

# KIDS ZONE

## TREASURE HUNTERS



Welcome to Kingsway Kids Home Edition! In this series, we're Treasure Hunters! Digging through the Bible for the truths and treasures hidden in God's Word!

**A NOTE TO PARENTS:** This is a new season for all of us! My hope is this material will help keep our Kingsway Kids connected, and encourage you and your family as you dig into God's word together. I'd love to hear your feedback, or if you have questions, please feel free to get in touch – you can reach me at [kids@kingswayfoursquare.com](mailto:kids@kingswayfoursquare.com)

Each week's material will be adaptable to best fit the needs of your family. You can set aside time to do the content all at once, or work through little bits at a time. There will be a memory verse, bible study element, discussion questions, craft options or experiments (using things you'd find around the house,) game ideas, and if you have access to a printer – puzzles and colouring sheets too. Some activities will be better suited to certain ages, so please read through and pick the options that are best for your child.

Please know I'm praying for you and your kids. I hope you have a lot of fun with this series!

All the best,

*Rose*

Children's Ministry Director

### **2 TIMOTHY 3:16 (NLT)**

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.



### **PROVERBS 3: 5-6 (NLT)**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
do not depend on your own understanding.  
Seek his will in all you do,  
and he will show you which path to take.

## **BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION:**

**Recap last week:** Can you remember last week's memory verse? Try and recite it together. Last week we learned that to trust God, we need to know Him; and to get to know Him we need to take action!

How did you do with last week's challenge to take action to seek God? *Share what you decided to do and how it went. Encourage one another to continue to seek Him.*

**This week's study:** One of the ways we can seek God is by reading His word. The bible is a collection of 66 books that helps us get to know who God is and understand his character.

Extra Activity (for younger kids) \*\*Can you count to 66? Or jump 66 times?

Let's look up today's memory verse, but we'll read some of the text either side too.

Extra Activity (for older kids) \*\*You could play the game sword drill. Everyone holds their bible up in the air; shout out the verse reference, then everyone races to find the verse first.

**Read 2 Timothy 3:15-17**

- Who wrote the bible? (People, but the words were inspired by God, see verse 16a)
- What is scripture useful for? (See verse 16b)
- Why is reading the bible important?

The bible points us to the truth about God, teaches us what is right from wrong, equips us for what's to come and gives us the wisdom to trust Jesus! Colossians 2:3 says "In him (Jesus) lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Extra Activity \*\* **Hidden Object**

*Show the kids a small household object. A key, or coin is perfect for older kids, something larger like a plastic cup or toy is great for younger ones. Ask the kids to close their eyes. Hide the object while they aren't looking. When it's hidden, they need to search for it!*

Knowing the truth of who Jesus is, is central. The whole Old Testament (first half of the bible) points to Jesus' arrival. It's a little like a treasure hunt, there are clues and hints and promises that a Saviour is on the way. Then Jesus arrives and the whole New Testament (second half of the bible) follows his life and points us to his example. Jesus links all 66 books together.

A good place to start getting to know Jesus is figuring out how to read our bibles and taking the time to read it. The activity section has some great tools to help you read your bible and get the most out of it!

You can practice looking up verses and get more familiar with your bible, or use the SOAP technique to help you think through and apply what you're reading.

**WEEKLY CHALLENGE:** Commit to read your bible this week (use some of the tools in the activity section to help you). If reading the bible is something you don't do regularly, maybe start with looking up the memory verse and reading that once or twice this week. If you already read your bible a couple of times a week, challenge yourself to add an extra day, or add a couple of extra verses to your readings.

PRAY TOGETHER

## **ACTIVITY OPTIONS:**

### **1. SOAP bookmark activity sheet** (see example below)

Print (or make your own) SOAP bookmark and decorate it. SOAP is a tool to get more from our bible time, the letters stand for Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer. Each step helps us think through what we're reading and apply the lessons in the bible to our lives. Practice SOAP this week!

### **2. Fill in the blank Bible Treasure Hunt**

Look up the verses and fill in the blanks to find out some promises that are in the bible!

### **3. Work on the Memory verse**

Come up with actions for each part of the memory verse

OR

try and fit the words to a song or tune you know

OR

write it out and post it by the sinks in your house and recite the verse while you wash your hands!

### **4. Colouring sheet**

If you have access to a printer, print the Colouring Sheet for your kids!

