

Building Bible Literacy

The Bible is not just a book; it's a vast library filled with stories, poetry, letters, and prophecies. Navigating these diverse passages is crucial for developing Bible literacy, especially for children. Here are three simple questions to ask each time you approach a passage:



Is this passage from the Old or New Testament?

1

Understanding where in the big picture of God's relationship with people this story comes impacts how we read and understand it. We can recognise the historical and cultural influences of that time period and also whether key events like Jesus' birth, death and resurrection, or the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost have taken place.

What period of Bible history is this passage from?

2

Placing stories on a timeline provides an overview of God's evolving relationship with His people. We see God take His people on a journey out of slavery and into the promised land, speaking to them through Judges, then Kings and Prophets. Finally we enter the New Testament where Jesus walks on the earth, the church is born!

What type of book is this passage from?

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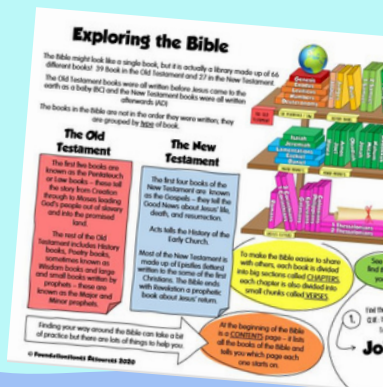
Recognizing genres and writing styles helps apply the teachings appropriately. We can recognise that epistles were written to a specific group of people at a certain time in church history or the difference between stories of historical events and poetic words filled with metaphor that help us to understand what God is like.

Our 'Exploring the Bible' resources are all designed to help build Bible confidence and can be used by children and adults alike.



Bible Cards

With a card for every book of the Bible, ideas for challenges and games as well as passages to discover; these are a great starting point for building Bible Literacy and understanding.



Bible Timeline

Colour coded to match all our teaching materials, discover which Testament and which period of Bible History a passage fits within.



Bible Poster

With a simple guide to finding any Bible passage as well as information about the Old and New Testament and the periods of Bible history this a great resource to build confidence in studying the Bible alone.