



2020 Notebook

for KCO at home

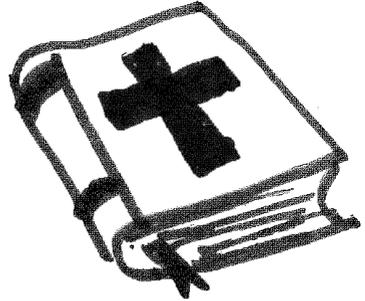
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How to read a Bible

The Bible is a special book. It is one big story about God's love. When you read the Bible, you'll discover that you — yes you — are a part of the story.



The Bible has 2 big parts called the Old Testament and the New Testament.

It has 66 smaller parts — called ‘books’.

Each book has chapters. In most Bibles, chapters are written as BIG NUMBERS. Each chapter has verses. In most Bibles, verses are written as little numbers. Books, chapters and verses are like a house address: house number (verse), street (chapter) and town (book). This is how you can find a particular part of the Bible.

Try This . . .

1. Use the contents page at the front of your Bible. Look through the list for ‘Luke’. Find the page number next to ‘Luke’. Turn through the Bible to find that number. Check the name of the book in big letters at the top of the page.
2. Look through the book of Luke. How many chapters does it have?
3. Most Bibles have some headings printed in the books – names of different stories. What are the names of some of the stories in Luke? Do you recognise any of the stories?



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4. Find these verses in Luke to find out who connected with Jesus.

- Luke, chapter 5, verse 1 (Luke 5:1)
- Luke, chapter 10, verse 38 (Luke 10: 38)

5. Find these stories in the Bible about what Jesus said about how we are to connect with each other.

You might like to read one story each night when you get home.

| Bible Verse | How are we to connect? |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew, chapter 5, verse 9 (Matthew 5: 9) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark, chapter 9, verses 36 and 37 (Mark 9: 36 - 37) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke, chapter 6, verse 37 (Luke 6: 37) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke, chapter 10, verse 27 (Luke 10: 27) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John, chapter 13, verses 34 and 35 (John 13: 34-35) | |

If you want to know more about the Bible or have any questions about these stories, ask your KCO leader or someone you trust at church/kid's club.



KCO SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Small Group 1 – Before Opening Celebration

KCO Connect

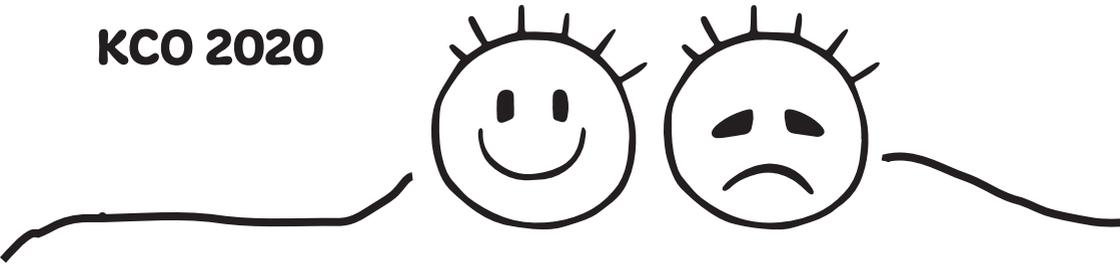
Play KCO Connect Bingo:

Can you think of different people at your church or kids club to finish all the squares?

1. Think of someone for each of the boxes. If you're not sure, you could contact your Children's ministry or Kids club leader or if you have a contact directory for people in your church, perhaps write an email or phone someone to ask them. Say that you're doing one of the KCO activities at home. Remember to use your manners!
2. Write their name in that box.

Find someone who...

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|----------------------------------|--|--|
| has been to KCO | whose name starts with the same letter as your name | is older than 50 |
| prays at least once a day | can do the actions to "10, 9, 8 God is great" | knows a Bible story about Jesus |
| likes to go to the beach | can name an Australian animal | has made mud pies |



Connect with each other

When we connect with each other, we get to know one another, we might help each other or talk and play together.

When you meet someone for the first time what are 3 things you could say or do? *Write or draw them here.*

Connect with Jesus

KCO is about connecting with and getting to know Jesus. Jesus is the key person for Christians. Christians believe we can be friends with Jesus.

We can get to know Jesus by reading stories about him in the Bible (this is the key book for Christians). We can also get to know Jesus by talking with him – this is called prayer.

If you have a Bible, open it to the contents page. (If you've never looked in a Bible before, you might find the info in this Notebook on pages 2 and 3 helpful.)