### **5. Right Now Media Video**

*For Kindergarten to Grade 6:*

'What's in the Bible: In the beginning' by Phil Visher, Episode 1, What is the Bible? (27 minutes) & Episode 2, Who wrote the Bible? (29 minutes)

*For Grade 5&6:*

'How to read the bible' series by Tim Mackie (approx 5 minutes per video)

## **GAME OPTIONS:**

### **1. Treasure Hunt**

*Your kids can hide an object in the house, then make a treasure map to help you or their siblings find the treasure! (There are lots of fun ways to decorate your treasure map, why not stain the paper with coffee or tea to give it an aged look, or a parent could help singe the edges.)*

### **2. Books of the Bible**

*Use the hand out below and cut out the different books, or if you don't have a printer you can write out the books of the bible by hand on post-its. The kids put the books in order.*

OR

*Hide the different post-its around the room. Kids need to find all the books first and then put them in order.*

### **3. 2 Truths and a lie**

*Share 2 true things and one lie. Mix up the order! Everyone has to guess which is the lie.*

**LINK TO THE BIBLE POINT:** *Scripture is inspired by God and is there to teach us what is true!*

## SOAP BOOKMARK

### *SCRIPTURE*

Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. If it helps, highlight, underline or place a mark in the margin of your bible next to the scriptures that stand out. Look for one that particularly speaks to you that day, and write it in your journal.

### *OBSERVATION*

What is the scripture saying? What stands out to you? Are there any recurring themes or words?

### *APPLICATION*

How does the scripture apply to your life? Is it an instruction? An encouragement? A new promise or a correction? How can you apply it today?

### *PRAYER*

Pray. Ask God to help you apply to scripture. Ask Him for ways you can use it or for deeper insight. Remember to spend some time listening too.

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**FILL IN THE BLANK BIBLE TREASURE HUNT**

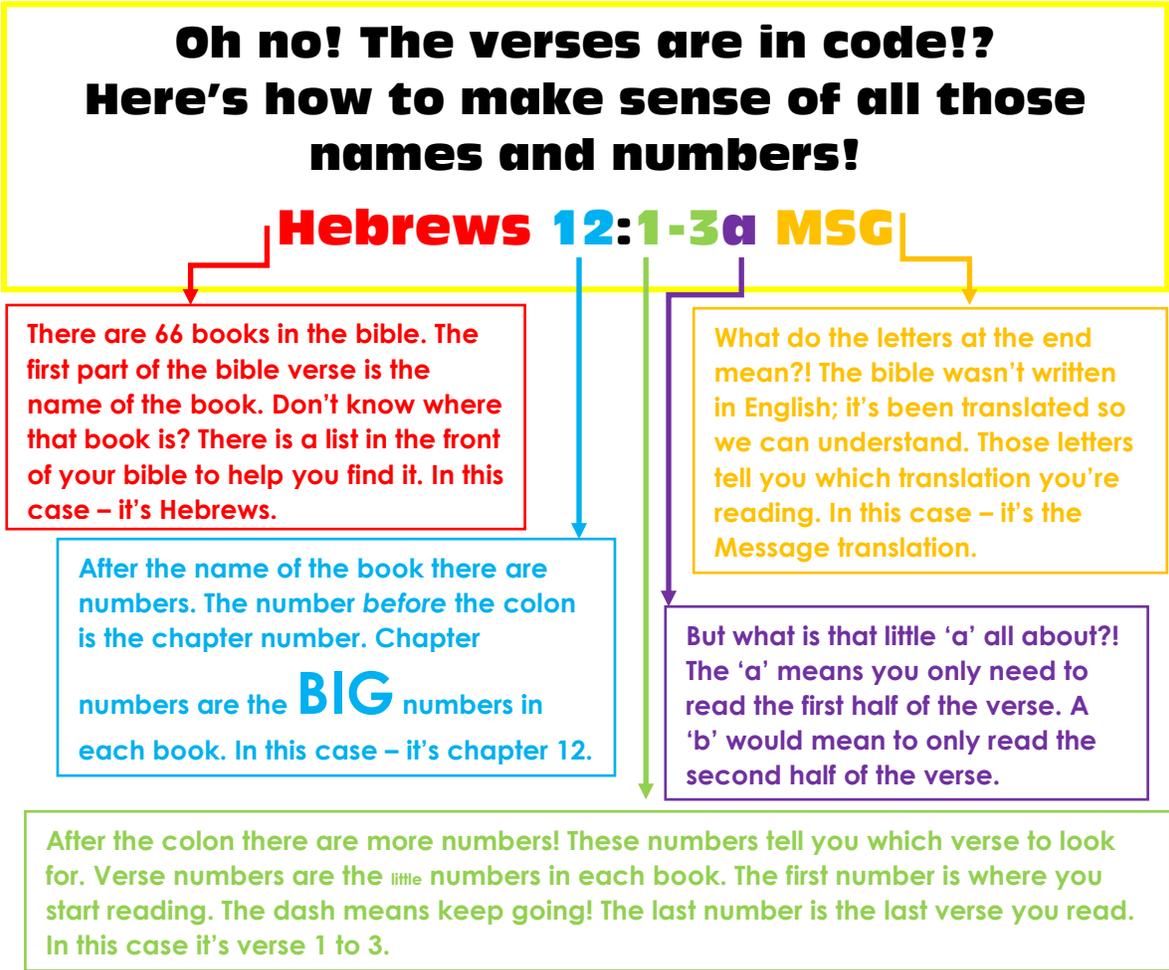
Look up the verses and fill in the blanks. If you're not sure how to look up a verse, use the chart below to help you.

