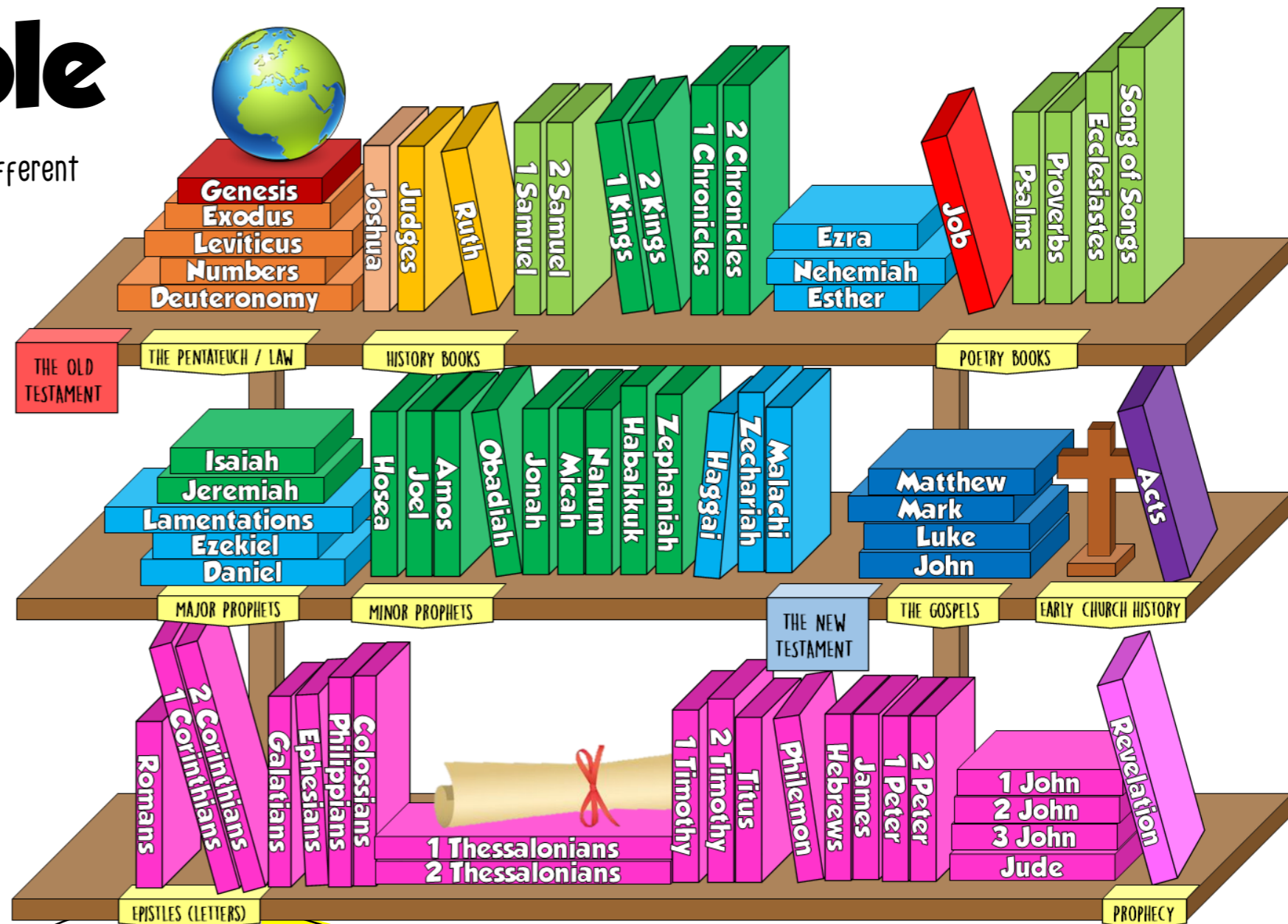


Exploring the Bible

The Bible might look like a single book, but it is actually a library made up of 66 different books! 39 Books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.

The Old Testament books were all written before Jesus came to the earth as a baby (BC) and the New Testament books were all written afterwards (AD)

The books in the Bible are not in the order they were written; they are grouped by type of book.



The Old Testament

The first five books are known as the Pentateuch or Law books – these tell the story from Creation through to Moses leading God’s people out of slavery and into the promised land.

The rest of the Old Testament includes History books, Poetry books, sometimes known as Wisdom books and large and small books written by prophets – these are known as the Major and Minor prophets.

