

Bible Bowl Training: Week 6

Grab your Bible, strap on your thinking cap, warm up your page flipping fingers and let's dive into our training!

Warm Up

Find a quiet place to go through this lesson. Repeat last week's memory verse to yourself. Imagine lifting something with all your might; how much energy that takes. Say a prayer asking God to help you find the strength and energy to love God that much.

Stretch

We've learned that the Bible is a library of books, each book divided up into chapters. In the same way, each chapter is divided up into smaller parts called **verses**. The chapters have been divided into **verses** to make it easier to find the exact part of the Bible you're looking for.

Exercise

Open up your Bible to Genesis 1. (That's the book of Genesis, Chapter 1, remember?) Do you see the heading? If you're in the right place, it should say "Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath." We know that the chapters are marked by the BIG numbers. Can you guess what is used to mark the verses? If you guessed the **LITTLE** numbers, you're right! Find the little number 3 in Genesis 1. This is verse 3 of Chapter 1 of Genesis, or Genesis 1:3. It reads "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light." Did you find it? Terrific!

Now look for verse 5. Did you see it begins with the words "God called the light Day,"? You're doing great!

Here's a tricky one: Find verse 1 of Chapter 1. Any luck? A hint: it reads "In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth," Did you have trouble finding the little number 1? That's because the number for verse 1 is not printed in your Bible or in most other Bibles. In the Bible, every chapter begins with verse 1, even if the number is not printed there. I know! Sneaky, right?

The verse number marks where a verse begins. The verse ends when you come to the next verse number or the end of the chapter. Turn to Matthew 2 in your Bible (the Book of Matthew, chapter 2). Find verse 3. How many words are in verse 3? Go ahead and count them...

Did you say 13? You're right!

Let's look at the reference Matthew 3:17 together. A Bible reference contains three

parts. First, the name of the book, in this case: Matthew. Second, the number after the name of the book is the chapter number. Third, the number after the colon (:) is the verse number. In the reference Matthew 3:17, the number 3 is the chapter number, 17 is the verse number. Let's find this reference together:

Turn to chapter 3 in the book of Matthew. Now find verse 17. Remember, the verse number is the small number! Did you find it? It starts with the words "And a voice from heaven said..."

You're doing great. Let's practice by looking up our memory verses from the last few weeks. Try to find these:

Romans 8:14

Philippians 4:13

Matthew 6:9

John 1:5

Deuteronomy 6:5

How are you doing? Not too tough, right?

Let's try finding a new one on your own. How about our theme verse for our Faith Village study on Images of God: Genesis 1:27

I think you're getting it! Great work!

Cool Down

Now let's find John 3:16. (If you had trouble finding this verse or the others, make sure you ask a grown up for help.) Do you recognize this verse? You might, it's one of the most well known verses in the Bible. Christians all over the world treasure these words because they remind us just how much God loves us! That is why this is our memory verse for the week:

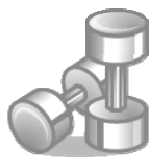
Memory Verse: John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.



Stretch Again

Can you think of a time that you gave something away that meant a lot to you? Go to the Bible Bowl website and tell us what it was.



New Training Equipment

Verse: is a small part of a chapter. Chapters and verses help us find exactly what we're looking for in the Bible.