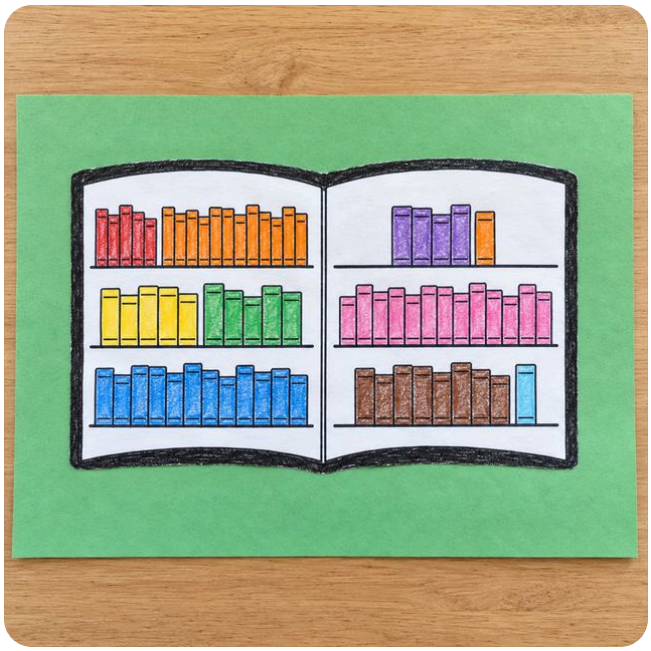
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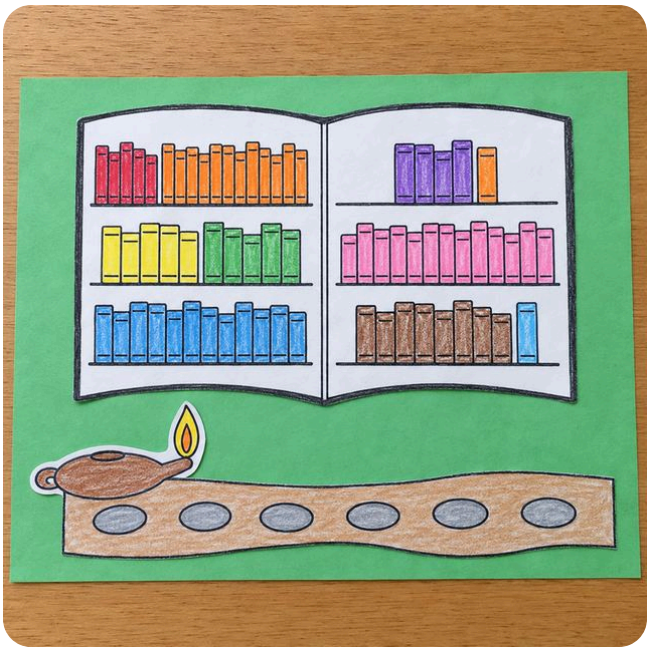
Books of the Bible Craft

Open Bible bookshelf · 2 Timothy 3:16 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



