



Racing into the Bible

Books of the New Testament

Teaching our children about the Bible is the most important thing we can do.

Deut 6:7 (NKJV)
You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Since we don't "walk by the way" much anymore we can do the next best thing and teach them as we drive down the road!

Knowing how to quickly find a book in the Bible makes studying and following along much easier. Use this lesson, and the audio, to learn the 27 books of the New Testament together.

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts
Romans
1 & 2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 & 2 Thessalonians
1 & 2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 & 2 Peter
1, 2 & 3 John
Jude
Revelation

Here are a few tips to help you learn

Use the song! Visit racingintothebible.com, down-

load the audio and sing along. After a while, sing them without the playing the audio. Burn these files to a CD and put it in your car (if you need help making a CD please ask).

Round robin. Starting with one person say the first book, then the next person say the next book. Go around the car like this until all books have been said. Now have someone else start (so everyone isn't saying the same book as before) and do it again!

Mark out. Write the books on a piece of paper and read them together. Mark out one book and read them again (using your memory for the one that is marked out). Repeat until no books are left written!

Memory Verse - 2 Timothy 3:16-17: All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

New Testament Bible Definitions

Knowing what words mean will help us understand what we are studying.

Gospel: This word means "good news!" Jesus' plan for our lives is the best "good news" there is!

Apostle: An apostle was a man specifically chosen by Jesus and given the job of sharing His gospel. They had special powers given to them directly by God.

Epistle: The word means letter. Many of the books of the New Testament are epistles, or letters, to people or even whole churches.

Prophecy: Prophecy means to tell the future. When the Bible was being written God gave some people the ability to see into the future and tell others what was going to happen.

Testament: A testament is a written document by someone to let people know what they want done after they die. Maybe you have heard of someone's "Last Will and Testament." This let's the people still alive know what the person who died wanted done with their possessions. God has had two testaments for us. The Old and New Testa-

ment. After Jesus died His will in the New Testament shows us how to live.

Law: When the Bible says "law," most of the time it means the Old Testament that the people before Jesus' death followed. The Law no longer tells us how to live since we have the New Testament now.

Miracle: A miracle is when something happens outside the laws of nature. Something that could not have happened without God being directly involved.

The New Testament's Authority

The New Testament contains all we need to know to be faithful Christians. The Old Testament is there so we can study it and understand the New Testament better. Galatians 3:24-25 tell us that the law (the Old Testament) was our tutor, like a teacher, to get us ready for the New Testament. A "testament" only becomes effective after the person who establishes it dies. Once Jesus died and the New Testament was written we no longer need the old law but now need His New Testament. Memorize the location of these verses that show the New Testament is God's will for us.

Matthew 5:17

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:24-25

Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Hebrews 8:7

For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

Hebrews 8:13

In that He says, "A new *covenant*," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

For a more thorough study read Galatians 4:21-31 and notice how the Old and New Testaments are compared. Let's make two columns and list all of the things compared to the Old Testament in the first column. In the second column list things compared to the New Testament.

Verse 28 says we, like Isaac, are children of promise (the New

<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
Bondwoman (Hagar)	Freewoman (Sarah)
Born of the flesh	Born of promise
Mount Sinai in Arabia (Ishmael)	Jerusalem Isaac

Testament) while verse 30 says throw the bondwoman (the Old Testament) out.

Now we know we must read and obey the New Testament!

The New Testament—Broken Down

Learning how the New Testament is broken down can help you to understand each section a little better and make it easier to study. The New Testament is divided into four sections. Each section is important and should be read and understood.

Gospels

Matthew - John are called the Gospels because they contain the "Good News" about the life of Jesus and what He did while on earth. The word gospel means good news. There are many miracles and stories that Jesus told in the Gospels. All four books are very much alike, but they are different in some ways too. We can read each one and see that each book tells the story a little differently.

History

Acts is called the book of history because it tells us about the history of the church

when it was starting. If we want to know how God wants our church to be today, we can look into Acts and find out how the churches back then did it! We can learn from their example.

Epistles

Romans - Jude are called epistles because they are letters written to different people and churches. The word epistle means letter. The letters written in the New Testament contain a lot of great information about how Christians should live. Most letters were written to answer a question or to correct someone who was wrong. The letters in the New Testament give us a lot of instructions on how to live as good Christians. Since the men who wrote these letters knew what God wanted to say, we can be sure that we can trust them. If we obey them, God will be pleased with us.

Prophecy

The book of **Revelation** was a book of prophecy. Prophecy means to tell the future. Revelation told the people living in Bible times about many things that were to take place. It is written in a way that makes it a little hard to understand but some parts are very plain.



Read the Bible together as a family.
You'll be glad you did.