

Student Guide
Fall



Middle Elementary
Year 1

A background image of vibrant orange and yellow autumn leaves on tree branches, with a soft, overcast sky visible in the upper portion.

MISSION
2:20



The following contains the first three lessons of the fall semester of year one of Summit Ministries' Sunday School Curriculum.

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Learning God's Word

Look at the bookshelf. Draw a line from the names of the missing books to the place where they should go.

Acts

Psalms

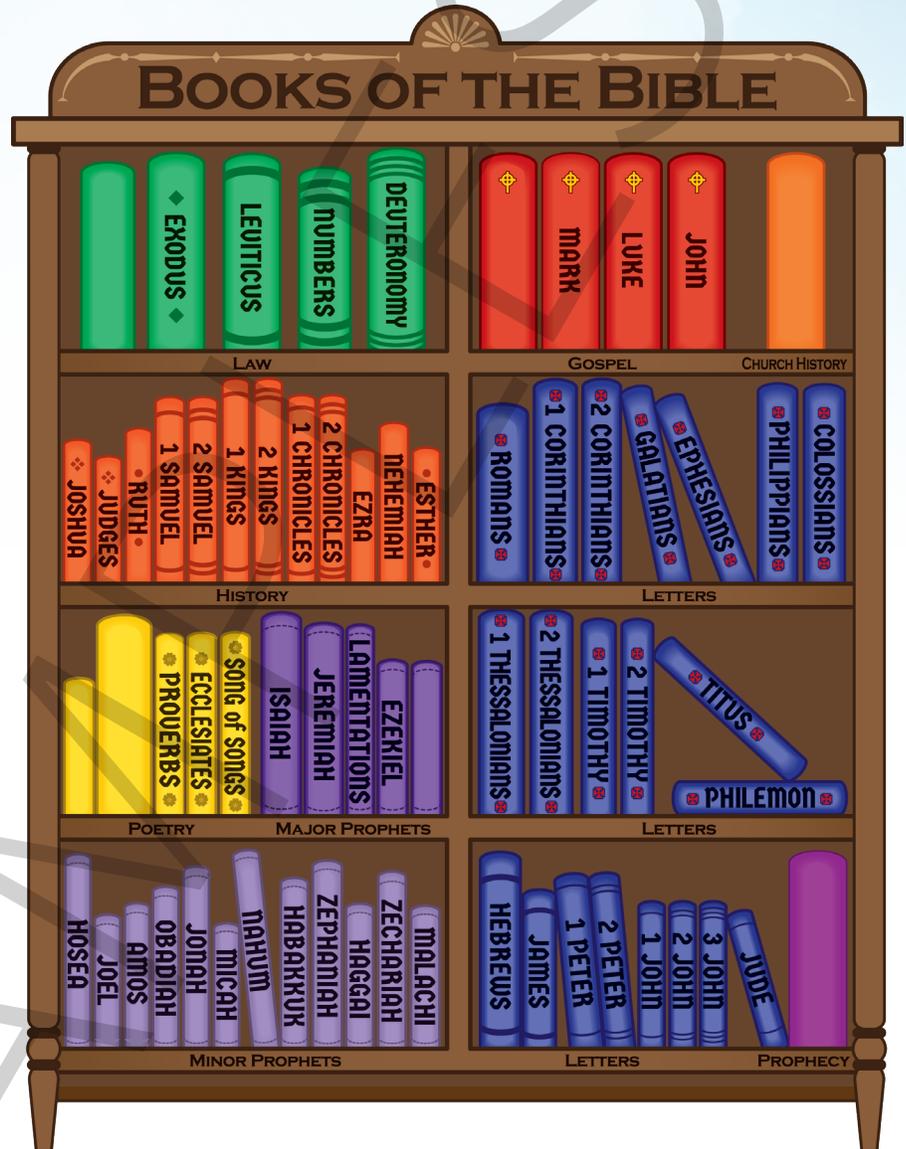
Daniel

Matthew

Revelation

Genesis

Job



Write the memory verse here.

LEARNING GOD'S WORD

Dear Parent,

Today we learned how to look up Bible references by chapter and verse. Next week we begin a study of the Old Testament. The goal for each lesson is for children to develop a biblical Christian worldview that will grow as they grow in faith.