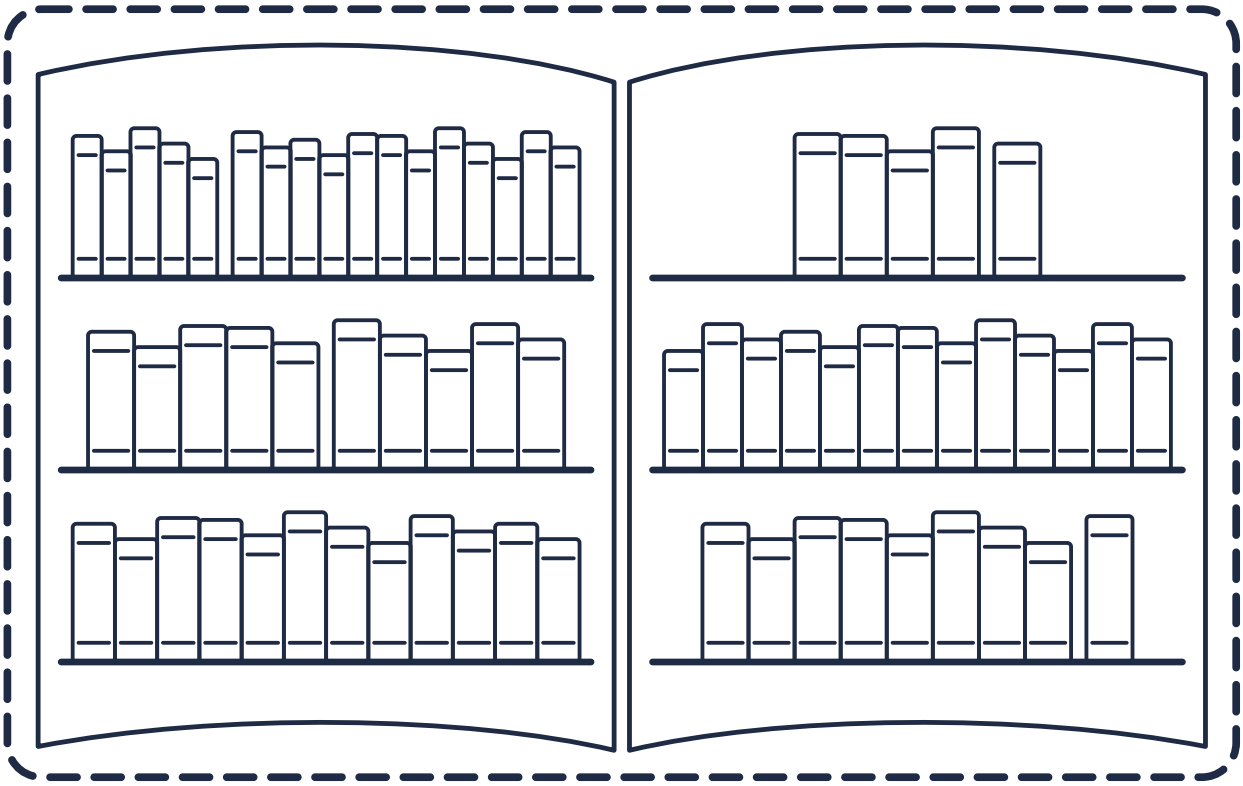
Harder

Both levels have a paper open Bible glued on light green paper. On its two pages stand all 66 books of the Bible on shelves, colored by group: 39 Old Testament books on the left page and 27 New Testament books on the right page. Medium (left): the open Bible. Harder (right): the open Bible with a lamp and a path from page 3, because "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



Left page: Old Testament, 39 books

Top shelf: 5 red, then 12 orange
Middle shelf: 5 yellow, then 5 green
Bottom shelf: 12 blue

Right page: New Testament, 27 books

Top shelf: 4 purple, then 1 orange
Middle shelf: 13 pink
Bottom shelf: 8 brown, then 1 light blue

Back card: glue it on the back. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" *2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)*

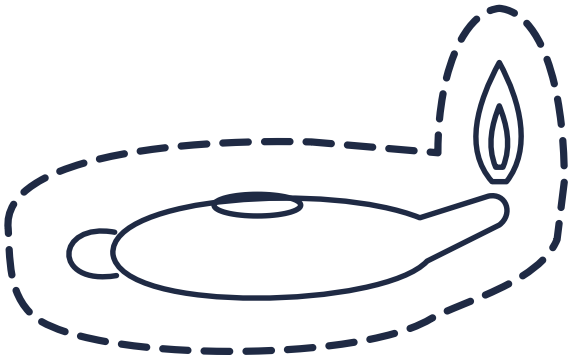
Old Testament (39 books)
Law (red): Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
History (orange): Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
Poetry and Wisdom (yellow): Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
Major Prophets (green): Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel
Minor Prophets (blue): Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

New Testament (27 books)
Gospels (purple): Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
History (orange): Acts
Paul's Letters (pink): Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon
General Letters (brown): Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude
Prophecy (light blue): Revelation

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✂ Harder level: lamp, path and memory card



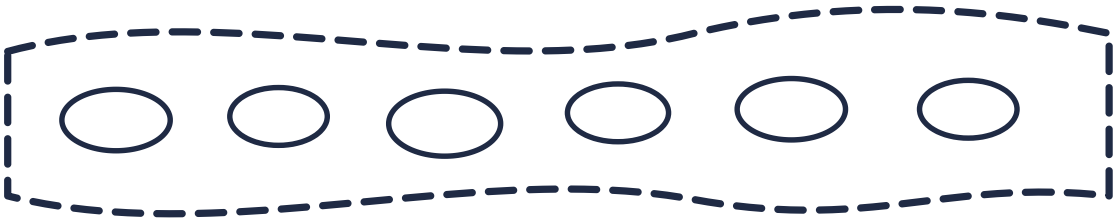
Lamp: color it brown

flame yellow, inside the flame orange

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.
Psalm 119:105 (KJV)

The 5 books of the Law	The 4 Gospels
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
4 _____	4 _____
5 _____	

