

## **SERIES 4-5 Review BIBLE BOWL COMPETITION**

### **OVERVIEW**

- Explanation
- Team Identity
- Bible Bowl Challenge
- Prayer Time

### **ITEMS NEEDED**

- Items to make team signs or flags

### **NOTE**

The purpose of the Bible Bowl is to review lessons from the past two series in a fun way that makes this day of Sunday School very different. Remember, if its worth remembering, it's worth repeating...In other words, if it's worth remembering, it's worth repeating. (That's right...I just repeated myself. Why? Because it's worth remembering. Reviewing Bible lessons is an important part of helping students remember them.)

### **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Decide if you want to do an in-class Bible Bowl by splitting your class into two teams that will compete against each other, or if you want, your class can compete against another class.
  
- This lesson will guide you in deciding a team name and team cheer. When your kids arrive in the other class, let them do their cheer, carry their signs and even have a cheer competition to see which class is most excited about the Bible Bowl.
  
- For an extra bit of fun, give your class something that will set them apart—for example, your class might all wear blue bandanas with your team name on them, etc. Be creative and have fun with this.
  
- Use the flexibility of today's lesson to deepen relationships with your kids.

## **CREATING YOUR TEAM IDENTITY—20 minutes**

*(If you are going to do the review in your own class, divide your class into two equal teams. If you are going to challenge another class, do the following activities together.)*

-Explain that your students are going to take part in a Bible Bowl competition that will review lessons from the past two series.

-Choose a class name.

-Lead your students in helping to create a class cheer.

-Lead your students in making team signs and banners.

## **BIBLE BOWLS—30 minutes**

-Let the teams show each other their team cheers.

-Explain the rules of the game (see the following page) and begin the competition using the questions that follow.

-Set a time limit. Whichever team is ahead when the time is up wins.

## **Wrap it Up—15 minutes**

DISCUSS the following with your students:

- What is the most memorable Bible story we've done so far this year?
- What is the most memorable craft or activity we've done?
- What have you learned at church recently that has helped you in life?
- What is your favorite part of coming to church?
- How do you feel like you learn best? What kind of activities are your favorites?

SHARE with your students the reason you teach and your desire to see them know and love the Lord.

If you can, share with them a memorable lesson, activity or teacher that blessed or helped you when you were a student.

TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS and pray for your students.

## **EXTRA TIME**

If you have extra time, let your students do their team cheer again but loud enough for other classes to hear them through the walls. Other Options: Play a game from earlier in this series or review Psalm 23.

# Bible Bowls

## Rules

- Make it fun for the kids.
- Have a coin toss or choose a number between 1 and 20 to determine who goes first.
- Make sure your teams are on time for the competition.
- Teachers are not allowed to give their teams the answers.
- You can either go in order of the lesson questions or jump around from section to section to blend the questions.
- If the first team doesn't get the correct answer, let the second team try, but they have to be prepared to give an answer within five seconds. In other words, they need to discuss the questions while the other team is discussing it. If neither team gets it right, announce the answer and move on to the next question.
- Each team gets a point (or you can use 10 pts. or 100 pts.) for each correct question. Feel free to have a designated score keeper.
- Don't linger on questions. Move quickly.
- Give the class a few seconds to discuss the answer before responding. If you have large classes, divide them in two halves and let them take turns sharing.
- Games are timed and are 20 minutes long. The team with the most points at the end is declared the Bible Bowl Champion.
- There are no prizes for the "winning team." The competition is just for fun and we all win when we learn about and live for Jesus.

## **SERIES: EXAMPLES**

### **LESSON 1—Barzillai’s Example**

- Who is Absalom? (King David’s son.)
- What did Absalom try to do? (He tried to overthrow him and become king.)
- What was King David’s response? (King David ran from Jerusalem with an army that later fought and defeated Absalom.)
- Who helped King David? (Barzillai and two other men but Barzillai was the main character in our lesson.)
- How did Barzillai help the king? (He provided food and provisions for the army and not just basic supplies. He was very generous in giving the best.)
- When the king returned, what did he offer Barzillai? (He asked Barzillai to come to Jerusalem with him, to stay in the palace and eat at the king’s table.)
- What was Barzillai’s response to the king’s offer? (He made excuses to the king, such as saying that he was too old, so he sent his servant instead of going himself. He was willing to give but not go...just like many Christians in our churches today.)

