Provide these cards to help students:

- learn the names of the books of the Bible.
- practice ordering the books of the Bible.
- recall the main content of each book.

How to Prepare

1. Photocopy the pages onto card stock or heavy paper.
2. Invite volunteers to color the cards with fine-tip markers if desired.
3. Laminate or cover the pages with adhesive covering.
4. Cut apart the cards along the dark lines.
5. Bundle the cards into sets with rubber bands; store the sets in resealable plastic bags.

Tips

Involve students in preparing the cards (coloring, cutting) to increase their interest.

Prepare several sets for classroom use; consider preparing individual sets for each student to color and take home for personal review of Bible books.

Games

1. Play a game like Go Fish: the goal is to collect four cards in correct order.
2. Order, Order! Distribute two cards to every player. Players move around the room until your signal, when they quickly move to stand and display their cards in correct Bible order.
3. Lay 12 to 16 identical cards from two sets facedown. Play a game like Concentration: players take turns to flip two cards to find matching pairs; pairs are kept by each player. Count the pairs to determine the winner.
4. Play a game like War: players shuffle and divide a set of cards between them, and then simultaneously turn over the top cards from their piles, reading the book names aloud. The player whose card comes later in the Bible collects both cards. Once all cards are played, players work together to correctly order all the cards.
1 Kings
The Kingdom Divides

2 Kings
Kings and Prophets

1 Chronicles
Solomon and the Kings of Judah

2 Chronicles
David’s Kingdom

Ezra
Return to Jerusalem

Nehemiah
Rebuilding the Walls

Esther
A Queen’s Bravery

Job
When Trouble Comes

Psalms
Poems, Prayers, and Songs

Proverbs
A Word to the Wise

Ecclesiastes
The True Source of Wisdom

Song of Songs
Royal Love Songs

Isaiah
God’s Plan for Salvation

Jeremiah
God’s Future for Israel

Lamentations
Prayers of Sadness

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Courage to Obey

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Warnings Against Sin

Habakkuk
A Conversation with God

Obadiah
Israel Will Triumph

Jonah
God’s Mercy to All People

Micah
Judgment and Hope

Nahum
God’s Justice and Love
Past Failures and Future Promises
Hosea
A Picture of God’s Love
Daniel
Courage to Obey
Amos
Warnings Against Sin
Obadiah
Israel Will Triumph
Jonah
God’s Mercy to All People
Micah
Judgment and Hope
The Lord has a case against His people.
Nahum
God’s Justice and Love
Malachi
Trust God for the Coming Savior
The Lord you are seeking will come.
Zechariah
Prepare for the King
Zephaniah
Return and Rebuild
Haggai
Sorrow and Singing
Habakkuk
A Conversation with God
Haggai
Return and Rebuild
Zechariah
Prepare for the King
Malachi
Trust God for the Coming Savior
Matthew
Jesus the King
Mark
Jesus the Servant
Luke
Jesus the Son of Man
Living as Christians

Romans
God's Amazing Grace

Acts
God's Family Grows

John
Jesus the Son of God

2 Corinthians
Stay Away from False Teachers

Galatians
Trust Only in Jesus

Ephesians
New Life in Christ

Philippians
Follow Jesus in Everything
John Jesus the Son of God
Romans God's Amazing Grace
1 Corinthians Living as Christians
2 Corinthians Stay Away from False Teachers
Galatians Trust Only in Jesus
Ephesians New Life in Christ
Philippians Follow Jesus in Everything
Acts God's Family Grows
2 Timothy Advice for Young Leaders
Titus Encouragement for God's Leaders
Hebrews Jesus the Greatest Priest
Hebrews Jesus Will Return
Hebrews A Servant Forgiven
Philippians Jesus is our hope.
Colossians Christ in Charge
Colossians Jesus Our Hope
Hebrews Jesus Our Hope
1 Thessalonians Jesus Our Hope
1 Thessalonians Jesus Will Return
2 Thessalonians Jesus Will Return
Hebrews Jesus is our hope.
2 Thessalonians Advice for Young Leaders
Hebrews Encouragement for God's Leaders
2 Thessalonians Stand Against Persecution
2 Thessalonians Follow Jesus in Everything
Hebrews God's Family Grows
Titus Advice for Young Leaders
2 Timothy Encouragement for God's Leaders
Hebrews Follow Jesus in Everything
Titus Stand Against Persecution
Hebrews Follow Jesus in Everything
1 Thessalonians Follow Jesus in Everything
**BIBLE BOOKS**

