God. But all ancient peoples had one or more gods, so how do we know which god we are talking about? Genesis introduces God as the Creator of all things. This is the God we are talking about.

This creation is good. From ancient times to now, some religious people have thought that the physical world is somehow bad or second-rate. The story of creation in Genesis, however, repeats over and over that what God created was called good. And if God called the world of energy and matter good, then it is good!

Not only does the story of creation emphasize that all of creation is good, but it also emphasizes that all humans—without exception—are created in God’s image. The “image of God” has much depth in meaning, but this lesson focuses on the fact that this makes each student special and beloved of God, and that we have the responsibility to treat all other image-bearers of God with love and respect.

The Point

God declares that creation is good. From the earliest days, God has blessed and cared for God’s people. God created this beautiful world and all that it contains to provide for God’s people. The relationship between humankind and creation is reciprocal. In God’s loving wisdom, God provided all that we need in this complex, mysterious creation.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

What Is the Bible?

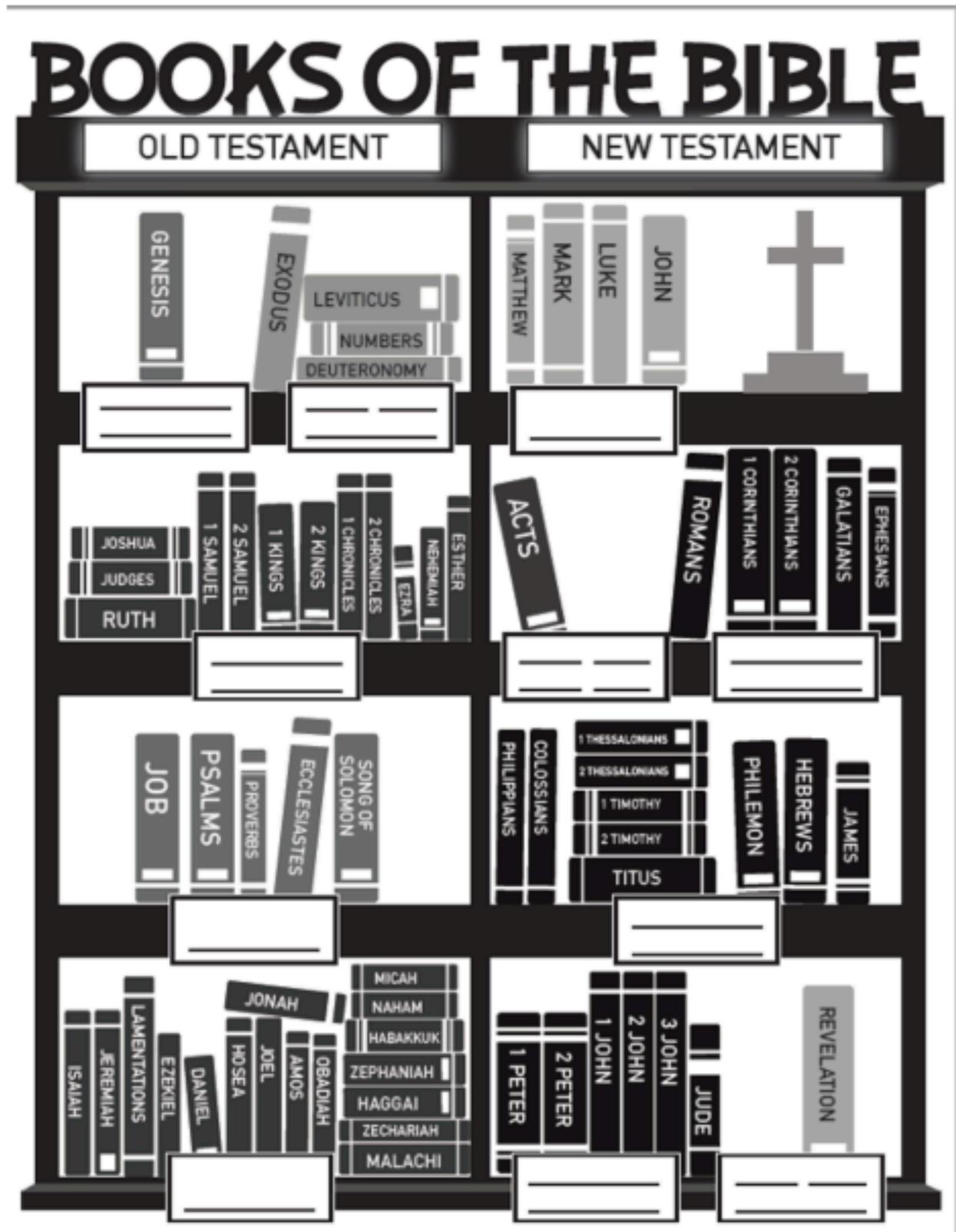
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Spiritual Practice: Worship

