

*"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path."* Psalm 119:105

Helping children develop Bible skills is an important part of our ministry. We aren't born with Bible skills. A skill is something you must learn, develop and practice. When children learn to navigate the Bible, they are more likely to be active participants in class. Skills developed as children can extend into adulthood and become second nature.

### Bible Skill Basics

- ◆ Begin at each child's individual skill level, regardless of age or grade.
- ◆ Explain the purpose of a Scripture reference. Children are not born knowing how to read a Scripture reference.
- ◆ Allow children to become comfortable and proficient at each task before moving to the next.
- ◆ Offer a variety of activities that allow children to succeed and have hands-on experiences.
- ◆ Provide regular practice of Bible skills within the teaching session.

### Abilities in a Box

- ◆ **Portability:** Boxes allow you to carry the games and activities to most any location.
- ◆ **Flexibility:** Boxes allow you to sort by proficiency levels the games and activities.
- ◆ **Usability:** Boxes allow you to divide supplies by teacher needs.
- ◆ **Changeability:** Boxes allow you to change the games and activities to keep children interested.

### Boxes for all budgets

Plastic tubs ✦ File boxes ✦ Use paper boxes ✦ Any container that is available and fits your need



### What Skills do I put in my box?

**Bible Skills:** The Bible is the most important book the child will ever have. It is imperative that we teach them how to use it. Include activities that teach books, divisions, history, doctrine, parables, miracles etc.

**Scripture Memorization** is a vital discipline for every believer. Consider these as you build your box.

- ◆ Age - Younger children need fewer and shorter verses to learn and relate to life.
- ◆ Ability - Some children memorize quickly while others take more time.
- ◆ Repetition - The more a verse is used and recalled, the better a child will remember and apply it.
- ◆ Variety - Change your teaching methods to keep children interested.
- ◆ Activity - Singing, drama, games and/or other suitable activities enhance learning.

**Containers:** File folders, Boxes, Bags, Jars or whatever you have.

**Ideas:** Check what you already have and Online sites

**Creative resources:** Craft sticks, magnets, dominos, clothespins, ping pong balls, plastic eggs, building blocks, wooden pieces, scrabble tiles etc.

## **Online Bible Skills Resources Available**

- ◆ Children’s Ministry Deals has free Books of the Bible activities that you can download. [bible-book-cards-print.pdf](http://bible-book-cards-print.pdf) ([ministry-to-children.com](http://ministry-to-children.com))
- ◆ LifeWay Christian Resources:
  - ◆ [bible\\_skills\\_for\\_kids\\_poster\\_2021pdf.pdf](http://bible_skills_for_kids_poster_2021pdf.pdf) ([scene7.com](http://scene7.com)) Chart of appropriate skills by age
  - ◆ [Bible Skills for Kids | Thank You - Lifeway](http://Bible_Skills_for_Kids_Thank_You_-_Lifeway) video with listening guide for leader training
  - ◆ “Bible Skills, Thrills and Drills” curriculum available to purchase.
- ◆ Ministry Spark free download [AllpgsBBBibFactsFunElemKids.pdf](http://AllpgsBBBibFactsFunElemKids.pdf) ([ministryspark.com](http://ministryspark.com))
- ◆ Mr. Mark’s Classroom: [Bible Skills | Mr. Mark's Classroom](http://Bible_Skills_Mr._Mark's_Classroom) ([mrmarksclassroom.com](http://mrmarksclassroom.com)),

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