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# Editorial

I really love my morning bible study time. I usually start around 7:00 and study for 45 minutes. That may seem like a long time, but considering that bible study should be one of the most important things in your day, and the much longer time you spend in school, play, and other activities, it isn't really that long. I must confess that on some days I don't feel like reading my bible and sleep in so that my study is rushed. But I always feel satisfied and joyful after I read the bible, as if I just finished a great breakfast, and my day feels so much better. So please, if you aren't in the habit of reading your bible every day, start! It is absolutely crucial for your spiritual growth. You can start with 15 minutes, but aim for 30 minutes. Make sure you always pray before you start. Ask God to help you understand what you read and live it out in your life. Check out the inductive study method and try the HEAR journaling method on page 9. They can help you get deeper into God's word and apply it in your life. Enjoy the magazine!

-Sophia



# Verses on Scripture

Look up each passage in the ESV bible, then fill in the blanks.

## **Ps 119:15–16**

“I will \_\_\_\_\_ on your precepts and fix my eyes on your \_\_\_\_\_. I will delight in your \_\_\_\_\_; I will not \_\_\_\_\_ your word.”

## **2 Timothy 3:14–17**

“But as for you, \_\_\_\_\_ in what you have learned and have firmly \_\_\_\_\_, knowing from whom you learned it and how from \_\_\_\_\_ you have been acquainted with the sacred \_\_\_\_\_, which are able to make you wise for salvation through \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus.

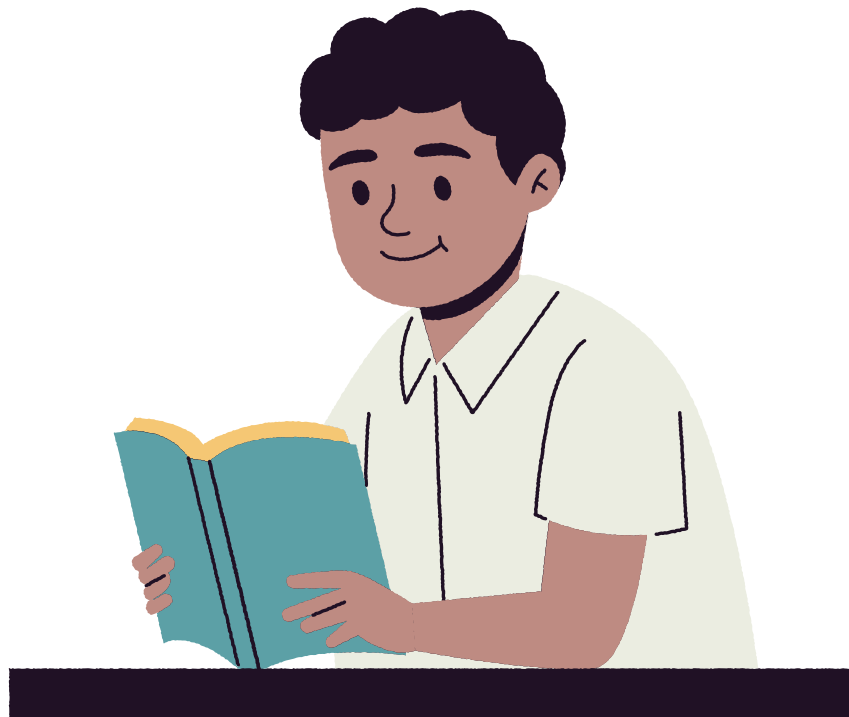
All Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_ out by God and profitable for teaching, for \_\_\_\_\_, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be \_\_\_\_\_, equipped for every \_\_\_\_\_ work.”

## **Hebrews 4:12**

“For the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is living and \_\_\_\_\_, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the \_\_\_\_\_ of soul and of spirit, of joints and of \_\_\_\_\_, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

# Evaluation Questions

- Do you read the Bible daily without being reminded?
- Do you have a desire to read God's Word?
- Is your life changed by the study of God's Word?
- Do you look to the Bible for answers to your questions and problems?
- Can you list all the books of the Bible in order?
- Can you easily find a passage in the Bible?
- Do you have a basic grasp of the Biblical story?



## Answers to Bible Knowledge Quiz

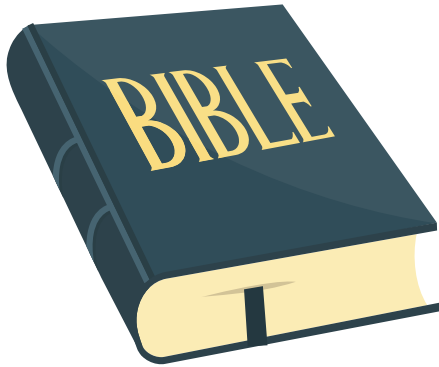
1a, 120; 1b, 15; 1c, 7; 1d, 40; 2a, John the Baptist; 2b, Angel; 2c, Pilate; 2d, David; 3a, False-  
Troubled (Luke 1:12); 3b, True (Gen 3:6); 3c, False-Wisdom and Knowledge (2 Chron 1:10) 3d,  
False-Jacob's name was changed (Gen 35:10); 4a, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms; 4b, Job;  
4c, Paul; 4d, 4.