The New Testament

The first four books of the New Testament are known as the Gospels – they tell the Good News about Jesus’ life, death and resurrection.

Acts tells the History of the Early Church.

Most of the New Testament is made up of Epistles (letters) written to some of the first Christians. The Bible ends with Revelation a prophetic book about Jesus’ return.

To make the Bible easier to share with others, each book is divided into big sections called CHAPTERS, each chapter is divided into small sections called VERSES.

See if you can find this verse in your Bible:

Find the book of John
CLUE: It is in the New Testament

1. →

2. Find Chapter 3 - Look for the big number 3 on the page.

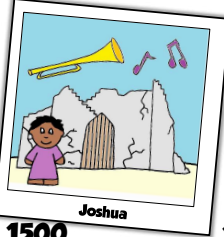
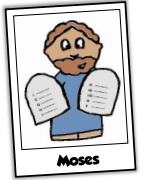
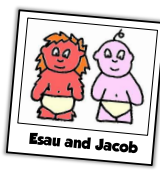
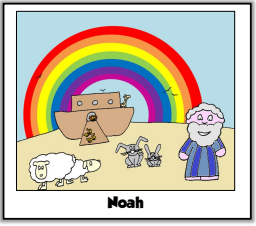
John 3 v 16

3. Find Verse 16 - Look for the little number 16 in Chapter 3.

Finding your way around the Bible can take a bit of practice but there are lots of things to help you.

At the beginning of the Bible is a CONTENTS page – it lists all the books of the Bible and tells you on which page each book begins.

BC



2100

2000

1900

1800

1700

1600

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1400

1300

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Saul

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Solomon

Creation

Patriarchs

Slavery and the Wilderness

Into the Promised Land

The Time of Judges

The Time of Kings

Genesis

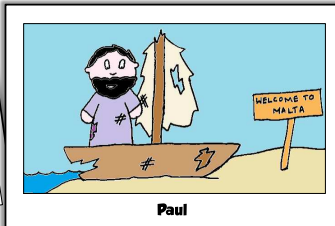
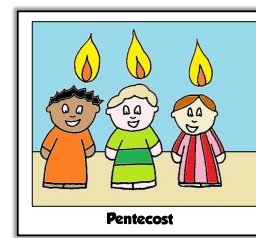
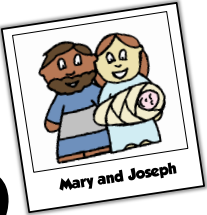
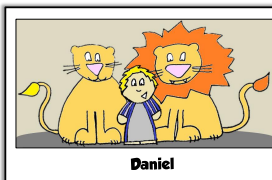
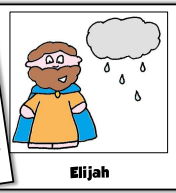
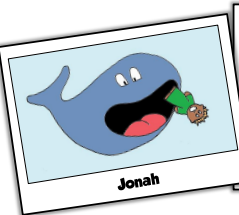
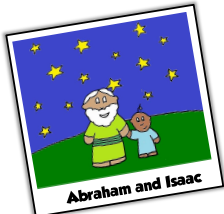
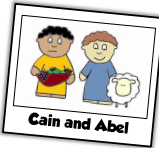
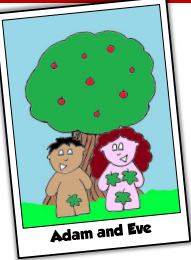
Job

Exodus Numbers
Leviticus Deuteronomy

Joshua

Judges Ruth

1&2 Samuel
Ecclesiastes
Psalms Proverbs
Song of Songs



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The Divided Kingdom

Exile and Return

The Gospels

The Early Church

The Epistles

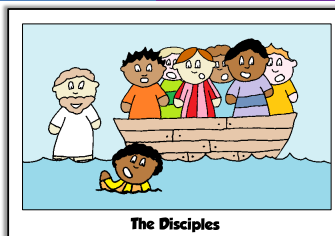
Revelation

1&2 Kings Habakkuk
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Obadiah Isaiah Micah
Nahum Jeremiah Jonah
Hosea Amos Zephaniah



Nehemiah Zechariah
Daniel Ezekiel
Esther Haggai
Ezra Malachi
Lamentations

Matthew
Mark
Luke John



Acts



1&2 Corinthians Romans Titus
James Philipians 1&2 Peter
Hebrews Colossians Philemon
Jude 1&2 Timothy Ephesians
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Revelation
1,2,3 John