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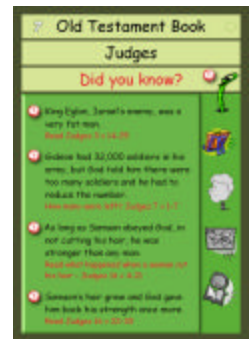
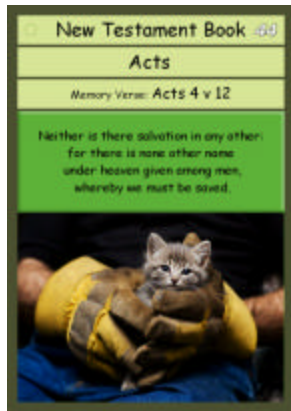
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BIBLE KNOWLEDGE CARDS

Have you noticed how kids love trading cards? These are usually football, high school musical or fast car cards. Lots of kids have these; they play with them, study them and swap them with their friends. At Newtownbreda Gospel Hall in Belfast, Northern Ireland, we have designed a set of Bible-based cards. We call them BK Cards (Bible Knowledge cards). They are given out as prizes for behaviour, attendance and memorizing Scripture. They have proven to be a great help in the work; the children have really taken to them and introducing this scheme has given us all a very encouraging year in Sunday school.

There are 100 cards in the following categories:

- 39 - Old Testament cards.
- 27 - New Testament cards.
- 10 - Bible People cards.
- 10 - Bible Places cards.
- 10 - Creation Event cards.
- 1 - Whole Bible summary card.
- 2 - OT & NT summary cards.
- 1 - Cover card.



Each card has a photo and a memory verse on one side and a short summary of the book/person/place on the other with Bible readings that we encourage parents to do with their children.

How it works:

We put them in sealed envelopes in a special BK box and give them out as prizes. Each week we vary what they are given out for to keep the children on their toes. Sometimes it is for bringing their Bible, or a whole class might get one each for being the best class of singers. We also have introduced a monthly magazine based on a book from the Bible each month. Its purpose is to teach the books of the Bible. We give a BK card to everyone who fills in a magazine. We choose the best four and give an extra BK card to the winners along with a prize.

The kids don't know what card they are getting until they tear open the envelope. This has added to the excitement of the scheme. If the card happens to be a cover card or a Whole Bible summary card then there is a spot prize out of a special BK prize box. If a child makes a collection of 2 or 10, we give a better prize and if someone collects all OT or NT cards or even all 100 they will get a really good prize.

Each teacher keeps a track of their own class and encourages them to make collections. Running from last September, most kids now have about 15 - 25 cards. Some kids are smart and try to swap to make collections but the majority for some reason just want to keep the cards that they have; they look on them as their own personal cards and do not want to swap except for their duplicates!

MONTHLY MAGAZINE

October 2013
 The word 'Exodus' means - 'to go out' and the book tells about the Israelites being delivered from slavery in Egypt.
 The very interesting story tells of the King of Egypt (Pharaoh) refusing to let them go and so God sent ten different plagues upon the Egyptians until finally they let the Israelites go.
 It is in this book we will find out how the Israelites made a dwelling for their God so that He could dwell among the people. This shows where that dwelling was called the Tabernacle.
 Exodus makes great bedtime reading!

Exodus

- Is the ___ book in the Old Testament
- In ch2 the baby's name was _____
- There are ___ chapters in Exodus
- In ch3 the name 'Moses' is found ___ times
- After Exodus comes L _____

Name _____
 Age _____

To complement the BK cards we do a monthly magazine. It is based on a different Bible book each month. We print it on 8 1/2 x 11 landscape paper folded in half. It features questions that require a Bible to answer. On the inside we print a full list of the books of the Bible, leaving a few out, to be filled (with correct spelling).

The very young ones are only expected to colour, the older ones to fill in the front and the Bible book names, and the oldest ones to do everything. In practice we find that nearly all the magazines are fully completed so an older person has taken time to look up the Bible references for the answers to help the younger children.

Bible People 77B

David

Memory Verse: Acts 13 v 22

I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

Bible People 77B

David

Did you know?