### **LESSON 2—Andrew’s Example**

- What did Andrew do for a living? (He was a fisherman)
- Who was Andrew’s brother (Simon Peter)
- How many stories do you find in the Bible do you find where Andrew is specifically named doing something? (Three)
- What is Andrew doing in all of these stories? (In each story he is bringing someone to Jesus.)
- Name one person or people that Andrew is seen bringing to Jesus? (Simon Peter, the boy with the lunch that Jesus used to feed the crowd of 5,000 men, the Greeks that wanted to meet Jesus.)

### **TRUE OR FALSE**

- Andrew was one of Jesus’ disciples? (True)
- Peter was one of Jesus’ disciples? (True)
- Luke was one of Jesus’ disciples? (False)
- Mark was one of Jesus’ disciples? (False)
- John was one of Jesus’ disciples? (True)
- Paul was one of Jesus’ disciples? (False)

### **LESSON 3—Joshua’s Example**

What Bible character does the following describe:

- He is not one of the prophets.
- He lived before King David.
- He wandered in the wilderness with Moses.
- He was one of the spies who went into the land of Canaan and came back with a good report that showed he trusted God.
- He was the man who followed Moses as the leader of Israel.

ANSWER: Joshua

- After God spoke to Moses at the tent of meeting and returned to the camp of the Israelites, what did Joshua do? (He stayed at the tent where God’s presence had been.)
- When Joshua went into the Promised Land with the spies from the Israelite camp, what kind of people did they see? (Giants)
- How many of the spies didn’t believe that they should go into the Promised Land? (Ten)

- How many of the spies believed and trusted God regardless of the giants and other people in the land. (Two, Joshua and Caleb.)
- Toward the end of his life, Joshua challenged the people to Israel to follow God and made the following statement: As for me and my house, we will \_\_\_\_\_. (Serve the Lord.)

#### LESSON 4—Mary’s Example

**What Bible character does the following describe:**

- She is NOT the only person in the Bible with this name.
- She has a sister named Martha.
- She knew Jesus.
- She is found specifically in three stories in the Bible?

ANSWER: Mary

- Mary’s sister became angry at her in one of the Bible stories...why? (Because Mary was listening to Jesus instead of helping her make preparations for taking care of Jesus and the disciples.)
- What did Jesus say to Martha? (That Mary has chosen the best part and it won’t be taken away from her.)
- Mary had a brother. What was his name? (Lazarus)
- What miracle happened with Lazarus? (He died and Jesus raised him from the dead.)
- How long had Lazarus been dead? (Four days)
- In this story, Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the \_\_\_\_\_” (life)
- What did Mary pour on Jesus’ feet as a token of her devotion to Him? (Expensive perfume.)
- There are only three stories in the Bible where Mary is specifically pictured and in all three she is found in the same place—where? (At the feet of Jesus)
- In the first story, she sits at the feet of Jesus to learn—her heart says, “I want You.”
- In the second story, she falls at the feet of Jesus in grief over her brother’s death—her heart says, “I need You.”
- In the third story, she bows at His feet in adoration—her heart says, “I love You.”

