

View

The Challenge to Read, Study and Know Our Bibles

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It's back to school time. New backpacks are slung over shoulders. Children skip (or trudge) off to school in new shoes to meet new teachers and make new friends.

They will learn new things as well.

This time of year is always one of those benchmarks for children because they move up a grade at school. With each rung on the educational ladder, children learn more... or at least they are expected to learn more. First graders begin to read. Fifth graders begin to learn American History. Junior high students get to experiment with beakers and bunsen burners.

Should learning God's word be any different? Our Children's Bible Class Committee has been working on some Bible Class Expectations for all grade levels. These expectations are meant to be a tool for parents, teachers and children and can be used in a variety of ways. They can give parents a guideline for teaching their children at home. They can also be used by Bible class teachers to work into their lessons or drill with the students for a few minutes each week.

Finally, they can serve as a checklist for those of us who are adults. How well do we know these things? These expectations are meant to be challenging. Most of us know through our own experience that children will rise to the challenge. Set the bar high and amazingly, they tend to get over it.

Take the challenge.

The rest of the View this week is devoted to some important Bible class information. Please review it carefully.

Bible Knowledge Expectations

These Bible Knowledge Expectations are meant to challenge our children to know the word of God... and know it well. They are the things parents should teach their children and expect their children to know at various stages of life. They can also be used as a tool for Bible class teachers, depending on the age level they are teaching. At some point, these Bible Class Expectations should become the things that children expect of themselves. They can even serve as a challenging guideline for adults, including Christians "raised on the pew" and new Christians.

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Deuteronomy 6:4-9 says...

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

No matter what the age or the station in life, it's never too late to write the Word of God on your heart.

6 to 23 months

1. Follow instructions in classroom setting
2. Recite “Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John” from memory

2 and 3 year olds

3. Recite the books of the New Testament from memory
4. Map Facts 1 – 5

4 and 5 year olds (pre-K)

5. Recite the books of the Old Testament from memory
6. Recite Genesis 1:1 from memory
7. Bible Facts 1 – 4
8. Map Facts 6 – 12

Grades K – 1st

9. Recite John 3:16 from memory
10. Recite ABC memory verses
11. Map Fact 13
12. Name the apostles

Grades 2 – 3

13. Recite John 20:30-31
14. Recite Matthew – Colossians sentence summaries
15. Map Facts 14 – 15
16. Be able to turn to books of the Bible without using the Table of Contents or tabs
17. Name the sons of Jacob
18. Name the beatitudes

Grades 4 – 6

19. Recite Galatians 5:22-23
20. Recite 1 Thessalonians – Revelation sentence summaries
21. Map Facts 16 – 17
22. Know the major stages of Bible history

Grades 7 – 8

24. Know the divisions of the Old Testament and New Testament books
25. Recite Old Testament books sentence summaries

Map Facts

1. Canaan
2. Jerusalem
3. Jordan River
4. Dead Sea
5. Sea of Galilee
6. Mediterranean Sea
7. Egypt
8. Red Sea
9. Mt. Sinai
10. Wilderness
11. Mt. Nebo
12. Jericho
13. The traditional route of the Exodus, including Mt. Sinai, Wilderness wanderings, Moab, and Mt. Nebo
14. Twelve Tribes – United Kingdom
15. Divided Kingdom: Judah and Israel
16. Major areas of Canaan: Southern Region or Negev, Hill Country, Coastal Plain, Transjordan
17. Israel and the Nations: Edom, Ammon, Moab, Philistia, Assyria/Babylon/Persia

Bible Facts

1. What is the whole Bible about?: Jesus - Jesus is coming – Jesus is here – Jesus is Coming Again
2. Number of Books in the Old Testament: 39
3. Number of Books in the New Testament: 27
4. Number of Books in the whole Bible: 66

Major Stages of Bible History:

- Promise to Abraham
- Slavery in Egypt
- Law at Mt. Sinai
- Wilderness Wanderings
- Living in the Promised Land
- Punished by Captivity
- Salvation in Jesus Christ

Division of OT books: Books of Moses (5), History (12), Wisdom (5), Major Prophets (5), Minor Prophets (12)

Division of NT books: Gospels (4), History (1), Epistles (21), Prophecy (1)

ABC Memory Verses

- A** - All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. *Romans 3:23*
- B** - Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. *Acts 16:31*
- C** - Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. *Ephesians 6:1*
- D** - Depart from all evil and do good. *Psalms 34:14*
- E** - Even a child is known by his doings. *Proverbs 20:11*
- F** - Fear not, for I am with you. *Isaiah 43:5*
- G** - God is love. *1John 4:8*
- H** - Honor your father and your mother. *Exodus 20:12*
- I** - If you ask anything in my name, I will do it. *John 14:14*
- J** - Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me. *John 14:6*
- K** - Keep your tongue from evil. *Psalms 34:13*
- L** - Look to me, and be saved. *Isaiah 45:22*
- M** - My son, give me your heart. *Proverbs 23:26*
- N** - No man can serve two masters. *Matthew 6:24*
- O** - O give thanks to the Lord: for He is good. *Psalms 118:1*
- P** - Praise you the Lord: for it is good to sing praises to our God. *Psalms 147:1*
- Q** - Quit you like men, be strong. *1Corinthians 16:13*
- R** - Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. *Exodus 20:8*
- S** - Seek you the Lord while he may be found. *Isaiah 55:6*
- T** - The Lord sees me. *Genesis 16:13*
- U** - Unto you, O God, do we give thanks. *Psalms 75:1*
- V** - Verily, verily, I say to you, whatsoever you ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you. *John 16:23*
- W** - Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. *Psalms 56:3*
- X** - Exceeding great and precious promises are given to us. *2Peter 1:4*
- Y** - You are the light of the world. *Matthew 5:14*
- Z** - Zion heard, and was glad. *Psalms 97:8*

More to follow next week...Meanwhile...

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