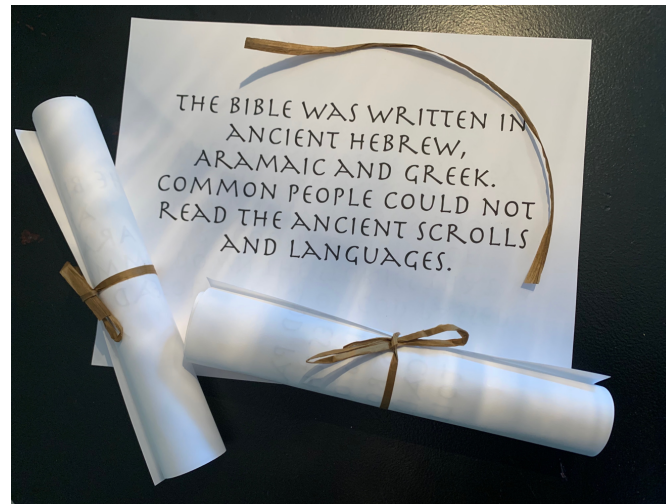


Bible Facts Scrolls

1. The bible fact activity is great for Bible boot camp session or an opening activity to a class of parents and children about the Bible.
2. Put at least 2-3 scrolls on each table for parent and their kids. If you are doing it as a small group activity with just kids, put all the scrolls in the middle of the floor and have the students sit in a circle with you around the scrolls.
3. Explain to the students that when the word of God was first written down it was written in Hebrew and Aramaic. The Jews, Greeks, and Romans used papyri and parchments in scroll form. The papyrus reed was split into thin strips which were arranged in two layers at right angles and then pressed together and polished to form a smooth surface. Then the sheets were glued together to form long continuous strands, and wrapped around cylindrical shafts made of wood or bone to form scrolls. When an individual wished to read the scrolls, they would unroll the material from one shaft and as they progressed through the text they would begin to roll the material onto the other shaft; creating a scrolling action.
4. So today we are going to read from scrolls like they once had to read the Word of God.
5. Let the students take one scroll and read it out loud to the group. Talk about each one and add or define any of the information to them as the leader.



THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN IN
ANCIENT HEBREW,
ARAMAIC. IT WAS THEN
TRANSLATED TO GREEK.
COMMON PEOPLE COULD NOT
READ THE ANCIENT SCROLLS
AND LANGUAGES.

FOLLOWERS OF GOD PASSED
DOWN THE STORIES THAT
RECOUNT ORIGINS OF
HUMANITY. FIRST 5 BOOKS
OF THE BIBLE ARE CALLED
THE TORAH AND SCHOLARS
BELIEVE RECORDED BY
MOSES.

THE FIRST ENGLISH VERSION
OF THE BIBLE DATES FROM
1382 BY JOHN WYCLIFFE. IN
1611, 54 SCHOLARS
APPOINTED BY KING JAMES
WROTE ENGLAND'S
APPROVED VERSION.

"ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED OF GOD -THE SPIRIT OF GOD NOT ONLY ONCE INSPIRED THOSE WHO WROTE IT, BUT CONTINUALLY INSPIRES, SUPERNATURALLY ASSISTS, THOSE THAT READ IT WITH EARNEST PRAYER. HENCE IT IS SO PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR INSTRUCTION OF THE IGNORANT, FOR THE REPROOF OR CONVICTION OF THEM THAT ARE IN ERROR OR SIN, FOR THE CORRECTION OR AMENDMENT OF WHATEVER IS AMISS, AND FOR INSTRUCTING OR TRAINING UP THE CHILDREN OF GOD IN ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS."

-JOHN WESLEY

IN 405, ST. JEROME
TRANSLATED THE BIBLE INTO
LATIN. BUT IN THE 15TH AND
16TH CENTURIES MARTIN
LUTHER TRANSLATED IT
FROM ORIGINAL
LANGUAGES INTO GERMAN
SO THAT ALL COULD READ IT
NOT JUST THE PRIESTS.

-THE BIG NUMBERS ON THE
PAGES MARK THE
CHAPTERS.

-THE LITTLE NUMBERS ON
THE PAGES MARK THE VERSE.

THE CHAPTER AND VERSE DIVISIONS FOUND IN THE MODERN BIBLE WERE NOT
PRESENT IN THE ORIGINAL TEXTS, BUT WERE ADDED MUCH LATER. THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THESE DIVISIONS OCCURRED OVER THE COURSE OF A PERIOD
OF APPROXIMATELY TWO-THOUSAND YEARS.

THE NEW TESTAMENT HAS 27
BOOKS.

THOSE BOOKS ARE
CATEGORIZED AS:
THE GOSPELS, EARLY
CHURCH LETTERS, EPISTLES,
PROPHECY

ALWAYS READ THE
INTRODUCTION TO EACH
BOOK OF THE BIBLE. IT TELLS
YOU WHO WROTE THE BOOK
AND WHAT WAS HAPPENING
AT THE TIME. IT GIVES THE
CONTEXT!

THE OLD TESTAMENT HAS 39
BOOKS OF THE BIBLE.
THEY ARE CATEGORIZED AS:

LAW, HISTORY, POETRY,
MAJOR PROPHETS AND
MINOR PROPHETS.

THE BIBLE WAS RECORDED
ON SCROLLS AND ONLY THE
HOLY PRIEST WOULD READ
THEM. ALL WHO GATHERED
AND HEARD THE READINGS
WOULD DISCUSS HOW THEY
COULD APPLY WHAT THEY
HEARD TO THEIR LIFE.

JOHANNES GUTENBERG
ACCREDITED WITH THE
PRINTING PRESS. PRINTING
PRESSES COULD MASS
PRODUCE THE BIBLE AS WE
KNOW IT TODAY. 1452 THEY
NAMED A TRANSLATION OF
THE BIBLE THE GUTENBERG
BIBLE.

SCROLLS, CODICES, AND OTHER FORMS OF IMPORTANT WRITINGS WERE STORED IN ANCIENT LIBRARIES OR THE ARCHIVES OF PALACES AND TEMPLES. THE USE OF ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES WAS RESTRICTED TO PRIESTS, SCRIBES, AND OTHER DIGNITARIES. THOUGH POWERFUL INDIVIDUALS LIKE THE ROMAN EMPEROR COULD BORROW BOOKS, MOST LIBRARIES DID NOT PERMIT BOOKS TO CIRCULATE.

THE GOSPELS WERE WRITTEN
IN THE GREEK LANGUAGE 5
YEARS AFTER JESUS WAS
CRUCIFIED AND ROSE
AGAIN.

Verse

HEBREWS 4:12

Name of the
Book from Bible

Chapter