#### SERIES: JESUS, OUR EXAMPLE (JUST LIKE JESUS)

##### LESSON 1—Jesus, the Good Shepherd

- Who is the Good Shepherd? (Jesus)
- How does Jesus compare to a good shepherd? (There are many correct answers to this question.)
- The Bible says that a good shepherd lays down \_\_\_\_\_ for his sheep. (his life)

##### LESSON 2—Our Example of Self-Control

- Did Jesus ever get angry in the Bible? (yes)
- What made Jesus angry about what the merchants and priests were doing? (They were taking advantage of people)
- Did Jesus turn over tables and run people out of the temple? (yes)
- Did Jesus lose control in His anger? (no)
- What did Jesus make to drive the merchants from the temple? (a whip)
- Is it a sin to get angry? (No, there are things that should make us angry as followers of Jesus.)
- When you are angry, what three questions should you ask yourself to determine whether or not your anger is righteous and correct? (1. Am I angry for the RIGHT REASON; 2. Am I choosing the RIGHT RESPONSE; 3. Am I taking care of my anger in the RIGHT TIME.)

### **LESSON 3—Our Example of Servanthood**

- The week before Jesus died, Jesus and his disciples entered a house but something that normally happened didn't and it gave Jesus an opportunity to teach His disciples about serving each other—what didn't happen?** (No one washed their feet.)
- What did Jesus do?** (He took water and a towel and washed the disciples feet.)
- Which disciple protested Jesus washing his feet?** (Peter)
- The disciples had often argued about who was the greatest among them. Who did Jesus say the greatest was?** (The least or the servant of all.)
- By serving and washing the disciple's feet, Jesus set an \_\_\_\_\_ for how we should treat each other.** (Example)

### **LESSON 4—Our Example of Sincere Love**

- How many PEOPLE were in the crowd that Jesus fed?** (The Bible says there were 5,000 MEN, but we don't know how many total people there were.)
- When Jesus saw the crowd coming to Him, He said "Where are we to buy bread, that these may eat?" To which disciple did He say this?** (Philip)
- Andrew brought a boy's who had a lunch to Jesus. What kinds of food were in his lunch?** (Two fish and five pieces of bread.)
- After Andrew brought the boy with the lunch to Jesus, the people sat down, Jesus took the bread and did what before giving it to them.** (He gave thanks.)
- Jesus used the boy's lunch to feed thousands of people and when they were finished, how many baskets of leftovers did the disciple collect?** (Twelve)

### **LESSON 5—Our Example of Submission**

- During Jesus' last night before He was crucified, what was the name of the "garden" in which He prayed?** (The Garden of Gethsemane)
- Which disciple wasn't with Jesus in the Garden?** (Judas)
- Why wasn't Judas with Jesus?** (Because he had made a deal with the religious leaders to betray Jesus and was bringing them to Him.)
- How much did they pay Judas to betray Jesus?** (Thirty pieces of silver)
- Which three disciples did Jesus take further along with Him while He prayed?** (Peter, James and John)
- What did Jesus find these disciples doing while He prayed?** (They fell asleep.)
- What does the Bible tell us that Jesus prayed about in the Garden of Gethsemane?** (He asked God to let this "cup" [referring to His coming sufferings] to pass from Him but He also surrendered Himself to God will.)
- When the crowd from the Temple came to arrest Jesus, what did Peter do?** (He pulled out a sword and cut off the ear of one of the men.)
- What was Jesus response to this?** (He healed the man's ear and told Peter to put his sword away.)

### **LESSON 6 & 7—Our Example of Sacrifice, part 1 & 2**

- What was the name of the religious court that put Jesus on trial?** (The Sanhedrin)
- What was the name of the disciple who denied knowing Jesus?** (Peter)
- Jesus had told Peter that he would deny Him three times before what happened?** (The rooster crowed)

- What was the name of the Roman governor to whom the Sanhedrin took Jesus to demand His death? (Pilate)
- Did the Jewish have the authority to put someone to death? (No, that's the reason they had to take Jesus to Pilate.)
- Did Pilate find anything wrong with Jesus? (No.)
- Go back and forth between the teams and have them name ways that Jesus was hurt and abused BEFORE they took Him to the cross. (i.e., He was hit, blindfolded and beaten, spit at, whiskers pulled out of His beard, flogged/whipped, a crown of thorns put on His head and beaten on it with a rod, laughed at, mocked, etc.)
- How long was Jesus on the cross before He died? (Six hours)
- What was the one of the last two things Jesus said before He died? (It is finished [Paid in full]; Into Your hands I commit my spirit.)
- What happened when Jesus died? (The sky turned dark—this actually happened about three hours before He died, the earth shook, tombs came open, and the curtain in the temple that sectioned off the Holy of Holies was torn from top to bottom.)
- What did one of the Roman soldiers say about Jesus after He died? (He said that this man was surely the Son of God.)
- On what day was Jesus killed? (Friday)
- How long was Jesus dead? (Three days)
- On what day did Jesus rise again? (Sunday)

