

# 41 BIBLE STUDIES FOR SPECIFIC BOOKS




- Read **Genesis** and draw an arrow **up** next to every time somebody does something right and an arrow **down** next to every time somebody does something wrong.
- Genesis**: 12-25 **Abraham**'s 2 lists: + & -
- Genesis**: 6-11 **Noah**'s 2 lists: + & -
- Exodus** 1-20 **Moses**' 2 lists: + & -
- Joshua** 1-11 **Joshua**'s 2 lists: + & -
- Ruth** 1-4 **Ruth**'s 2 lists: + & -
- I & II Kings** **good or evil?** Whenever a new king comes to the throne, a few verses later it is followed by a statement such as, ". . . and he did evil in the sight of the Lord. . . ." or ". . . he did right in the sight of the Lord.
- I & II Kings** The **first time you see a new king** as he comes to power, mark his name.  
**Red for kings of Israel** [north]  
**Blue for kings of Judah** [south]  
*If you don't, it is easy to get confused.*  
 \* There are 2 kings named Jeroboam  
 \* 2 named Jehoram [both are nicknamed Joram—they rule at the same time & they are brothers-in-law]  
 \* 2 named Joash: one was nicknamed Jehoash., different countries but overlapped by a couple years]
- I Kings** 17 thru **II Kings** 2 **Elijah's life:**  
2 lists: + & -
- Nehemiah**: Find about a dozen times **Nehemiah goes to prayer**. You might draw a simple figure in prayer next to each verse which says something like, "Remember me, Lord." 11X
- Esther**: Look for **irony in the book of Esther**, & write "irony" in the margin.  
 Irony: circumstances which are the direct opposite of what is expected  
 EXAMPLE: a Jewess becomes queen of pagan nation, Haman must honor Mordecai publicly, Haman hanged on his own gallows.
- Read **Psalms** 119 eight-verses-at-a-time and underline **the word in each verse that means "the Scriptures"**. There are 22 sections in Psalm 119. Each verse in the section begins with a different Hebrew letter. [There are 22 verses in the Hebrew alphabet.]
- Read a chapter in **Proverbs** and **write your initials** [in pencil so you can erase them later] next to verses that give you **a horrible time obeying**. You'll find more than you want to admit to me [nor I to you].
- Proverbs**: Read the book of **Proverbs** for **31 days**.  
 Draw simple icons:  
 wisdom = owl  
 greed = coin  
 generosity = dollar

evil women = lips  
 discipline = "Father's Love Stick" [well, that's what we had in our house]



fool = dunce cap  
 anger = a hothead  
 instruction = A+  
 hurtful words =  
 pride =  
 selfishness =  
 laziness =  
 kindness =  
 diligence =

- Read **Isaiah** and **circle the words "that day."** It usually refers to that Great Day when Jesus will come to earth as king or when big trouble comes [almost 50 x]. "The day" often refers to His return to earth.
- Outline the book of Jonah**  
It is only 4 chapters long. Outline it in 4 points. 2 lists: + & -
- Read Jeremiah chronologically.**
- In **Ezekiel**: Look for the words **"that all will know that I am the Lord."** Put some icon next to these words. I simply drew a triangle to indicate God.
- In **Ezekiel** also look for **"the Word of the Lord came to me, saying."** I used a scroll and numbered each time it appeared.
- Ezekiel** uses much **descriptive language**. I've illustrated each of these **figures of speech** with a tiny drawing. See what you can come up with.  

swords	pots	flocks
furnaces	vines	famine [dead plant]
amulets	hair	stone heart
fire	blood	hole-in-wall
glory fills. . . .	departs. . .	returns over-the-hill
pans	brick	lie on side
eat scroll	dry bones	wheels in wheels
seraphim	gates	death of his wife
trumpets	tables	Satan thrown from heaven
nets	sticks	showers of blessings
meas. od	sacrifices	size of new Jerusalem
mts/valleys	water under the altar	
- Any Gospel** Each time **Jesus predicts His own death** I've drawn 3 crosses in the margin. 
- Any Gospel** When He **predicts His resurrection** I've drawn an empty tomb. 
- Read the book of **Luke** and draw a star next to verses with **miracles**.  
*If you draw stars on the map in the back of your Bible, you will find most of them clustered in 2 places! Guess where?*
- Read the book of **John** and use a red pen to **circle believe** every time you find it—almost 100 times.
- Read the book of **Acts** and **draw a red cross**  in the margin of your Bible next to every verse in which **people are saved** [about 30 x, 11 individuals & 20+ groups].
- One more long one. But this is a "whole Bible" assignment. **If your Bible doesn't divide chapters into paragraphs—GREAT!**

## **DO IT YOURSELF!**

Put a red line between verses wherever you find a shift in the subject matter. I've come up with 4,535 paragraphs in the whole Bible. Most paragraphs I