The stories about Jesus' life are at the start of the New Testament in 4 books called "the gospels".

Write down the names of the first four books of the New Testament here:

M _____ M _____
L _____ J _____

Use your Bible to answer these questions below:

The last sentence in **Matthew** is a promise that Jesus makes to all of his followers. What does Jesus promise? (*Matthew, chapter 28, the end of verse 20*)

Look at the headings of the stories in **Mark**. Write down one of the story headings that is about Jesus.

In **Luke**, which chapters are about Jesus as a baby?

John, chapter 3, verse 16 (John 3: 16) is one of the most quoted and well known verses in the Bible. Look it up and then fill in the gaps to complete the verse. (This one uses the CEV Bible translation.)

G_____ loved the people of this w_____ so much that he g_____ his only S_____, so that e_____ who has f_____ in him will have eternal l_____ and never really die.

Here's some clues: world gave everyone life God Son faith

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for the people in our homes and church, that we can connect with each other and with you.

Thank you for..... *(write or draw what you're thankful for)*

Please help us to stay safe at this time and help us to care for each other. Amen.

EXTRAS: Getting to know the 4 Gospels

1. How many chapters are in each of the 4 gospels?

Matthew _____ Mark _____ Luke _____ John _____

2. Who is Luke writing for and why (see chapter 1, verse 3 and 4)?

3. What do these stories tell us about Jesus?
What is Jesus doing in these stories?

| Bible Verse | What? |
|---|--------------|
| Matthew, chapter 4, verse 23 (Matthew 4:23) | |
| Mark, chapter 10, verse 16 (Mark 10:16) | |
| Luke, chapter 11, verses 1 and 2 (Luke 11:1-2) | |
| John, chapter 13, verse 5 (John 13:5) | |

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Small Group 2 – During Opening Celebration

Connect with Jesus

In a Bible find Mark, chapter 10, verses 13 – 16 (Mark 10: 13 – 16).

This story is often called “Jesus blesses little children.”

What action can you make to tell each part of the story?

1. People brought children to Jesus.
2. The disciples stopped them.
3. Jesus became angry and said – Let the children come to me!
4. Jesus blessed the children.

Jesus wants to know and connect with each one of us – no matter how young or old we are.

We can connect with Jesus through:

- reading stories about him in the Bible,
- talking with him (called prayer),
- and spending time with other people who are friends with Jesus (at church or kids club).

Prayer

Ask someone if you can pray for them.

Your prayer could be: “Jesus loves you” or “Jesus wants to be your friend” or “We ask Jesus to bless you today”.

EXTRAS:

Draw the story of Jesus blessing the little children like a comic strip:

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| 3. Jesus became angry and said – Let the children come to me! | 4. Jesus blessed the children. |

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Small Group 3 –

Saturday evening after Communion

Reconnecting through forgiveness

What happens at Communion?

What are some of the things that are said during Communion?

What are some of the things we do during Communion?

Read Matthew, chapter 26, verses, 26, 27 and 28 (Matthew 26: 26 – 28). This story is often called “The Lord’s Supper” or “The Last Supper.”



The broken bread and wine are signs or symbols of the death of Jesus and the agreement God was making with all people that our sins would be forgiven through Jesus' death.

What is sin?

The good news is that Jesus died on the cross to take away our sin so that God can forgive us and give us a new start. We can reconnect with God. We can live with God forever and know God's great love for us. When we share Communion we are reminding ourselves of God's agreement that we are forgiven through Jesus.



Our sins are forgiven. We are reconnected with God.

Give one another a high 5! You might like to shout "Thanks God!"

Forgiving others

Forgiving someone doesn't mean they can keep hurting you. Part of forgiveness means you don't want to get revenge. In the best situations, when someone is hurt, one person says sorry and changes their actions. The other person who has been hurt can choose to forgive them. Then hopefully, the friendship can be reconnected.

Prayer

Loving God,
thank you that you forgive us.
Help me to forgive those who hurt me.
Help us to reconnect where possible.
Thank you God.
Amen.

EXTRAS: Together we are God's community

Read 1 Corinthians, chapter 12, verses 24b, 25, 26 and 27
(1 Corinthians 12: 24b – 27).

(Verse 24b means the second part of this verse. You might notice there's a paragraph space in the middle of verse 24. We are going to start reading from the second part of verse 24).

What do you think
1 Corinthians 12: 24b – 27
means?



All together we make up
part of Jesus' body,
his community of followers.
Together we are Jesus' people.

