

## Bible Water Slide Chart

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### Introduction

Though kids may not admit it, many feel overwhelmed with the Bible—“It’s such a big Book!” They wonder how the 66 books fit together. They rarely understand how each Bible book contributes to God’s amazing plan and purpose. They aren’t yet able to fully appreciate and delight in God’s Word.

This cool Bible tool can change all that! It provides instant access to the names, structure, authors, themes, dates, and key events for all 66 Bible books. Simply slide the arrow to the desired Book and all the key information immediately appears in four cutout windows! One panel of this fun, water slide features the entire Old Testament—the other panel focuses on the New Testament.

Before giving this “Living Water Slide” to your students, show them how to use it and what they can do with it. Play several games or Bible drills together. Make navigating God’s Word more rewarding and less intimidating for children with this handy reference tool.

Use this Bible Water Slide Chart:

- as a graduation/promotion Sunday gift
- to reward/incentivize children
- as a VBS follow-up gift
- for a special “Bible introduction” class

This tool is also a great companion to DiscipleLand’s Core Bible (level 2 —Treasuring the Bible), and DiscipleTown units (“How to Use My Bible”; “How to Navigate the NT/OT”; and “How to Study My Bible”).

The activities below will help your kids cultivate a deep appreciation for the richness and power of Scripture. Over time, the Bible will become their trusted companion! Here are several ways the Bible water slide chart will motivate your children:

### “Living Water” Bible Games and Drills

For all these games, divide your class into two or more teams of 4-5 students. Provide slide charts for each team (or each child). Give points to the team that finds the correct answer to each question. Before long, your kids will remember many of the answers. They’ll respond without even looking at the slide chart!

- **“Who Wrote It?”**—Simply call out the name of a Book and see who can respond first. Example: “Who wrote...Galatians?” (Paul).
- **“What’s the Theme?”**—Call out the name of a Book and see who can respond first. Example: “What’s the theme of...Isaiah?” (Salvation).
- **“Read the Theme Verse”**—Call out the name of a Book and see who can locate the theme verse and then look up the verse in his or her Bible. Example: “Read the theme verse of...Hebrews.” (12:2).

## New Testament Ideas:

- **NT Books**—Encourage kids to memorize the names of all 27 New Testament books. You may want to have a contest to see who can name them the fastest.
- **NT Structure**—Teach your kids how the NT fits together. Explain that each NT book fits into one of three groups: History (Matthew—Acts), Living Letters (Romans—Jude), and Prophecy (Revelation). The Living Letters were written to: Churches (Romans—2 Thessalonians), Leaders (1 Timothy—Philemon), and to Christians in general (Hebrews—Jude).  
Once the children are familiar with the NT structure, ask them questions like: “Where would you look to find out about . . . Jesus?” (History/the Gospels). “How many books were written to . . . Churches?” (9). “Name the book that includes many prophecies.” (Revelation).
- **NT Authors**—Remind your students that God is the Author of the Bible—but He inspired or “breathed out” His powerful, life-giving words into the minds of people. Then God used human authors to write down His inspired words (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21). Learning who wrote each NT book is easy! Many authors have their names right in the title (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, James, Peter, Jude); Paul wrote all the Living Letters to 9 Churches and 4 Leaders.
- **NT Themes**—These themes and theme verses identify the central message of each NT Book. Invite your kids to read the theme verse for each one. They will immediately see how the verse links with the overall theme. Ask each child to choose a favorite NT book and memorize its theme and theme verse.
- **NT Action Steps**—Take a look in the “Action Step” window. These practical application ideas relate directly to each book’s theme. Encourage your children to find a specific way to apply the action step to their lives.

## Old Testament Ideas:

- **OT Books**—Encourage kids to memorize the names of all 39 Old Testament books. You may want to have a contest to see who can name them the fastest.
- **OT Structure**—Teach your kids how the OT fits together. Explain that each OT book fits into one of three groups: History (Genesis—Esther), Poetry (Job—Song of Songs), and Prophecy (Isaiah—Malachi). There are two groups of History books (Law and Adventure) and two groups of Prophecy books (Major and Minor).  
Once the children are familiar with the OT structure, ask them questions like: “Where would you look to find out about . . . Moses giving the Law?” (History/Law). “Which two books are named after courageous women?” (Ruth, Esther). “How many books of Poetry were written?” (5).
- **OT Authors**—It’s quite easy to learn who wrote each OT book. Moses wrote all 5 books of the Law. With the exception of Lamentations, the names of all 17 Prophecy books are the titles of the books (Isaiah—Malachi).
- **OT Themes**—These themes and theme verses identify the central message of each OT Book. Invite your kids to read the theme verse for each one. They will immediately see how the verse links with the overall theme. Ask each child to choose a favorite OT book and memorize its theme and theme verse.
- **OT Key Events**—Take a look in the “Key Event” window. These events often relate directly to each book’s theme. Put these events in chronological order (using the “Date of Events” window) and your children will be able to follow how God directed His people through the entire OT!