**Hidden Word**

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BIBLE BOOKS—NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 1
Mark 2
Luke 3
John 4
Acts 5
Romans 6
1 Corinthians 7
Galatians 8
Ephesians 9
Philippians 10
Colossians 11
1 Thessalonians 12
2 Thessalonians 13
1 Timothy 1
2 Timothy 2
Titus 3
Philemon 4
Hebrews 5
1 Peter 6
2 Peter 7
1 John 8
2 John 9
3 John 10
Jude 11
Revelation 12

BIBLE BOOKS—OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1
 Exodus 2
 Leviticus 3
 Numbers 4
 Deuteronomy 5
 Joshua 6
 Judges 7
 Ruth 8
 1 Samuel 9
 2 Samuel 10
 1 Kings 11
 2 Kings 12
 1 Chronicles 13
 2 Chronicles 14
 1 Samuel 15
 2 Samuel 16
 1 Kings 17
 2 Kings 18
 1 Chronicles 19
 2 Chronicles 20
 Isaiah 21
 Jeremiah 22
 Ezekiel 23
 Daniel 24
 Hosea 25
 Joel 26
 Amos 27
 Obadiah 28
 Jonah 29
 Micah 30
 Nahum 31
 Habakkuk 32
 Zephaniah 33
 Haggai 34
 Zechariah 35
 Malachi 36

ANSWER KEY

Deborah 1
Judith 2
Ruth 3
Esther 4
Esther 5
Samantha 6
Tim 7
Bill 8
Carl 9
Bill 10

message: You’ll find a picture of someone who is not found anywhere in the Bible.

BIBLE BOOKS—NEW TESTAMENT

Andrew 1
Peter 2
John 3
Philip 4
Mose 5
Hannah 6
Salaam 7
Ezariah 8
Phinees 9
Hannah 10

ANSWER KEY

with the contents page of your Bible for help!
Old Testament Surprise

Color in each section that contains a book of the Old Testament. You’ll find a picture of someone who is not found anywhere in the Bible.

Hint: Use the contents page in your Bible.
BIBLE BOOKS—NEW TESTAMENT

Computer Art

Start at the arrow and draw a line through all the letters that spell the books of the New Testament in order. You may move in any direction. When you are finished, you will see a picture of an animal people used for travel in Bible times.

HINT: USE THE CONTENTS PAGE OF YOUR BIBLE FOR HELP.
Swimming Divisions

POOL RULES:
(2) Find the Old Testament book names written below. Draw a line to match each set of books to its division above.

(1) To discover the names of the Old Testament divisions, follow the arrows and change each letter in the inner tubes to the letter that comes before it in the alphabet. Write the name you find on the line below each inner tube.
BIBLE DIVISIONS—OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

Walking with the Israelites

Choose a number from 1 to 17. Follow the path and look for the sandals with the number you chose. Write the letters in order on the blanks. One path with the letters of History is correct. Repeat with other numbers until the black lines are filled.

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS OF LAW AND HISTORY

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy
6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Ruth
9. 1 Samuel
10. 2 Samuel
11. 1 Kings
12. 2 Kings
13. 1 Chronicles
14. 2 Chronicles
15. Ezra
16. Nehemiah
17. Esther

FINISH

BIBLE DIVISIONS—OLD TESTAMENT LAW AND HISTORY

Maze of Scrolls

Collect all the Old Testament books of History in order. There is only one correct path. Hint: Use the contents page in your Bible for help.

BIBLE DIVISIONS—OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY AND POETRY

KEY WORD CODE

Decode these books of History. First write the letters in the code line and then decode what it really is by looking directly below in the real line. (For example, the code “SHR” is really the word “CAT.”)

CODE: HISTORYBDEFIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
REAL: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

1. GOABFHA: NEHEMIAH
2. 1 NHFQOE: SAMUEL
3. CJNAH: JOSHUA

Use the code to encode these books of History:

1. EZRA: GDDH
2. RUTH: MGPA
3. JUDGES: COTYHN

Bonus:

Make a new code using the word Poetry as the key word. First write the letters of Poetry above the first letters of the alphabet. Then write the rest of the letters of the alphabet above the letters of the real alphabet, making sure to leave out the letters that you already used in the word Poetry. Next, try using the code you made to encode the three books of Poetry written below.

CODE: PDEYVACDFGHIJKLNMOPQRSTUVWXYZ
REAL: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

1. PROVERBS: HAILKJW
2. PSALMS: KNPDSO
3. ECCLESIASTES: PHNQRPDRS

Which two books of Poetry are missing?
BIBLE DIVISIONS—NEW TESTAMENT

Missing Halves

These letters got torn in half! Find the halves of the letters that match. Write all the letters with the same pattern on a blank line. Then unscramble the letters to find the names of the divisions in the New Testament.

ZEPH SIC B

SA Y T K

R A Y Z OT

L O S P E I Y
ANSWER KEY

BIBLE DIVISIONS—OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Help the prophets climb up the wall. Write the names of the books of Prophecy in the correct spaces.

