

Developing Bible Skills



Teaching age-appropriate Bible skills is an integral part of HeartShaper® Children's Curriculum! These critical Bible skills:

- are vital for kids to develop.
- help kids study God's Word on their own.
- will be used for the rest of their lives.
- are integrated in each lesson.
- are taught at the appropriate age levels.
- build on each other from one age level to the next.

Toddlers & 2s Bible Skills	Preschool Bible Skills	Pre-K & K Bible Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin to understand that the Bible is God's special book • Feel love toward God, Jesus, and the Bible • Begin to repeat Bible words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the Bible is God's special book • Know to handle the Bible carefully • Point to and repeat simple Bible words • Point to main characters in Bible pictures • Recognize the word <i>Bible</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the Bible is God's special book that tells about God and Jesus • Know there are two parts of the Bible, an Old Testament and New Testament • Know the Bible is made up of different books • Know how to open and hold the Bible correctly • Begin to read simple Bible words • Say simple Bible verses from memory • Retell basic facts about main Bible characters • Begin to sequence events in main Bible stories • Recognize by sight, words such as <i>God</i>, <i>Jesus</i>, and <i>Bible</i> • Know simple definitions of basic Bible terms, such as worship, pray, and church • Begin to recognize names of Bible books

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Early Elementary Bible Skills	Middle Elementary Bible Skills	PreTeen Bible Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin to understand the major emphasis of the Old and New Testaments • Learn to read and pronounce names of Old and New Testament books • Understand what the punctuation marks mean in a Scripture reference • Know how to find Bible verses • Begin to read Bible verses • Say selected Bible verses from memory • Identify Old and New Testament main characters • Develop Bible reading comprehension skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin to understand the chronology of Bible events; that there's an overall story or theme to the Bible, that history is God's story • Better understand the structure of the Bible • Navigate within the Bible (both a printed Bible and a digital Bible) to find stories or verses or topics they want to know more about • Learn the major emphasis of the Old and New Testaments • Begin to understand the major emphasis of each division of books in the Old and New Testaments • Grasp why it's important to read and study the Bible • Learn how to use a Bible dictionary (printed, online, and app) • Feel increasingly confident when using the Bible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the Bible as God's Word and accept its absolute truth • Recognize that there are different Bible translations and understand some of the differences • Find verses in the Bible with increased ease and speed • Read and explain Bible verses and apply them to everyday life • Use a Bible dictionary, Bible map, and concordance (printed, online, or app) to better understand Scripture texts • Locate, read, and paraphrase or summarize Bible verses • Memorize selected Bible passages and talk about their meaning • Value time spent reading God's Word and use the skills they have acquired in personal Bible study
<p style="text-align: center;">Optional Bible skills for early elementary kids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to use the table of contents in a Bible • Find books, chapters, and verses in a Bible • Put a simple series of Bible events and people in chronological order • Begin to understand general divisions of Bible books (history, poetry, prophets and kings, Jesus' life, letters) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Optional Bible skills for middle elementary kids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorize Old and New Testament books • Memorize Old and New Testament divisions • Learn more about the theme of each of the Bible divisions • Locate on a Bible map where key Bible events took place • Put key Bible events and people in chronological order 	<p style="text-align: center;">Optional Bible skills for preteens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List major Old Testament events in chronological order; attach people to events • List major New Testament events in chronological order; attach people to events • Name the books and divisions of the Bible • Explain the themes of Bible divisions • Find and compare parallel Scripture passages • Know how to use a variety of study Bible helps: cross-references, chapter intros, verse explanations, etc. • Refer to Scripture when discussing personal faith