

What Should Children Know?

Judges 2:10 says, "... and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel." The following lists were taken from a book about teaching teachers. Since there has been so much time that has gone by, I no longer recall the exact name of the book. I hope it will give parents and Bible class teachers a useful benchmark for their children's level of knowledge concerning the Bible.

GRADES ONE AND TWO

Skills

1. How to offer prayers.
2. Naming the Old Testament and New Testament books.
3. Learning to use a songbook.
4. Understanding of book, chapter and verse.
5. Turning to specific references in the Bible.

Memory List

1. The seven days of creation.
2. The twelve apostles.
3. The writers of the New Testament.
4. The three dispensations of time.

Scripture Memory List

1. Numbers 6:24-27.
2. Psalm 100.
3. Psalm 23.

GRADES THREE AND FOUR

Skills

1. Grouping Bible books.
2. Learning Bible spelling.
3. Labeling provinces, rivers, seas and cities in the land of Palestine.

Memory List

1. The ten plagues.
2. The seven sayings of Jesus on the cross.
3. God's three promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

4. Bible book abbreviations.
5. The trials of Jesus.
6. The twelve sons of Jacob.
7. The fifteen judges.
8. The three Jewish feasts.
9. The objects in the ark of the covenant.
10. The furniture in the tabernacle.

Scripture Memory List

1. Proverbs 3:5-6.
2. Proverbs 6:16-19.
3. Matthew 6:33-34.
4. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22.
5. 2 Peter 1:5-8.

OLD TESTAMENT CHARACTER LIST

These characters should be mastered by the time a student completes the sixth grade: Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth, Enoch, Methuselah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Hagar, Ishmael, Lot, Melchizedek, Rebekah, Jacob, Esau, Leah, Rachel, Joseph, Judah, Pharaoh, Moses, Aaron, Miriam, Zipporah, Jethro-Reuel, Eleazar, Joshua, Caleb, Rahab, Achan, Korah, Elijah, Jonah, Ruth, Boaz, Naomi, Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson, Delilah, Samuel, Eli, David, Bathsheba, Solomon, Absalom, Saul, Jonathan, Abigail, Michael, Goliath, Rehoboam, Jeroboam, Athaliah, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ahab, Jezebel, Elisha, Hosea, Amos, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Nebuchadnezzar, Nehemiah, Ezra, Zerubbabel, Cyrus, Josiah, Belshazzar, Esther.

NEW TESTAMENT CHARACTER LIST

These characters should be mastered by the time a student completes the sixth grade: Zacharias, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, Peter, Andrew, James, John, Phillip, Bartholomew, Simon, Thaddaeus, Thomas, Matthew, James, Alphaeus, Mary Magdalene, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, Pontius, Pilate, Herod, Judas, Paul, Ethiopian eunuch, Stephen, Philip, Barnabas, John Mark, Silas, Cornelius, Lydia, Dorcas, Aquila, Priscilla, Ananias, Sapphira, Demetrius, Felix, Festus, Agrippa, Phoebe, Titus, Timothy, Eunice, Lois, Philemon, Onesimus.

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