

Bible Bowl Training: Week 7

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

Warm Up



You're going to need a pencil today. Once you've got one, find a quiet place to go through this lesson. Repeat last week's memory verse to yourself. Think of something that means a lot to you, a favorite stuffed animal, a person, a toy.... Now imagine what it would be like to give it up, to let it go, or to let it be harmed in some way. Always remember that God loves you even MORE than you love that special something, so much that God gave us Jesus, God's only Son, to show us just how much we are loved.



Stretch

Last week we learned about Bible verses, and how to find them. But most of the time you'll want to read more than one verse. You might want to read all of the Christmas story, or a story that Jesus told his followers. Since these stories are more than one verse long, we need a way to reference a whole **PASSAGE** (*PASS-ij*). A **passage** is several verses of scripture read together.

To write a scripture reference for a **passage** of scripture, we use a little dash (-) called a **HYPHEN** (HI-fun) between the first verse number we are to read and the last verse number we are to read. If you saw the reference Luke 2:1-20 you would SAY "Luke two, one through twenty" and you would find the book of Luke, chapter two, and you would begin reading at verse one and keep on reading all the verses on to the end of verse twenty.

Exercise



Alright, so let's practice finding and reading a few **passages**. Why don't we start with the **passage** Luke 2:1-20. Look up the book of Luke, find chapter 2, and begin reading the verses in this passage. Remember to stop when you get to verse 20!

This story is probably familiar to you. It is the story of _____.
Okay, so there is another place that this story is told in the Bible. We can read a part of it if we find Matthew 1:18-25.

This passage ends with the words "and he named him _____."

Now let's find an Old Testament passage: Genesis 12:1-3.

This passage begins "Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your _____...'" A little later in the story, God promises Abraham's wife, Sarah, that she will have a baby, even though she is much, much too old to have children. To see her reaction, look up the reference Genesis 18:12-15.

When Sarah heard the news she _____.

Now let's look at a few references that remind us of how God works as our shepherd:
Psalm 95:7

In the reference Psalm 95:7, the chapter is _____ and the verse is _____.

John 10:1-15

“The good Shepherd lays down his _____ for the _____.”

John 10:27-30

“My sheep hear my _____. I _____ them and they _____ me.”

Psalms 23:1-2

Look at the note at the beginning of this Psalm. This is a Psalm of _____.

Cool Down



The 23rd Psalm is a very well known passage. It is a poem written by King David that tells of God's care and love for us in times of trouble. Shepherds were constantly protecting their sheep from wild animals and robbers. The shepherd would protect the sheep even if it meant he would die or be injured. If a sheep got hurt or tired, the shepherd would carry the sheep across his shoulders. Little lambs, however, he would carry in his arms, close to his heart. The psalmist saw God as a good shepherd, caring for the people just as the shepherd cared for his sheep.

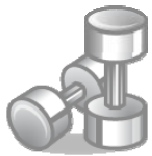
Memory Verse: Psalm 23:1-2

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;



Stretch Again

Think of a time someone you know has acted as a shepherd for you. What are some ways you can act as a shepherd for someone else? Go to the Bible Bowl website and tell us one of your ideas.



New Training Equipment

Passage: is a group of verses of Scripture, read together. References for passages have a hyphen between the first and last verse number of the passage.

Hyphen: a small dash (-) between verse numbers in references for passages of scripture.



Cross Training

You will need internet access for this part. Go to the Bible Bowl training page and click on “Practice Online”. This link will take you to an online Bible quiz that will allow you to practice questions similar to what we will be using for our Bible Bowl competition. Our online quiz is modeled after “Who Wants to be a Millionaire!” Do you think you can earn the million dollars? If you don't know the answer to a question, look up the reference given and find the answer! But be fast, you only have 60 seconds per question! This week the quiz is timed, so you'll have to act fast to get the answers! I have confidence in you; stick with it until you are a Bible Millionaire! This is great practice for the big competition, now just three weeks away! Practice with this quiz as often as you can between now and then!