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

ANSWER KEY

BIBLE DIVISIONS—NEW TESTAMENT

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SSPGOLE
GOSPELS

ETRTLSE
LETTERS

PHCREOPY
PROPHECY

ISOTRHY
HISTORY

ANSWER KEY

BIBLE DIVISIONS—NEW TESTAMENT GOSPELS

Balloon Pop

If you follow the directions below, you'll find out what the first division of New Testament books tells us.

Use an X to pop all balloons with:
1. names of men from the Old Testament;
2. words beginning with S;
3. names of women from the New Testament;
4. names of foods eaten in Bible times.

Write the remaining words in order on the blank lines.

The Gospels tell the good news of Jesus’ birth life teachings and resurrection from death on the cross.

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

ANSWER KEY

BIBLE DIVISIONS—NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Lost Letters

Help the letters get delivered. Collect each letter as you go through the maze.

Ephesians

Timothy

Jude

3 John

2 John

Philemon

Hebrews

James

2 Peter

1 Peter

2 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Romans

Colossians

Philippians

Ephesians

Galatians

The Gospels tell the good news of Jesus’ birth life teachings and resurrection from death on the cross.
**Book Guess**

**Bible Skill**  Identify and Spell Books

**Materials**
Bibles, whiteboard and dry-erase marker
(or large sheet of paper and marker)

**Lead the Game**
1. Lead students to play a game similar to Hangman. On the board or a large sheet of paper, draw blank lines for each letter of a Bible book.

2. Students are to guess letters of the alphabet. Print correct letters on the appropriate blank lines. Print incorrect letters to the side of the blank lines, and print one letter of the word *Bible*. Kids try to guess and find the correct book in their Bibles before the word *Bible* is completed. The student who correctly guesses the word secretly chooses a different book of the Bible and draws lines for other kids to guess. Continue playing the game as time permits.

**Game Tip**
If playing this game with only a specific section of the Bible, introduce the game by making a comment such as: **Today we’re going to play a game to find out more about the second group of books in the Old Testament part of the Bible. These books are called the books of History because they tell the history of how God brought Abraham’s descendants back to their homeland many years after Abraham died. These books also tell about how the people obeyed God and disobeyed Him.** Referring to the contents page in their Bibles, kids can take turns reading aloud the names of the books of History: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther. Students could also find each book in their Bibles.
Bible Ball Toss

Bible Skill ▶ Put Bible Books in Order

Materials
Bibles, ball

Preparation
Make copies of the contents page from a Bible (1 per student).

Lead the Game
1. It’s easier to find places in the Bible when we know the order of the books. Let’s practice saying the books of the Bible in order.
2. Distribute copies of the Bible contents page for students to review.
3. Have kids stand in a circle. Toss a ball to a student and say, “Genesis.” The student who catches the ball says, “Exodus,” then tosses the ball to another student. Continue tossing the ball and saying the names of the books of the Bible in order until all the books have been named. Keep playing the game as time permits.

Options
1. For younger kids, limit the number of books named, gradually adding more books as students are able to recall them.
2. For older students, form more than one circle, and have circles compete to see which circle of kids can say the names of Bible books in a specific division of the Bible, such as the Minor Prophets.

Game Tip
If some kids are unfamiliar with the books of the Bible, ask students to take turns reading aloud the names, referring to the Bible contents page. As students say the names, print the Bible book names in order on a large sheet of paper. Display the paper where all students can see it.
Mixed-Up Books

Bible Skill ▶ Identify Bible Divisions:
New Testament

Materials
Bibles, index cards, marker, masking tape

Preparation
Print the names of the books of the New Testament on index cards, one name per card. On separate cards, print the names of the main divisions of New Testament books (Gospels, History, Letters, Prophecy). Make at least two sets of cards or one set of book and main division cards for every ten students. Tear masking tape into 3” strips, making at least 56 strips of tape. Place strips on a table or chair where they can be easily removed by kids.

Lead the Game
1. Mix up the book cards you prepared. One at a time, hold up the cards. Students are to tell which division each book is part of. All the stories in the Bible—from Adam and Eve to the very end—fit together to show us God’s great plan for the world and for our own lives. In the New Testament part of the Bible, we read about the coming of the Savior whom God promised to send. We also read about all the great things that happened after God kept His promise.

2. Divide the class into at least two teams of no more than ten students each. Teams are to line up in single-file lines at the opposite side of the classroom from where the masking-tape strips are. Place a set of mixed-up book cards facedown in a pile on the floor next to the first student on each team. Tape a set of main division cards on the wall across from each team, near the masking-tape strips. Leave room under each division card for book cards to be taped.

