

Bible Skills: **Understanding Chapter and Verses**

YOU WILL NEED: *Bibles, a Bible Book Chart, and a slip of paper with Psalm 119:11 on it inside a balloon. You will also need other balloons for each child in the class.*

Understanding Chapters and Verses

Show your student the table of contents in the front of their Bibles. Help them to find the book of Psalms. Also show them where Psalms is on the Bible Book chart.

Then SAY: In a moment I'm going to show you another way to find the book of Psalms but first we need to find today's Bible verse.

Game

Have enough balloons for each child to have one. Have the children see how many times they can hit it in the air without it touching the ground. Then tell them that inside one of the balloons is today's verse. When they find the right balloon, pop it and take out the slip of paper with Psalm 119:11 (or any other verse from Psalms) on it.

Once they find it SAY: On the count of three, touch two walls, grab your Bible, and come back to the circle as fast as you can without pushing, shoving, or picking anybody's nose. 1-2-3 Go!

SAY: Let's see what the Bible says about why we should know God's Word, the Bible. Our verse is Psalm 119:11.

Ask the students—**Who knows another way to find Psalms in the Bible?** (Answer: Hold your Bible sideways and open it to the middle. Usually this is the book of Psalms.)

SAY: Hold your Bibles. (*You may need to have extra Bibles ready for those who didn't bring one. Encourage everyone to bring their Bibles next week.*) When I say, "Ready," hold your Bible between both hands, but you cannot open it. Then I will say a Bible reference and "Go." If you open your Bible before I say "Go," you will be out. Once you find what I ask for, raise your hand.

Ready...The book of Psalms—Go!

SAY: Now try to find chapter 119. (Explain that every book in the Bible is divided into chapters.)

SAY: Now try to find chapter 119, verse 11. (Explain that every chapter is divided into verses.)

Explain that you say it, "Psalm 119-11," meaning chapter 119, verse 11.

Point out the memory verse poster and show them how Psalm 119:11 is written.

SAY: The dot-dot (:) tells you which is the chapter and which is the verse.

Ask the students—**In Psalm 119:11, what's the chapter number?**

Ask the students—**What's the verse number?**

SAY: Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible. Now look at verse 11.

Read Psalm 119:11 from your Bible

Have your class get ready for another Bible drill to see who can find Psalm 119:11 the fastest.

Ready...Psalm 119:11--Go!

Repeat this again--a third time.

Then SAY: Everybody get your Bibles ready. We're going to find a different verse.

Ready...Psalm 56:3--Go!

Ask the students—**What's the chapter number?**

Ask the students—**What's the verse number?**

Ready...Psalm 20:7--Go!

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Ready...Psalm 139:23-24--Go!

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