## Teaching Konnection

The Bible is huge! It is one big book with 66 other books inside! It's really hard to find a special verse or story if you don't know the order of the books of the Bible. Learn the order of the books of the Bible so you can easily find what you are looking for and read it or share it with your friends. In the fun Mystery Book game we'll get to practice finding books of the Bible!

## Verse

Proverbs 15:1 NIV
A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

## Point

Angry words can cause a big fight... so choose kind words and treat your family right!

## Mystery Book // You'll Need

- Mystery Book activity supplement (on back)
- Bibles (1 per pair)
- Dots
- Low-tack tape


## Before Kids Arrive

1. Place a line of tape across middle of the floor.

## Activity

1. Pair kids.
2. Seat pairs behind the line of tape.
3. Give each pair a Bible
4. Read Teaching Konnection out loud.
5. Demonstrate: Finding a book of the Bible in the Table of Contents.
6. Explain: I am thinking of a mystery book from the Bible between $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ _.
7. Pairs look for correct book of the Bible.
8. Pair runs to leader and says their guess.
9. Correct answers get 1 Dot per kid.
10. Winners select next mystery book.
11. Repeat game with the new mystery book.

## Bonus

1. Ask: Why is it important to know the order of the books of the Bible? When you need to find a memory verse or read along with a friend, you can find what you are looking for faster. When you know the names of all the books of the Bible, you can remember the stories and verses inside of them better.

Modified directions for non-readers on back.

## Order of the books of the Bible

| Old Testament | 2 Chronicles | Hosea | Mark | 2 Timothy |
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| Genesis | Ezra | Joel | Luke | Titus |
| Exodus | Nehemiah | Amos | John | Philemon |
| Leviticus | Esther | Obadiah | Acts | Hebrews |
| Numbers | Job | Jonah | Romans | James |
| Deuteronomy | Psalms | Micah | 1 Corinthians | 1 Peter |
| Joshua | Proverbs | Nahum | 2 Corinthians | 2 Peter |
| Judges | Ecclesiastes | Habakkuk | Galatians | 1 John |
| Ruth | Song of Solomon | Zephaniah | Ephesians | 2 John |
| 1 Samuel | Isaiah | Haggai | Philippians | 3 John |
| 2 Samuel | Jeremiah | Zechariah | Colossians | Jude |
| 1 Kings | Lamentations | Malachi | 1 Thessalonians | Revelation |
| 2 Kings | Ezekiel | New Testament | 2 Thessalonians |  |
| 1 Chronicles | Daniel | Matthew | 1 Timothy |  |

## Modified Directions For Non-Readers

## Before Kids Arrive

1. Place a line of tape across middle of the floor.

## Activity

2. Pair children.
3. Seat pairs behind the line of tape.
4. Read Teaching Konnection out loud.
5. Give each pair a Bible open to the Table of Contents.
6. Explain: I am thinking of a mystery book that starts with $\qquad$ Note: Fill in the blank with a letter from the alphabet.
7. Pairs look in the Table of contents for a book that starts with the corresponding letter. Note: Direct leaders to help pairs.
8. Pair runs to leader and shows their guess.
9. Accept any book starting with the correct letter.
10. First pair to show a correct book wins 2 Dots.
11. Read the mystery book's name out loud.
12. Winners choose the first letter for the next mystery book.
13. Repeat game with the new letter.
14. Ask: Why is it important to know the books of the Bible? When you know the names of all the books of the Bible, you can remember the stories and verses inside of them better.