3. At your signal, the first student in each line takes a book card, runs to the division cards, grabs a piece of tape, and tapes the book card to the wall below the correct division card. Students then return to their teams and tag the next students in line. Play continues until all the cards are on the wall under the correct category.

Game Tip
If your students are not familiar with the New Testament divisions, go over this before playing the game.
**Prophet Talk**

**Bible Skill** ▶ Identify Bible Divisions: Old Testament—Prophecy

**Materials**

Bibles, whiteboard, dry-erase marker and eraser (or large sheet of paper and marker), children’s music from your collection, music player

**Preparation**

Print on the board or on a sheet of paper the books of the Major and Minor Prophets in order.

**Lead the Game**

1. Have kids sit on the floor in a circle. Ask a volunteer to read from the board the names of the Bible books. God sent many messengers, called prophets, to His people. These prophets spoke or wrote what God wanted His people to know. They gave many warnings to obey God and many promises about the Savior who was coming. We can read these messages in the books of Prophecy. The first five books of prophecy are called the Major Prophets, because these books are longer than the Minor Prophets. The Minor Prophets are the 12 smaller books that complete the Old Testament.

2. Tell kids to play a game of Hot Potato, passing the eraser or a marker while the music plays. When the music stops, say either “Major Prophets” or “Minor Prophets.” The student with the eraser erases a Bible book name from the division you named. If using paper and markers, the student crosses out the name.

3. Continue playing until all the books are erased or crossed out. Ask students to repeat together the names of the books of the Major and Minor Prophets.

**Game Tips**

1. If you have a student who is reluctant to play the game, let that student start and stop the music.

2. Sit in the circle with the students. Students enjoy getting to know their teachers while playing games together!
Walk and Talk

**Bible Skill** Identify Bible Divisions: New Testament

**Materials**
Bibles, roll paper, tape, markers, children’s music from your collection, music player

**Preparation**
Cover a table with roll paper. Draw lines to divide the paper into sections, one section per student. Print the names of the divisions of the New Testament in separate sections, repeating divisions as needed (“Gospels,” “History,” “Letters,” “Prophecy”).

**Lead the Game**
1. The New Testament tells how God’s promise to send a Savior came true and how God’s keeping of His promise brought salvation to all people!
2. While you play music, tell kids to hold their Bibles as they walk around the table. When you stop the music, each student should put a hand on one section on the paper. Then each kid should refer to the contents page in a Bible to find a book in the New Testament from that division. When students are ready, each can say the division and book name aloud. Repeat as time permits.
3. Turn the roll paper over and tape it to the table. Students should walk around the table while you play music. When you stop the music, call out a New Testament division. Each student should write the name of a book in that division. Play several rounds of the game.

**Game Tips**
1. Introduce the New Testament divisions by saying: The word gospel means “good news.” The four gospels tell the good news about Jesus. The History book, Acts, tells what God’s Holy Spirit did through people who told the good news about Jesus to the rest of the world. The next division of the New Testament is Letters. The Letters were written to encourage people to live as Christians. The last division is Prophecy. Revelation, the only book of prophecy, tells about the future time when Jesus will come back to earth.
2. You could give each student a copy of a Bible contents page to use in playing the game.
Who’s Got the Beans?

**Bible Skill**  Identify Bible Divisions: Old Testament—Law, History, Poetry

**Materials**
Bibles, 10 beans per student (or other small objects for each student), children's music from your collection, music player

**Lead the Game**
1. Ask students to open their Bibles to the contents page. Which books are in the Law division of the Old Testament? (Genesis through Deuteronomy) Ask volunteers to read the names of the books of Law aloud. Identify the books of History and Poetry in the same way.
2. Give each student ten beans. Group students into two equal teams: A and B. (You can participate if you have an uneven number of kids.) As you play music, students should move randomly around the room. When you stop the music, each student should find a partner from the other team. Call out either A or B. Each student in the named group is to say the name of a book in one of the first three divisions of the Old Testament (Law, History, Poetry). The kids’ partners should respond by saying the name of the correct division, and then names another book in the division. (Optional: If students are unfamiliar with Bible book names, let them use the contents page in their Bibles to find book names.) If the division named is correct, the first student gives his or her partner a bean. If the division named is incorrect, the partner gives the first student a bean. Keep playing as time permits. The object of the game is to have the most beans at the end of the playing period.

**Game Tips**
1. Coins or uncooked pasta shapes can be used instead of beans.
2. Before playing, briefly review the first three divisions of the Old Testament: The books of Law tell about the beginning of the world and record God’s instructions to His people. The books of History tell how God led His people to a new land and give us stories about their leaders. The books of Poetry are stories, songs, sayings, and poems about how great and wonderful God is and how we can live in ways that please Him.