Memory card: write from memory, glue on the back



Path: color it light brown, the 6 stones gray

How to make the lamp, path and memory card

1. Make the open Bible from page 2, but glue it near the top of the green paper, so the path fits under it.
2. Color the lamp brown, the flame yellow and the inside of the flame orange. Color the path light brown and the six stones gray. Cut out the lamp, the path and the memory card on the dashed lines.
3. Glue the path across the bottom of the green paper, under the open Bible. Glue the lamp at the left end of the path, with its flame pointing up.
4. On the memory card, write the five books of the Law and the four Gospels from memory. Check your spelling on the back card, then glue the memory card on the back too.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/books-of-the-bible-craft
Time: 15 to 35 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), one sheet of light green construction paper per child (9 by 12 inches), red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, brown, light blue and black crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, a gray crayon and a pencil.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out each open Bible and back card, glue the open Bible in the middle of the green paper, and glue the back card on the back.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out and glue each child's open Bible and back card. Kids color the books on the shelves any colors they like. Count some books together, and show them the two parts: the Old Testament on the left, the New Testament on the right. Say together, "The Bible is God's Word."
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 25 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color the books by group, cut out the open Bible and the back card, glue the Bible on the green paper and the card on the back. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 35 minutes:** make the open Bible like the medium level, then the lamp, the path and the memory card from page 3. Kids write the five books of the Law and the four Gospels from memory and say 2 Timothy 3:16 or Psalm 119:105 from memory before they take it home. This is the craft in the second photo.

The groups on the shelves

The Bible doesn't split itself into these groups. They are a common way people study it, to help us find books and remember their order. The books stay in the order of a King James Bible.

- **Old Testament (left page), 39 books:** Law, 5 books (red) · History, 12 (orange) · Poetry and Wisdom, 5 (yellow) · Major Prophets, 5 (green) · Minor Prophets, 12 (blue). "Major" means longer books and "minor" means shorter books. It does not mean more or less important.
- **New Testament (right page), 27 books:** Gospels, 4 (purple) · History, Acts (orange) · Paul's Letters, 13 (pink) · General Letters, 8 (brown) · Prophecy, Revelation (light blue).

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Steps (medium level)

1. **Old Testament:** color the books on the left page. Top shelf: the first 5 books red (the Law) and the next 12 orange (History). Middle shelf: 5 yellow (Poetry and Wisdom), then 5 green (Major Prophets). Bottom shelf: all 12 blue (Minor Prophets).
2. **New Testament:** color the books on the right page. Top shelf: 4 purple (the Gospels), then 1 orange (Acts). Middle shelf: all 13 pink (Paul's Letters). Bottom shelf: 8 brown (General Letters), then 1 light blue (Revelation).
3. **Cover:** color the cover edge around the two pages black. Leave the pages white.
4. **Cut:** cut out the open Bible and the back card on the dashed lines.
5. **Glue:** hold the light green paper the wide way. Glue the whole back of the open Bible and press it in the middle of the paper.
6. **Back card:** glue the back card on the back of the green paper. Read the verse and some of the book names together.
7. **Count:** count the books together, 39 on the left page and 27 on the right page. That makes 66 books in one Bible.

Questions to ask while kids work

- Point to the red books. What are the first five books called? *(The Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)* What does Genesis tell about? *(How God made everything, Genesis 1:1)*
- Point to the purple books. What do the four Gospels tell about? *(Jesus: His life, His death, and how He rose again)* Why were they written? *("that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ," John 20:31)*
- Who gave us all the scripture? *(God: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God," 2 Timothy 3:16)*

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Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** scripture = God's written Word; given by inspiration of God = God gave the words (holy men "spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," 2 Peter 1:21); profitable = good and helpful; doctrine = teaching what is true; reproof = showing us when we are wrong; correction = helping us make it right; instruction in righteousness = teaching us how to live right; thy = your; lamp unto my feet = a light for my steps.
- **What the Bible says, and what we added:** the 66 book names and their order are the books of a King James Bible. The group names and colors are a study help, not Bible text. Jesus Himself spoke of the things "written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms" concerning Him (Luke 24:44). The lamp in the harder level is a simple clay oil lamp, the kind of lamp people used in Bible times; Psalm 119:105 doesn't describe the lamp. The craft shows no people.
- **Counting help:** the little gaps on each shelf show where one group ends and the next begins. If a child colors the wrong group, it's fine. Let them count with you and point to the right group.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut and glue everything before class, and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal.
- **Teach the lesson first:** this craft goes with the free books of the Bible Sunday school lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/books-of-the-bible.

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