- David was a shepherd who became a king - he reminds us of the Lord Jesus.
Read 1 Samuel 17 v 23 - 2 Samuel 7 v 1-16
1 Kings 1 v 10 and 2 Kings 11 v 10
- David killed 2 wild animals with his bare hands.
Read 1 Samuel 17 v 34-37
- The bigger they are - the harder they fall!
Read 2 Samuel 18 v 14-16
1 Kings 19 v 10-14
- David wrote lots of songs about his relationship with God.
Read an example in Psalm 113

Books of the Bible
 Fill in the missing ones

Genesis	Nahum
Exodus	Habakkuk
Leviticus	Zephaniah
Numbers	Haggai
Deuteronomy	Zechariah
	Malachi
Judges	Matthew
Ruth	Mark
1 Samuel	
2 Samuel	John
1 Kings	Acts
2 Kings	Romans
1 Chronicles	1 Corinthians
2 Chronicles	2 Corinthians
Ezra	Galatians
Nehemiah	Ephesians
Job	Colossians
Psalms	1 Thessalonians
Proverbs	2 Thessalonians
Ecclesiastes	1 Timothy
Song of Solomon	2 Timothy
Isaiah	Titus
Jeremiah	Philemon
Lamentations	Hebrews
Ezekiel	James
Daniel	1 Peter
Hosea	2 Peter
Joel	1 John
Amos	2 John
	3 John
Jonah	
Micah	Revelation

Colour this page

When I see the blood,
 I will pass over you. Exodus 12 v 13

See if you can trace the way from Egypt to the Promised Land without touching the sides of the maze!

VITAL VERSE
 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.
 Exodus 12v13

WORD SEARCH

The Price of Redemption:
 Exodus 12v3 - Take a L ____
 Exodus 12v6 - k ____ it in the e ____
 Exodus 12v7 - Strike its b ____ on the u ____ d ____ p ____
 Exodus 12v8 - e ____ the f ____

How they were redeemed:
 Exodus 12v13 - The b ____ shall be to you for a t ____
 Exodus 12v13 - when I s ____ t ____ b ____ I will p ____ o ____ y ____

OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR BK CARDS

Other Languages:

Perhaps the BK cards could be translated into other languages for use among children. The biggest problem we see in translating them is the limited space on the back. We had a real job fitting in the points in English so for another language that uses more words than English it may be impossible to keep all the points but if anyone would like to have a go, feel free to contact me.

I have sets of the cards in print-ready PDF format, readily accepted by most printers. Use good quality laminated paper. If you think you could use the cards my contact details are:

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Newtownbreda Gospel Fall
New Come to Sunday School and collect our brand new Bible Knowledge Cards
 Don't forget we start Sunday School 8th September at 3.00pm
 Calling boys and girls to Sunday School
 Like you know?
 • There are ___ books in the Bible
 • There are ___ books in the Old Testament
 • There are ___ books in the New Testament
 • The Bible is God's _____
 Name _____
 Age _____
*Fill in the missing words in the Bible Knowledge cards you get for free for your child's school!

Wonders of Creation 92
Stars
 Memory Verse: Genesis 1 v 16
 And God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

92 Wonders of Creation
Stars
 Did you know?
 • The stars are a display of God's glory in creation. Read Psalm 8
 • God promised Abraham that his family would be larger than the number of the stars in the sky. Read Genesis 15 v 5-6
 • Was man followed a star which led them to the Lord Jesus. Read Matthew 2 v 1-11
 • Each star is different from the other stars. Read 1 Corinthians 15 v 41

Books of the Bible
 Fill in the missing cues

	Nahum
Exodus	Habakkuk
Leviticus	Zephaniah
Numbers	Haggai
Deuteronomy	Zechariah
Joshua	Malachi
Judges	
	Mark
1 Samuel	Luke
2 Samuel	John
1 Kings	Acts
2 Kings	Romans
1 Chronicles	1 Corinthians
2 Chronicles	2 Corinthians
Ezra	Galatians
Nehemiah	
Esther	Philippians
Job	Colossians
	1 Thessalonians
Proverbs	2 Thessalonians
Ecclesiastes	1 Timothy
Song of Solomon	2 Timothy
Isaiah	Titus
Jeremiah	Philemon
Lamentations	
Ezekiel	James
Daniel	1 Peter
Hosea	2 Peter
Joel	1 John
Amos	2 John
Obadiah	3 John
Jonah	Jude
Micah	



Collecting BK cards is great fun and is a super way to improve your Bible Knowledge

VITAL VERSE
 Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
 Mark 10 v 14

BK Card Collection Scheme

We are introducing a new and exciting "collect a card" scheme in Sunday school this year. The cards are called BK cards (Bible Knowledge cards). There are 100 cards to be collected in sets.

Cards 1-39: Old Testament books (39)
Cards 40-66: New Testament books (27)
Card 67: Bible summary card (1)
Cards 68-69: OT & NT summary cards (2)
Cards 70-79: Bible People cards (10)
Cards 80-89: Bible Places cards (10)
Cards 90-99: Wonders of Creation (10)
Card 100: Cover card (1)

You will win a prize for each of the above sets that you collect.

How do you get them?

- Good behaviour - 4 greens in a row with our traffic lights behaviour scheme
- Completing the monthly magazine
- Having your Bible on a 'spot check' day
- Best class of singers
- Swap duplicates with a friend