Each lesson will also incorporate one of four spiritual practices: worship, prayer, service, or fellowship. Activities will be included to help the students dive deeper into these spiritual disciplines while also learning more about the lesson topic. This week, we begin with worship.

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

Explore the sections of the Bible.

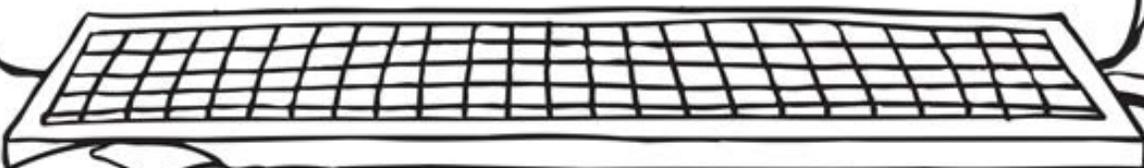


Computer Art



Start at the arrow and draw a line through all the letters that spell the books of the New Testament in order. You may move in any direction. When you are finished, you will see a picture of an animal people used for travel in Bible times.

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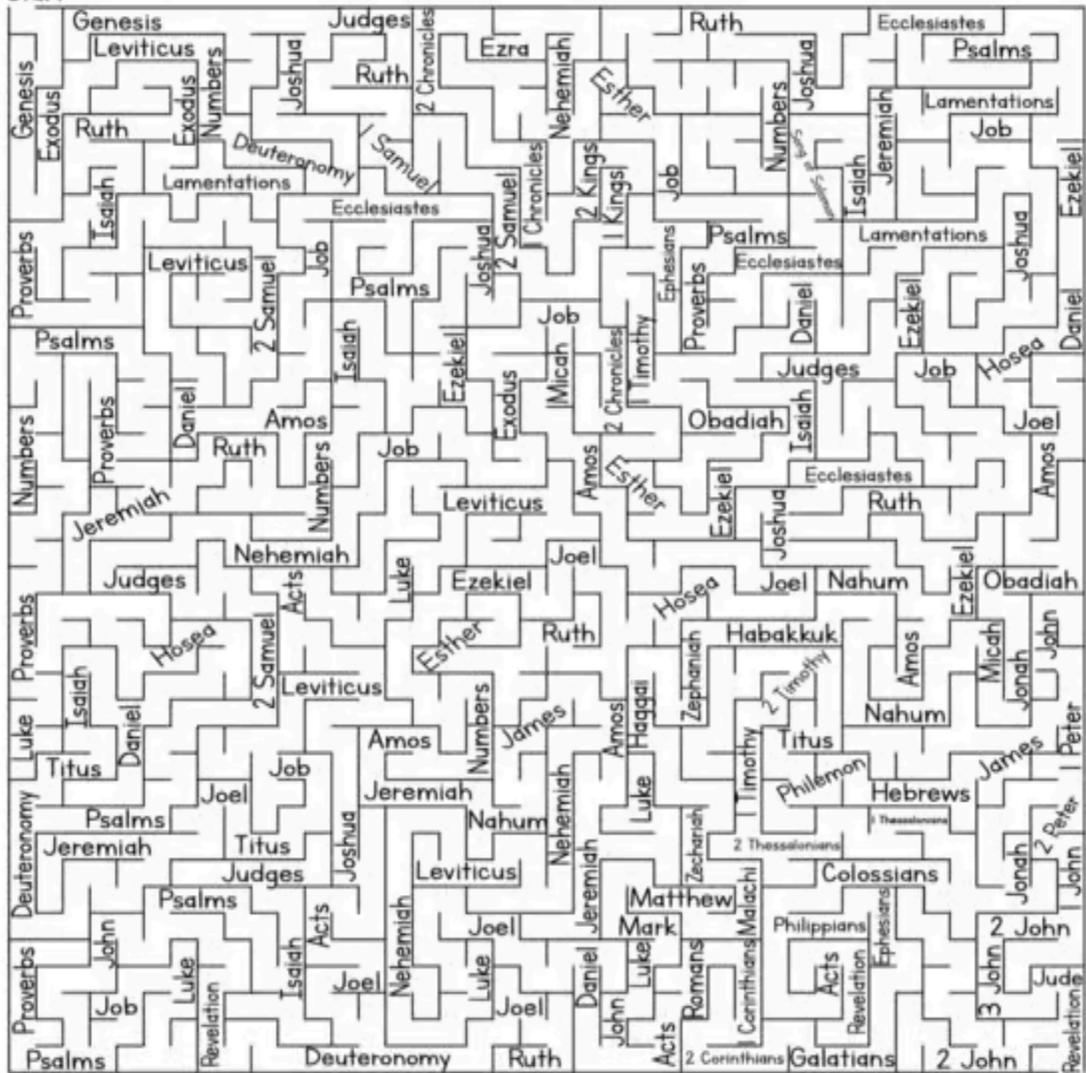
HINT: USE THE CONTENTS PAGE OF YOUR BIBLE FOR HELP.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE MAZES