Bible Reference: 1 Thessalonians 2, Colossians 3, Luke 11, Romans 10, James 1. To review the story, you will find some questions below.

Discussion Questions:

- Why do we study the Bible?
- What are the two testaments in our Bible?
- How can you find a chapter in the Bible? How can you find a verse?
- How can reading the Bible daily help you grow in faith?

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Bible Truth: God Always Tells the Truth

We know that God always tells the truth. His Word guides us to live righteously with others and with Him.

Character Trait: Reverence

Ask your child what reverence means. Discuss ways in which family members can show reverence toward God and His Word. Pray that your child develops a love for God's Word and always stands up for His truth.

Number the pictures in the order God created the things shown.



day _____



day _____



day _____



day _____



day _____



day _____

Unscramble the words that God said after each day of creation. Write them in the correct order on the line.

was It good

What did God create in His image?

CREATION

Dear Parent,

Today we learned the story of God's omnipotent, creative acts whereby the heavens, the earth, and everything in them came into existence. By the power of His spoken word, God spoke order to the formless earth, filled the cosmos with light, separated the waters below and above the earth, divided the land and sea, and spangled the heavens with stars. With the physical environment prepared for life, God filled the earth and seas with every kind of living plant and animal, commanding that each produce offspring according to its own species (Genesis 1:12, 21, 24). Finally, at the end of the sixth day, God created the crowning glory of His earthly creation, the first people we know as Adam and Eve.

Bible Reference: Genesis 1–2. To review the story, you will find some questions below.

Discussion Questions:

- What existed before God made it? What did God use to create the world?
- Why do you think God created plants before He created animals?
- What do you think it means to be created in God's image?
- What does creation tell you about God's power? His wisdom?

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:27a

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them.

Bible Truth: God Is the Creator

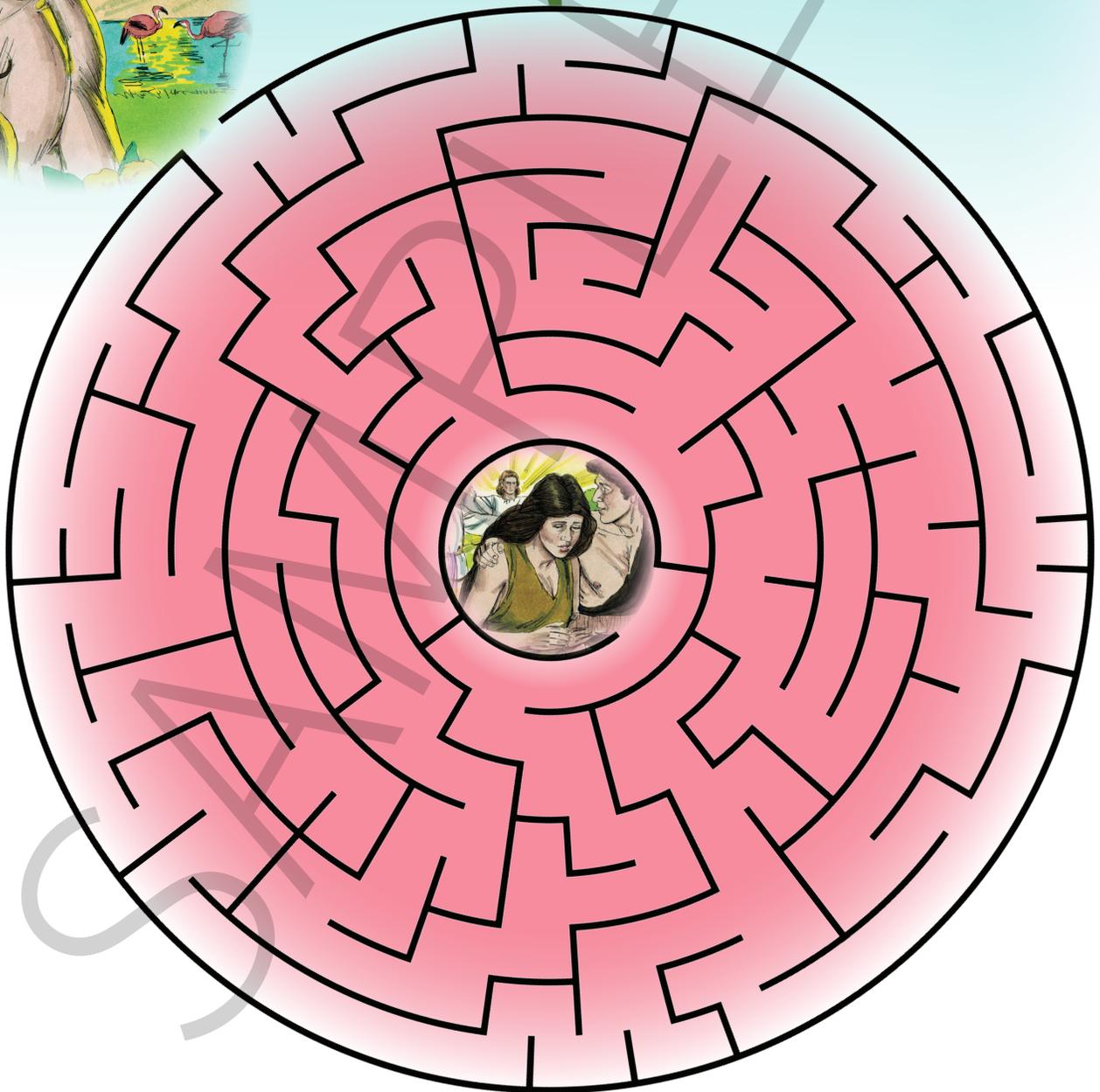
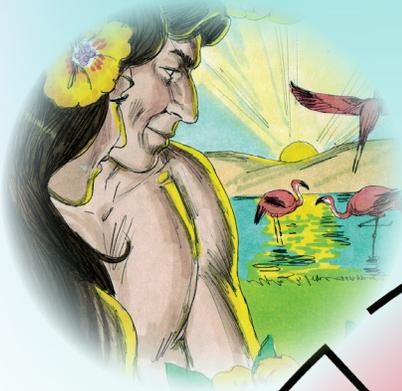
Despite current trends to accept Creator-free evolution as fact, Christians believe that God created the heavens and the earth. The three Persons of the Godhead all took part in the creation of the earth (Genesis 1:2, John 1:1–3). Human beings were created in His image and share many attributes of God, including creativity, personality, and an immortal spirit or soul. Challenge your child to name what God created on each day of creation.