- marked were about 5-10 verses long.
27. **Acts 13-28:** Make a poster-chart of **everything Paul did** [or Moses, Jesus, Peter, Joshua, Abe, Noah, or Elijah]  
 Make a legend:  
 R = sermons  
 S = miracles  
 r = cities visited  
 J = friends he travels with  
 P = danger, etc.  
 † = people saved
28. **Acts 13-28** find **Paul's 26 traveling companions** [some are found in the epistles]
29. **Put these sections of Romans in order?**  
*These are the 6 parts of your outline, but they are NOT in order!*
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| Salvation      | [2 chapters in-a-row] |
| Sin            | [3 chapters in-a-row] |
| Serving        | [3 chapters in-a-row] |
| Sovereignty    | [3 chapters in-a-row] |
| Sanctification | [3 chapters in-a-row] |
| Salutation     | [chapters 15 & 16]    |
- If you can do this, you are already pretty good at inductive Bible study thinking. Check yourself with a commentary. Their outlines will show how close you are. Or you can ask me.*
30. Compare these **7 lists of sins**.  
*List what you found in each one? What is mentioned in every one? What is never mentioned? Which sins are the hardest to stop?*
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| <i>The Terrible 21</i>     | <i>Rom 1.29-31</i>     |
| <i>The Awful 13</i>        | <i>Mark 7.20-23</i>    |
| <i>The Sensual 6</i>       | <i>I Pet 4.3</i>       |
| <i>15 Filthy Sins</i>      | <i>Gal 5.19-21</i>     |
| <i>7 Sins God hates</i>    | <i>Prov 6.16-19</i>    |
| <i>18 More</i>             | <i>II Tim 3.1-5</i>    |
| <i>11 Christian Crimes</i> | <i>II Cor 12.20,21</i> |
31. Read **II Timothy**. Look for **commands or imperative statements**: watch, flee, study, don't be ashamed, etc. You may find as many as 30+.
32. **Jesus is compared** to many things [13+] in the book of **Hebrews**: prophets, angels, Moses, priests, Melchizedek, covenants, sacrifices, and more. A number of times Paul uses the word "**better**" in the comparisons. Enjoy this whole book which magnifies our Savior.
33. **Peter** is writing to believers who have been scattered by persecution. Read his epistles and count how many times he refers to **trouble, trials, and suffering**.
34. Read the book of **The Revelation** and notice how many **descriptions there are of Jesus**. Put a Mogen David [★] in the margin. A good sleuth may find dozens of:  
 \* **names** for God,  
 \* **nicknames** for Jesus,  
 \* as well as **descriptions** of Him.
- EXAMPLES: *There are at least 14 in chapter 1: Jesus Christ, Him Who is... was... is to come, firstborn, King of kings, faithful witness, Him Who loves us, Alpha & Omega, Almighty, Lord, First & Last, etc.*
35. **Draw pictures in the margin** of your Bible in **The Revelation**: dragons, beasts, candlesticks, a mountain of sin, churches, cold hearts, trumpets, and dozens more.

My 4 1/2 year old and I read through The Revelation each Sunday morning for many months and I drew scores of pictures in the margin of my Bible.

36. **Make a timeline** of the book of the events in **The Revelation**. *You'll need a couple feet of paper, or a couple yards if you draw pictures. Tape the side-by-side. Roll like a scroll.*
37. Read any short book of the Bible [Philippians, or Jonah, or even just a chapter like the 23rd Psalm] **every day for a month**.  
*There are 26 short books with 6 chapters or less.*  
 I had a professor at Bible college who determined he would never teach a book of the Bible unless he had read it 30 times.  
*I took that challenge and began reading the shorter epistles for a month. When I got to the longer epistles, and the Gospels, I divided them into several segments. Matthew [8 chapter portions], John [7 chapter portions], The Revelation [7], etc.*
38. **Read straight through all the shorter books of the Bible "aloud" at one sitting.** [6 chapters or less]  
 Stop at the end of each paragraph for exactly one minute and write any words you can remember from the paragraph without looking.
39. I had fun going through the **whole NT just looking for commands**. I wound up with a list of hundreds: *be cheerful, give, obey, love your enemies, forgive unconditionally, witness, pray for missionaries to go to other cultures, pray for nasty people, put up with nasty bosses, etc.*
40. Here's another "**whole NT**" study. Find 211 verses which connect **faith or believe** with salvation [saved, justified, redemption, eternal life, everlasting life, etc.]
41. **Memorize the names of the 66 books of the Bible**. See how many days [weeks?] it takes you to be able to say them in 30 seconds or less.  
*Kudos!  
 Applause!  
 Stickers!  
 Cookies!*
- Remember there are **5 sections in the OT**.  
 Turn to the table of contents in your Bible and draw a line between each. The following books are the start of each section.
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| <i>Gen</i>    | <i>[5 bks]</i>  | <i>Torah</i>          |
| <i>Josh</i>   | <i>[12 bks]</i> | <i>history</i>        |
| <i>Job</i>    | <i>[5 bks]</i>  | <i>poetry</i>         |
| <i>Isaiah</i> | <i>[5 bks]</i>  | <i>major prophets</i> |
| <i>Hosea</i>  | <i>[12 bks]</i> | <i>minor prophets</i> |
- and **5 sections in the NT**:
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| <i>Gospels</i>        | <i>[4 bks]</i>  |
| <i>history</i>        | <i>[1 bk]</i>   |
| <i>Paul's letters</i> | <i>[14 bks]</i> |
| <i>other letters</i>  | <i>[7 bks]</i>  |
| <i>The Revelation</i> | <i>[1 bk]</i>   |

One fellow even made 66 small "books" out of pieces of 2"x4" wood. Painted them 5 colors [OT], and 5 colors [NT]. Then used a White-Out pen to write the names on the spine of the books. The family had team races to see how fast they could put the blocks in order.

*I happen to know he wrote a number on the bottom of each block so he could check the correct order quickly.  
 I heard a 10-year old boy say all 66 in 17 seconds.*

**If you did every one of these and read only 1 chapter per day, it would take 9 1/2 years. I think I've done all of them except #38.**