# Scripture Activities

1. **Make** a chart to record your faithfulness in Bible reading this year. Check off each day as you complete your Bible reading.
2. **Memorise** the books of the Bible in order.
3. **Compete** in a sword drill competition. Ask your parents to call out different bible references. Race with your siblings and/or friends to see who can find the verses in their Bible first.
4. **Listen** to an audio recording of Scripture while going to sleep.
5. **Copy** portions of the Bible:
  - a. Proverbs (to finish in one year, copy 4 verses each weekday and 2 on Saturdays)
  - b. Psalm 119 (Copy 1 verse each weekday to finish in less than a year)
  - c. Verses that will help in areas of weakness.
6. **Read** through the entire bible. (If a friend or family member does this with you, you can encourage each other and talk about what you are learning.)
7. **Keep a journal** of your Bible study notes and observations.
8. **Complete** the bible study in *How to Study your Bible for Kids* by Kay Arthur and Janna Arndt. This book is highly recommended. :)
9. **Meet** regularly with your father or mother to discuss what you have been learning in your personal bible study.
10. **Investigate** with your parents other methods for getting into God's Word.

# Puzzle Page

## Sudoku



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## Psalm 19 Crossword

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- precepts
- honey
- true
- warn
- testimony
- perfect
- clean
- gold
- righteous
- reward
- pure
- fear
- rules
- right
- sure
- law

# Bible Knowledge Quiz

How well do you know your bible? Try this challenging quiz.

## Round 1: Numerical Answers

- a. How many disciples were gathered together on the Day of Pentecost?  
(Acts 1:15)
- b. How many years were added to King Hezekiah's life? (2 Kings 20:6)
- c. How many times hotter did King Nebuchadnezzar command the furnace to be heated for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? (Dan 3:19)
- d. How many days was Jesus in the wilderness being tempted by the devil? (Mark 1:13)

## Round 2: Guess Who Said It

- a. "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)
- b. "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God." (Luke 1:30)
- c. "I find no guilt in this man." (Luke 23:4)
- d. "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." (1 Sam 17:37)

## Round 3: True or False?

- a. Zechariah was excited when the angel of the Lord appeared to him.
- b. Adam and Eve both ate of the forbidden fruit.
- c. Solomon asked God for wealth, honour, and a long life.
- d. God changed Abraham's name to Israel.

## Round 4: Books of the Bible

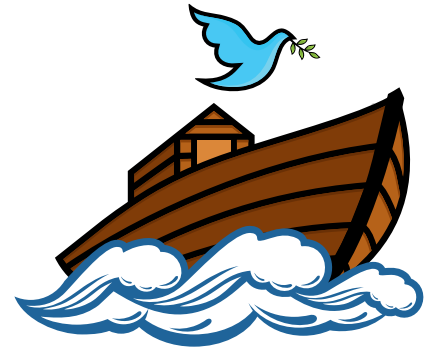
- a. Put these books of the bible in order: *Psalms, Nehemiah, Job, Esther*.
- b. Which book of the bible was most likely written first; *Obadiah, Job, or Genesis*?
- c. Who wrote *Romans*?
- d. How many chapters are there in *Philippians*?

Answers are on page 4

# Serial Story

## THE STORY OF CHARLIE CHIPMUNK ON NOAH'S ARK

by Sophia Coleman



### Chapter 10: A Conspiracy of Crows

As the long days passed, I began to wonder if we would ever get out of the ark. Then one morning, the other animals began to murmur among themselves. I could tell that something was happening.

"What's all the fuss about?" Charlotte asked the mice on the other side of the corridor.

"There's a rumour going around that the the ground is finally dry! Noah may let us out any day now." My heart began pumping furiously. Was it true? Charlotte danced around with joy and then gave me a very tight hug. I began to dance, too! When Eden came to give us our food, she confirmed the rumour, saying that once the grass had grown enough she and the other humans would begin releasing the animals. The rest of that day passed in excited conversation and restless waiting. I didn't feel like eating, and couldn't sleep that night. Sure enough, after a few days Shem began freeing the animals and letting them out outside. I could hardly wait till it was my turn—and at last it came. Eden opened the door of our cage and placed us in a basket. As she neared the door, I began to sense the fresh autumn wind and hear the newly freed birds singing ecstatically. Then Eden set the basket down on the ground and opened it. What a sight met my eyes! There were no trees, no bushes, only short grass, shrubs, saplings, and pools of water. But I was happy. I could again feel the ground beneath my feet at last.