Character Trait: Gratitude

Take a walk with your child. Have him or her point out the marvelous things that God created. Remark how wonderful God is for having made the universe and all that is in it. Explain that we should always have a grateful heart toward God.

The Fall

Adam and Eve's story had a perfect beginning but a sad end. Trace a line through the maze. Answer the question.



What caused death to enter the world? _____

THE FALL

Dear Parent,

Today we learned that after being expelled from heaven, Satan and the fallen angels (demonic spirits) continued their course of rebellion, working to destroy God's earthly creation by tempting His image-bearers, Adam and Eve, to sin. Lucifer's strategy was to undermine God's authority by implying that Adam and Eve could be like God if only they would eat the fruit that God had forbidden. Sadly, both Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and the results of sin were catastrophic.

Bible Reference: Genesis 2–3. To review the story, you will find some questions below.

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think Satan, the snake, tried to get Eve to eat the fruit? Was the snake honest in what he told Eve?
- If Eve knew it was wrong to eat the fruit, then why did she eat it? Why did Adam eat it?
- Did Adam and Eve become like God after eating the fruit? Why or why not?
- What does this story teach us about disobedience?
- What can you do to be more obedient today or this week?

Memory Verse: Romans 3:23–24a

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight.

Bible Truth: Sin Causes Problems between People and God

Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, all people have inherited a sinful nature. This means that everyone sins and needs God's gracious love and forgiveness. Remind your children that they can show their love to God and to you through their obedience.

Character Trait: Honesty

If we are truly honest, we can admit that we sin. Adam and Eve knew they had sinned and tried to hide it. But God knew exactly where they were and what they had done. Honesty is the first step to repentance and forgiveness. Encourage and applaud honesty in your children, even when they must admit their mistakes.

EPHESIANS 2:20

*Together,
we are his house,
built on the foundation
of the apostles
and the prophets.
And the cornerstone
is Christ Jesus himself.*

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