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# In Step with the Master Teacher



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## Discovering the Bible

The Bible can be a confusing book for many children but it is important that we encourage them to read it for themselves if they are to grow spiritually. A good place to start is teaching them how to find their way around the Bible.



## Practical Tip

Show the children where the Bible is divided into the Old and New Testaments. Make an 'Old Testament' bookmark and a 'New Testament' bookmark for them to place at the start of each section in their Bibles. Show them where the contents page is so they can see the different names of the books.

Print the names of the books on separate cards (free clipart which might be useful is available at [http://bible.phillipmartin.info/home\\_books\\_01.htm](http://bible.phillipmartin.info/home_books_01.htm)\*). Make several sets and mix up the order of the books in each set. Divide the children into small groups and give each group a set of cards. Challenge them to put the cards in the right order. At first they can use the Bible contents page to help them but as they become more used to the names you can challenge them to do it without assistance. You could run competitions between groups or individuals to see who is the quickest at sorting the books into the right order.

Learning the names and order of the books of the Bible will help children to feel more comfortable with it and hopefully read it for themselves. This will ultimately aid in their spiritual growth.

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recommend the ISMT  
training session:*

*Helping Children Grow*

*Your word is like a  
lamp for my feet and a  
light for my way.*

*Psalms 119:105  
(International Children's Bible -  
NCV)*



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