It was several days before I saw Christina. She looked a little thin after scavenging food for several weeks, but was overjoyed to see me.

"I'm going to raise my own chicks next year," she told me.

"What about Jasper?" I asked.

She recounted the story, explaining that she hadn't seen the raven since his recovery. "I wonder what's happened to him," she mused. "He could be on the other side of the world by now."

The first few weeks on land were hard, as the animals scattered to find enough food. But as trees and bushes began to grow, the amount of food increased. Noah's family moved down the mountain and set up camp in a plain below.

The long winter passed, and spring came at last, bringing new happiness—and new life. Christina matched up with a handsome dove and they started building a nest for their chicks. Many baby animals were born—including an adorable litter of kittens, the offspring of Mr. Charlie and Mrs. Charlotte Chipmunk.

One day, when I went to visit Christina, I heard the screech of a hunting bird of prey. Terribly afraid, I crept carefully closer and saw Christina beside the nest containing her newly born chicks. A huge hunting hawk was swooping down on her. She moved towards me, trying to lead the hawk away from her babies. The other doves in the flock had already fled, leaving their babies alone and helpless. I wished I could help her, but what could a chipmunk do against a huge bird of prey? I ran forward, but before I could reach Christina the hawk grabbed the feathers on her neck in its beak. Thankfully, it came away with only feathers. Before the hawk could attack again, two ravens came hurtling toward it at full speed. The hawk forgot Christina and turned on the ravens—I knew hawks and ravens were sworn enemies. I held my breath—what could two ravens do against such a terrible hunter?

The ravens began mobbing the hawk; swooping, dive-bombing, sometimes physically attacking it. The hawk lashed out them when they came too close, but soon it gave up and fled, knowing it didn't stand a chance against the amazingly coordinated birds. One of the ravens left too, now that her job was done. But the other, whose face was bleeding a little from the hawk's beak, flew down by us. Then I noticed his damaged foot—a foot I could have recognised anywhere.

"Jasper!" I exclaimed, amazed. "You came back!"

Christina had realised who it was too. "Thank you so, so much."

"It's me who should be thanking you," Jasper said huskily. "I wouldn't be here if it weren't for you."

"If you hadn't come..." I trailed off.

"We were just protecting our babies," he said. "We don't like hawks."

"But your nest isn't anywhere near here," put in Christina.

"Look, guys," said Jasper, "I'm sorry for how I've acted...I've been such a prideful, selfish, ungrateful bully."

"I forgive you," I said.

"Me too," added Christina.

"I don't deserve to be forgiven," said Jasper, "just like I didn't deserve you taking care of me."

"Sure you do," smiled Christina. "I'd do it again any day."

THE END

**Fun Fact:** A group of ravens can be called an unkindness, a conspiracy, a murder, or a treachery :)

# HEAR Journalling

This is a great method to help you apply what you read in the Bible. It only takes about 10–15 minutes. HEAR is an acronym meaning Hear, Explain, Apply, and Respond.

**H (Hear)**–Write down a verse that stood out to you from what you read in the Bible today.

**E (Explain)**–Write a quick summary of what the verse meant at the time it was written. Who wrote it? Who did he write it to, originally? What is he saying? This is the hardest part for most people–don't get discouraged and don't make it too long. Look at the book introduction in your bible to help you and keep the meaning of the rest of the chapter in mind.

**A (Apply)**– What does this passage mean for you, as a modern believer?

**R (Respond)**–Write out a prayer to God about what you learned today in your Bible reading. Ask him to help you live out what you read. Write down how you, by God's power, will live out this verse.

Here's an example (edited a little). I wrote this journal when I was 10 years old.

**H**–*“He (the Lord) will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.” –Psalm 121:3*

**E**–*Israel had many scary things happening around them, as do we in the present day. They needed to remember that God is self-sufficient and does not rely on anything. He never sleeps and was always watching over them. They had no need to be afraid of anything if the Lord was on their side.*

**A**–*There are many things in this world to be afraid of, but I need to remember that God knows what's happening. He will take care of me, so I can face the world with confidence.*

**R**–*“Dear Lord, now and when I grow up, I want to be a courageous person, not daunted by anything because you are taking care of me.. Please make me that kind of person. Amen.”*



**Growing as a christian to become more like Jesus is an amazing and rewarding journey. Keep on cooperating with God as he transforms you!**