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To complete the maze, follow the books of the Bible in order from start to finish.

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finish



THE STORY @ HOME

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story

Narrative Lectionary, Year 4 (2025-2026)

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PRACTICE: WORSHIP

Each lesson incorporates one of four spiritual practices: worship, prayer, service, or fellowship. This week we begin with worship. As a family, go outside and look around at God's beautiful creation. Take turns naming what you see, then thank God together for God's good creation.

NEXT WEEK

After a very long time waiting, the son God promised Abraham and Sarah is born: Isaac (Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14).

THE POINT

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BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

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Family Discussions

Use the questions below—or any you have—to discuss this lesson’s Scripture reading with your family.

- † Did you find anything in this reading that was surprising?
- † What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- † What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God’s message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Genesis 1:1–2:4a

God created everything, and it was good! Take turns naming things that God created. After each person shares, respond together, “And it was GOOD!”

Monday—Read Genesis 2:7-9, 15, 18-25

In this second creation story, the first human is given a partner to help care for creation. What are things your family can do to help care for creation?

Tuesday—Read Genesis 3:8-19

Adam and Eve’s sins are discovered. Adam places the blame on Eve, and Eve in turn blames the serpent for their bad behavior. Talk about times it was tempting to blame someone else for something that you did wrong.

Wednesday—Read Genesis 12:1-9

God promises to bless Abram. Consider the history of your family. How do you see God’s blessing throughout the generations?

Thursday—Read Genesis 15:1-6

God promises that Abram’s descendants will be as numerous as the stars. This seems like an impossible promise, especially because Abram and Sarai were nearing 100 years old. Go outside and try to count the stars.

Friday—Read Genesis 17:15-21

God changes Abram and Sarai’s names and promises blessings. The meaning of names can be powerful. If you do not already know them, go online to find the meaning of the names of your family members.

Saturday—Read Genesis 18:1-15

The Lord appears to Abraham and Sarah. Sarah is so startled by God’s promises that she laughs at the improbability. Share a time you were surprised by God’s ability to keep a promise.