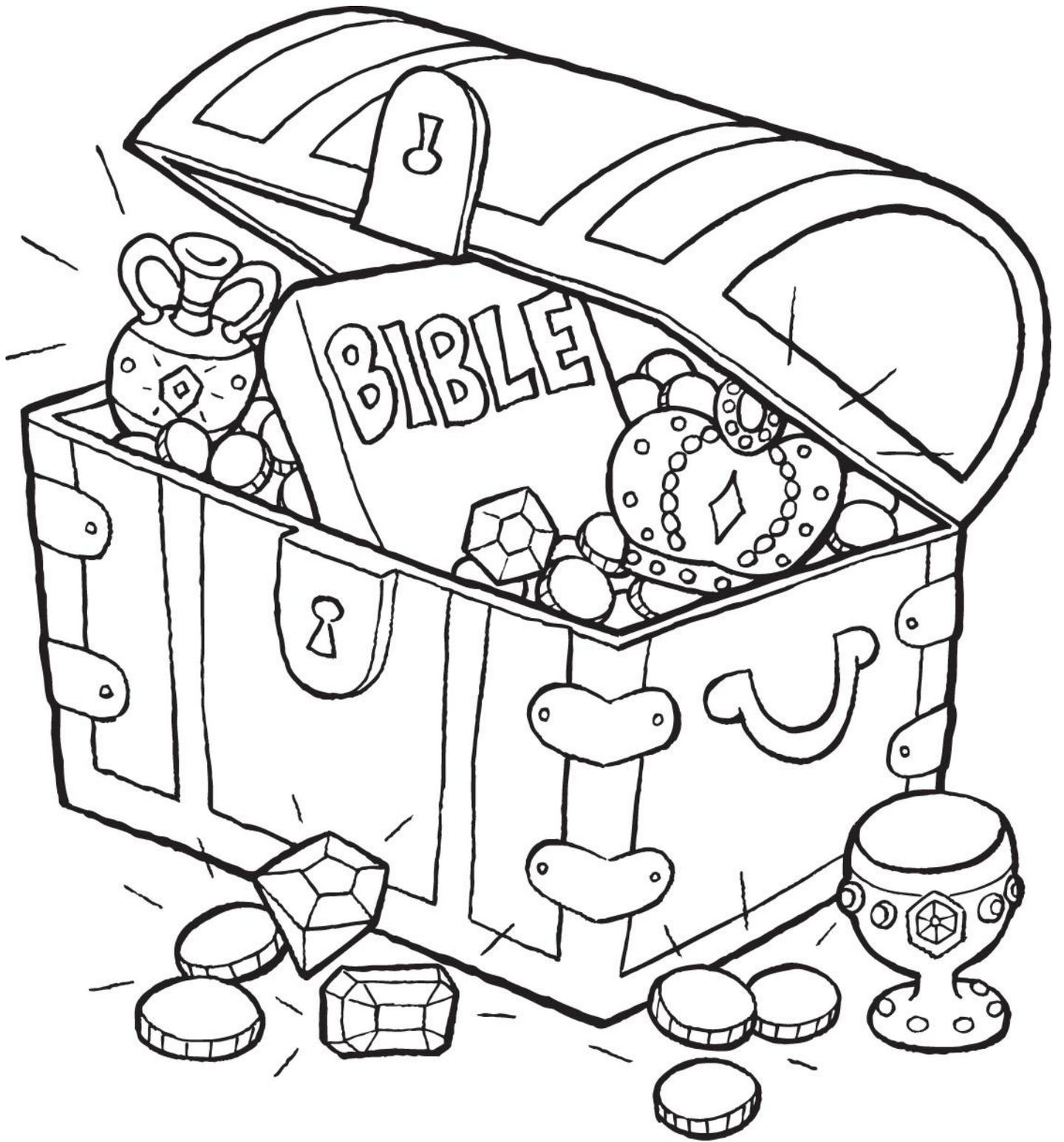
**John 3:16 NLT** "For this is how God \_\_\_\_\_ the world: He gave his one and \_\_\_\_\_, so that everyone who believes in him will not \_\_\_\_\_ but have eternal \_\_\_\_\_"

**Isaiah 40:28b NLT** "The Lord is the \_\_\_\_\_ God, the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the earth. He never grows weak or \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 17:3 NLT** "And this is the way to have \_\_\_\_\_ — to know you, the \_\_\_\_\_ true \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, the one you sent to earth."

**John 14:6 NLT** "\_\_\_\_\_ told him, "I am the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_. No one can come to the \_\_\_\_\_ except through \_\_\_\_\_."





## BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Cut these out to use for the game option.

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