

Make ten bookmarks for your Bible just like the ones you see below. You will notice that sometimes more than one person's story is found in the same book.

You will also notice that some stories are found in more than one book.

Place the bookmarks in the front of the Bible book that is listed. If more than one book is listed, put the bookmark in the front of the first one. In each lesson, you will be told which chapters and verses to find. If you ever have trouble, ask someone to help you.

In this second set of lessons, have fun coloring the pictures as you learn about some of God's young friends in the Old Testament.

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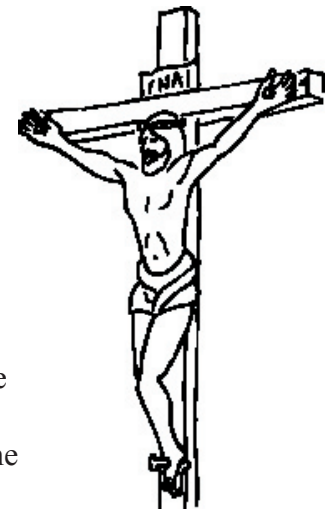
GOD'S YOUNG FRIENDS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Introductory Lesson How To Use Your Bible



Congratulations! You have completed the first set of Bible lessons, "God Sent His Son to be My Friend."

You know that God sent His Son, Jesus, to be your friend, to show you what God is like, and to die for your sins. You know that anyone who accepts Jesus' gift can live forever with Him.



In this second set of lessons you will learn about young people just like you who lived before Jesus came to this earth. Even though they lived a long time ago, they faced many of the same problems you face today.

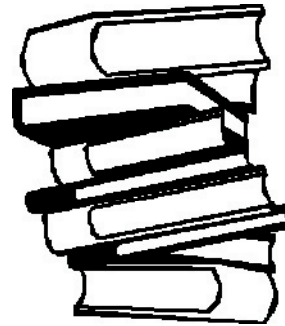
All of their stories are told in the Bible. In order to find them, you will first learn a little more about how the Bible is organized.

Remember that the Bible is a collection of 66 books. It is divided into two parts:

THE OLD TESTAMENT and **THE NEW TESTAMENT**



All of these books were written before Jesus was born.



All of these books were written after Jesus lived on this earth.

There are 39 books in the Old Testament. Each story in this set of lessons is found there.

Remember: There is an index in the front of your Bible where each book is listed by name with the page number where it begins.



With this information, try to complete the activity below. See if you can draw a line from the names of God's young friends to a title that describes each of them. Don't worry if you do not get them all right. When you have finished these lessons, you will be able to come back to this quiz and do it without any difficulty!

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>TITLE</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Isaac | |
| Joseph | patriarch |
| Moses | king |
| Joshua | prince |
| Samuel | queen |
| David | prime minister |
| Solomon | slave |
| Naaman's maid | military leader |
| Daniel | prophet |
| Esther | |

In these lessons we will study ten young people who were friends of God. In this group we have all of the following:

- 1 patriarch
- 2 kings
- 1 queen
- 4 princes
- 2 prime ministers
- 3 military leaders
- 5 prophets
- 5 slaves

How many does this add up to?

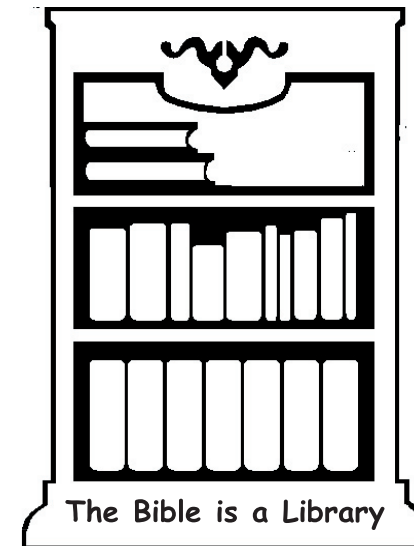


But we are only studying about 10 people in these lessons. Can you figure out why the number above is so large?

Because some of these people fit into more than one category above.

All the Old Testament books can be divided into stories, laws, poetry, and prophets. But not all of the books are arranged in the order that events happened. Some of them overlap and tell about the same time period.

The first five books contain the stories and laws of God's people through the time of Moses. The very first book, Genesis, also includes the earliest history of all-the creation of the world and growth of civilization on earth.



The next 12 books are history stories about God's people into the time of the Persian Empire.

Then come five books of poetry and wisdom. Job is a drama, the Psalms are poetry and songs for worship. Proverbs and Ecclesiastes contain wise sayings and the Song of Solomon is a love poem.

The rest of the Old Testament books are called the Prophets. They record the important messages preached by some of the special leaders God chose to speak to His people.

It took about a thousand years for all the books of the Old Testament to be written.

