

The Bible – the story of God and his people

FOCUS

1. The Bible comprises the Old and New Testaments.
2. In the Old Testament, we are introduced to the stories of God's Chosen People, the Hebrew people of the Holy Land.
3. The New Testament reveals the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.
4. The Gospels tell us about the life and teachings of Jesus.

During these lessons your child may have:

- *identified that God speaks to us through the Bible, and the Bible comprises the books of the Old and New Testaments;*
- *located and identified Bible passages according to their reference; including the name of the book, the chapter number and verse numbers;*
- *learned that the term Gospel means Good News;*
- *read and discussed the story of Daniel in the Lions' Den;*
- *read and discussed the story of Bartimaeus.*

Daniel 14:31-42

They threw Daniel into the lion pit, and there he stayed for six days. In the pit were seven lions, which ... for this period were not given anything, to make sure they would eat Daniel ... on the seventh day the king came to lament over Daniel; on reaching the pit he looked inside, and there was Daniel, quite unperturbed. "You are great, O Lord, God of Daniel," he exclaimed "there is no god but you!" Then he released Daniel from the pit and had the plotters of Daniel's ruin thrown in instead, where they were instantly eaten before his eyes.

Mark 10: 46-52

As he left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and say, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." And many of them scolded him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they called the blind man. "Courage," they said "get up; he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Rabbuni," the blind man said to him, "Master, let me see again." Jesus said to him "Go; your faith has saved you." And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

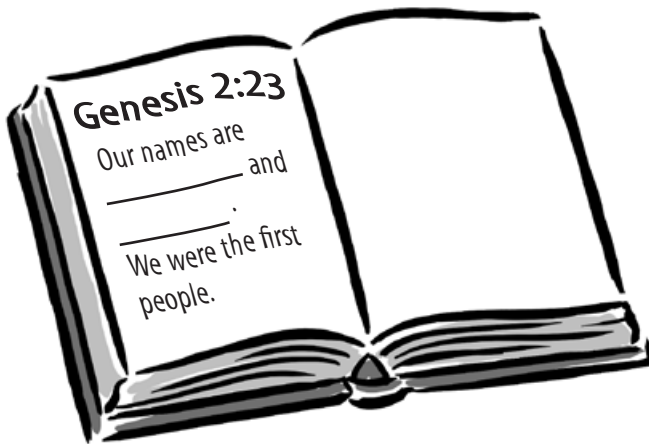
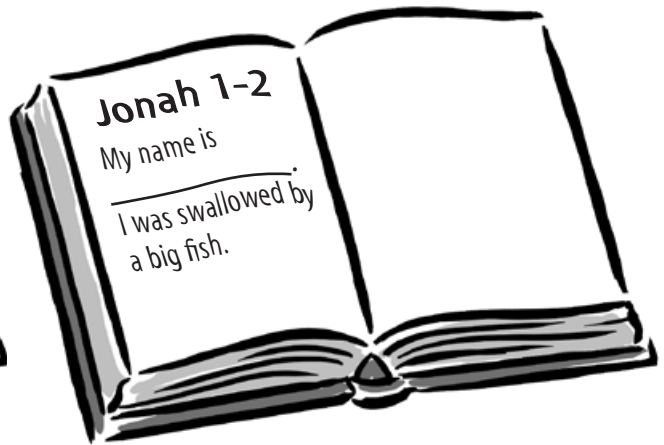
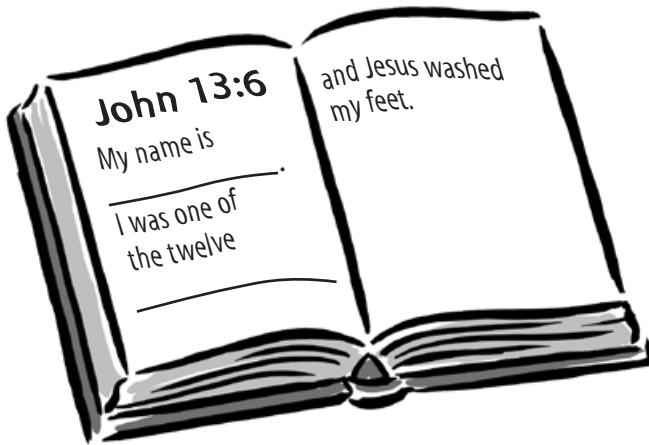
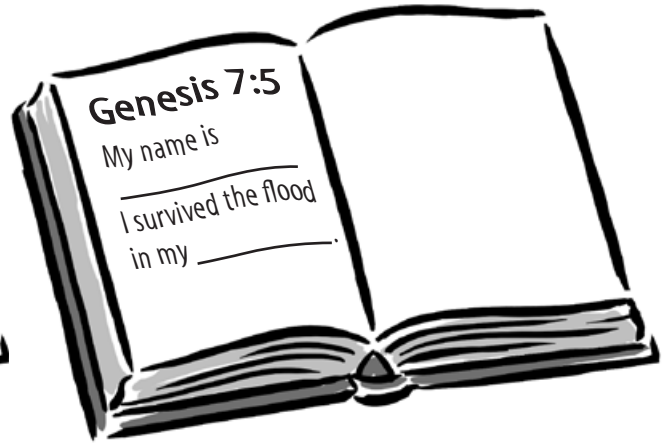
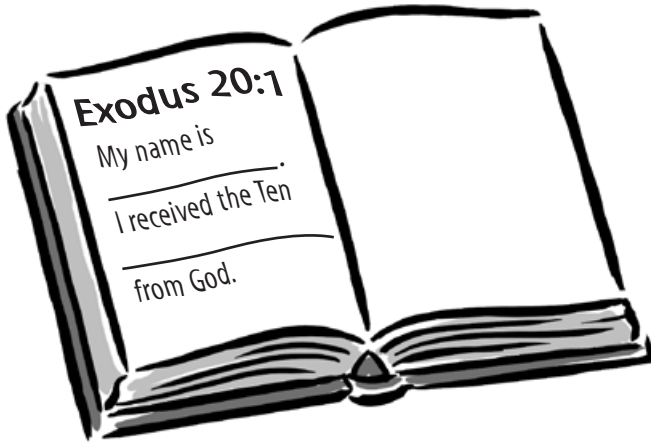
1. Talk to your child about why the Bible is a very special book, bringing him or her to an understanding that the Bible is the Word of God.
2. Read a Bible story to your child as a bedtime story.
3. Show your child how the chapters and verses are numbered.
4. Encourage your child to imagine how Daniel would have felt in the den with hungry lions asking him or her to think of what things Daniel might have said to God when he prayed to him.
5. Explain to your child why it is important to trust in God even when situations are really frightening.
6. More activities can be found at www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Click on **Home Activities**.

To Remember :

The Bible contains many stories about God and his people.

**Eve Moses ark Adam John Commandments
Noah Mary Apostles Jonah Bethlehem**

Read each Bible passage and fill in the missing words.



Dear God, We thank you for your book, the Bible.
Thank you for the many stories that teach us
about you and teach us how to live.
Amen.