#### LESSON 8—He is Risen!

- Name one of the women who came to the tomb first and discovered that Jesus was gone? (Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome.)
- Which two disciples ran to the tomb when they heard that Jesus was no longer there? (John and Peter)
- Which disciple did Jesus appear to first? (Peter)
- How long did Jesus walk on the earth after He rose again before He ascended into Heaven? (40 days)
- The Bible says that more than \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses saw Him during this time. (500)
- Which disciple wasn't there when Jesus first appeared to the disciples and had trouble believing that Jesus was alive? (Thomas)

#### LESSON 9—Jesus, the Light of the World

- Who does the Bible say is the light of the world? (Jesus is the light...and Jesus said that you are the light of the world too.)
- Those who are saved and are following Jesus can shine His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to others. (life and love)

#### PSALM 23 QUESTIONS:

- Who wrote Psalm 23? (King David)
- What was David when he was a boy? (He was a shepherd.)
- Fill in the Blank: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I \_\_\_\_\_" (shall not want or shall lack nothing)
- Where does He make my lie down? (Green pastures)
- Where does He lead me? (Beside still waters / in the paths of righteousness)
- What brings comfort in the valley of the shadow of death? (The shepherd rod and staff)
- Where does the shepherd prepare a "table" for him? (In the presence of my enemies.)
- What does King David say will follow him all the days of his life? (Goodness and mercy or loving-kindness)

## **BIBLE SKILLS**

**What does the word “Gospel” mean?** (Good News)

**What is an easy way to find Psalms in the Bible?** (Turn to the middle)

**What is an easy way to find the Gospels in the Bible?** (Turn to the middle. This will put you near Psalms and Proverbs. Turn in the middle again in the section to the right. This will put you in or close to the Gospels.)

**Is Philippians in the Old Testament or New Testament?** (New Testament)

**Is Exodus in the Old Testament or New Testament?** (Old Testament)

**Is Psalms in the Old Testament or New Testament?** (Old Testament)

**Is Colossians in the Old Testament or New Testament?** (New Testament)

**Are the Gospels in the Old Testament or New Testament?** (New Testament)

## **KEY VERSES**

*Read the following verses to your teams but leave out key words for them to answer. The first verse has been done for you as an example.*

**Luke 9:23**—And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and take up his \_\_\_\_\_ daily and \_\_\_\_\_ Me. (deny / cross / follow)

**Matthew 28:19-20**—[Jesus said,] “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

**1 Timothy 4:12**—“No one should despise your youth. Instead, you should be an example to the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, in purity.”

**Psalms 37:7a**—“Be silent before the Lord and wait expectantly for Him...”

**John 10:11**—[Jesus said,]“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

**Galatians 5:22-23**—But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control...

**Luke 9:48**—“For whoever is least among you all, this one will be great”

**1 John 2:6**—“He who says he remains in Him [Jesus] ought himself also to walk just like He walked.”

**Philippians 2:5-8**—“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”

**2 Corinthians 5:21**—For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4**—For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

**Matthew 5:14-16**—You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill can’t be hidden. Neither do you light a lamp, and put it under a measuring basket, but on a stand; and it



shines to all who are in the house. Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

**BONUS:** The following questions are worth 5 times the normal point amount.

**-Can any one person on your team say all of the Lord's Prayer?** (Go back and forth between both teams and you can also give more than one person a try.)

**-Can any one person on your team say all of Psalm 23?** (Go back and forth between both teams and you can also give more than one person a try.)