EXTRAS: Play a game of thumb wrestling



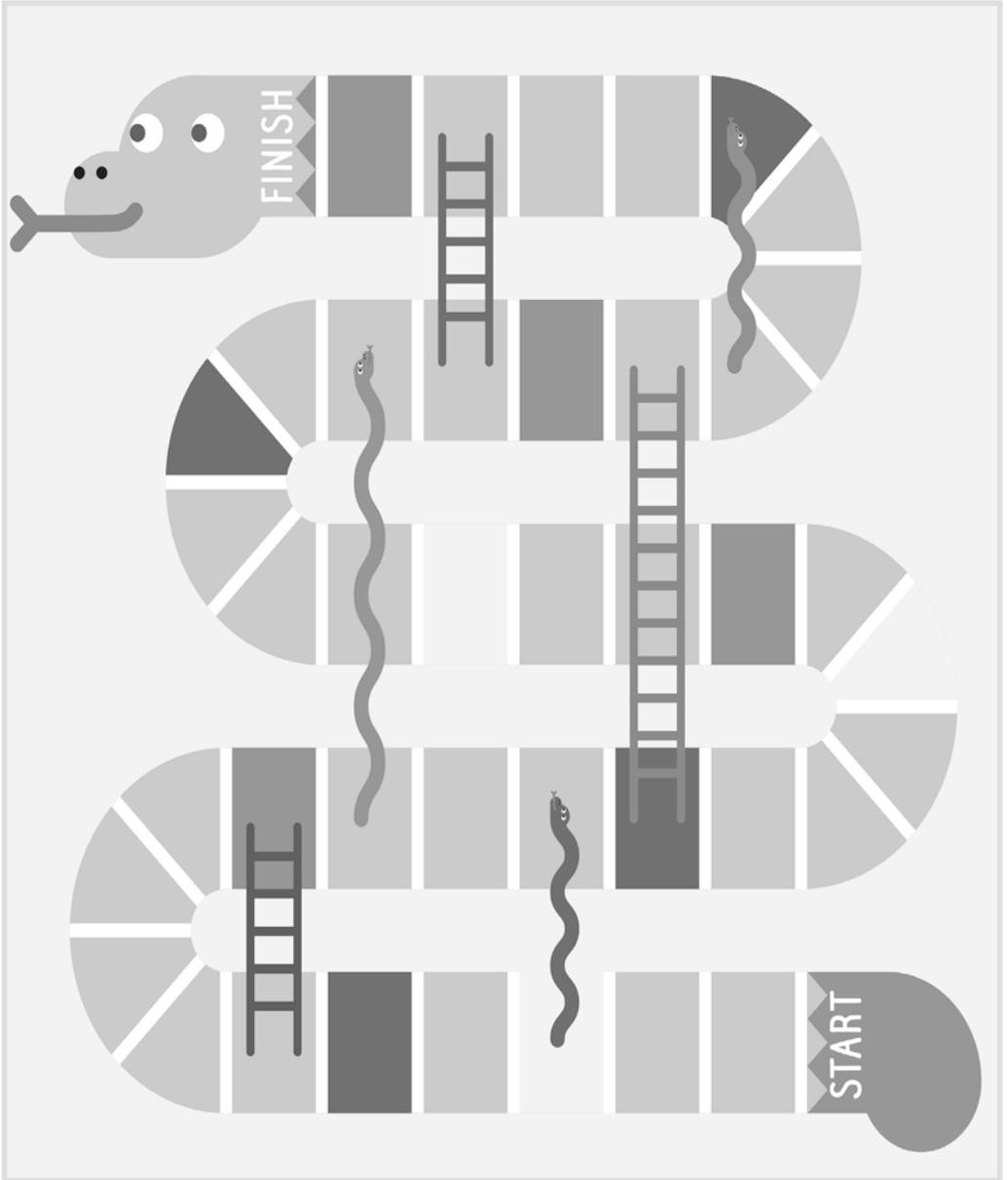
CONNECT WITH NATURE

1. Go on a scavenger hunt and find a variety of natural items.
How many natural things can you:
 - See if you stand in one spot OR go to different places around your home?
 - See, hear, smell, touch?
2. Record what you find either by drawing, tracing or rubbing over them below.
3. What does nature tell you about God? eg God is creative, HUGE, provides for our needs...
You could turn your thoughts into a Praise Prayer –
We praise you God for you are...



Use pebbles, sticks or leaves as tokens to play snakes and ladders.

Ask an adult to be the die (dice) by calling out random numbers from 1 – 6.



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