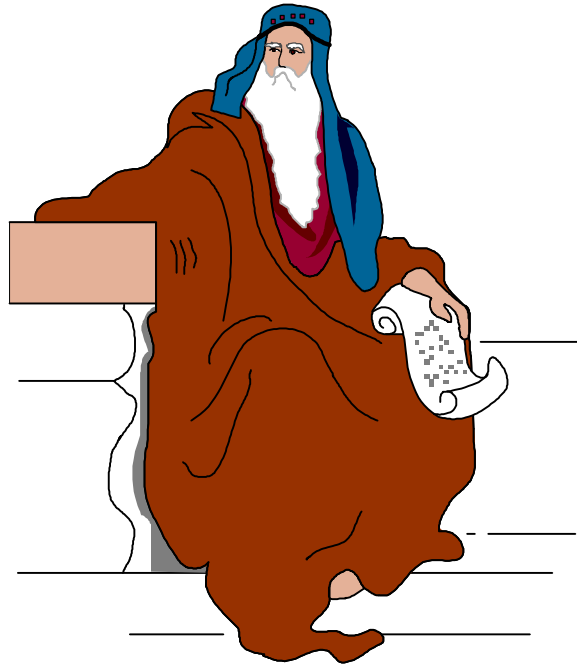


LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

Discussion Guide



“The Bible”

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The Bible

I About The Bible

A. The Bible has _____ books

1. There are _____ books in the Old Testament

2. There are _____ books in the New Testament

B. The Message of the Bible.

1. Old Testament: The Savior _____ come (lwil)

2. New Testament: The Savior _____ come (sah)

C. The Bible has _____ Author. (neo)



II How We Got The Bible

A. God used _____ types of people to write the Bible (wot)

1. Old Testament: _____-phets (rop)

The word “prophet” means _____

2. New Testament: _____-stles (opa)

The word “apostle” means _____

B. God used _____ people to write the Bible. (tryfo)

C. Age of the Bible:

1. The First Books of the Bible were written about _____ BC.
These are the books of _____ (osesm).
2. The Last book of the Bible, _____-ation, was written
approximately ____ A.D.

D. The kinds of people God used to write the Bible include...

1. _____ -men (isherf)
2. _____ Collectors (txa)
3. Shep-_____ (erdsh)
4. K_____s (gins)
5. Jewish _____ (abbirs)
6. Pro-_____ (phtse)
7. People from many different _____ of life (wklas)

E. The Bible contains many kinds of _____-ings (ritw)

1. _____-try (ope): Psalms, Proverbs
2. _____-ory (isth): I&II Samuel, I&II Kings, et al.
3. _____-ters (tel): Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, et al.

III The Bible Is “Inspired”

1. The word “*inspired*” means “God- _____” (reathedb)
2. “Inspiration” means that....

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

II Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

IV More On The Bible

A. The Purpose of the Bible is to...

1. Show us how to be _____ (vedsa)
2. Show us how to _____ (ivel)

B. The two main teachings of the Bible are _____ (wla)
and _____-pel (osg)

1. The Law: Shows Our _____ (inss)
2. The Gospel: Shows Our _____ (vasior)



For Reflection:

1. Why do you believe God gave us the Bible?
2. Why did God give us the Bible through men?
3. Why do you believe God used so many types of people to write the Bible?
4. Why is it so important that we know that God inspired *every word* of the Bible?

Assignments:

- 1) Memorize Old Testament Books
- 2) Read Unit 1a From www.smallcatechism.org
- 3) Complete quiz for [small catechism.org](http://smallcatechism.org)
- 4) Bible Summaries

Supplement: *The Books Of The Bible*

The Old Testament Books

Order	Book Title(s)	Chapters	Verses
I. The Pentateuch: <i>The Five Books Of Moses</i>			
1.	Genesis	50	1533
2.	Exodus	40	1213
3.	Leviticus	27	859
4.	Numbers	36	1288
5.	Deuteronomy	34	959
II. Old Testament Narrative: <i>History</i>			
6.	The Book of Joshua		658
7.	The Book of Judges		618
8.	The Book of Ruth	4	85
9.	The First Book of Samuel		810
10.	The Second Book of Samuel		695
11.	The First Book of Kings		816
12.	The Second Book of Kings		719
13.	The First Book of Chronicles		942
14.	The Second Book of Chronicles		822
15.	The Book of Ezra	10	280
16.	The Book of Nehemiah		406
17.	The Book of Esther		167
III. Wisdom Literature: <i>Poetry</i>			
18.	The Book of Job	42	1070
19.	The Book of Psalms		2461
20.	The Book of Proverbs		915
21.	The Book of Ecclesiastes		222
22.	The Song of Songs (or Song of Solomon or Canticles)		117

IV. Major Prophets: <i>Longer Prophetical Writings</i>			
23.	The Book of Isaiah	66	1292
24.	The Book of Jeremiah	52	1364
25.	The Book of Lamentations	5	154
26.	The Book of Ezekiel	48	1273
27.	The Book of Daniel	12	357
V. Minor Prophets: <i>Shorter Prophetical Writings</i>			
28.	The Book of Hosea	14	197
29.	The Book of Joel	3	73
30.	The Book of Amos	9	146
31.	The Book of Obadiah	1	21
32.	The Book of Jonah	4	48
33.	The Book of Micah	7	105
34.	The Book of Nahum	3	47
35.	The Book of Habakkuk	3	56
36.	The Book of Zephaniah	3	53
37.	The Book of Haggai	2	38
38.	The Book of Zechariah	14	211
39.	The Book of Malachi	4	55

Notes:

The New Testament Books

VI. New Testament Gospels: <i>The Life Of Jesus</i>			
40.	The Gospel According to Matthew	28	1071
41.	The Gospel According to Mark	16	678
42.	The Gospel According to Luke	24	1151
43.	The Gospel According to John	21	879
VII. New Testament History: <i>The History Of The Early Church</i>			
44.	The Acts of the Apostles	28	1007
VIII. Pauline Epistles: <i>Letters Written By Paul</i>			
45.	The Epistle of Paul to the Romans	16	433
46.	The First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians	16	437
47.	The Second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians	13	257
48.	The Epistle of Paul to the Galatians	6	149
49.	The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians	6	155
50.	The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians	4	104
51.	The Epistle of Paul to the Colossians	4	95
52.	The First Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians	5	89
53.	The Second Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians	3	47
54.	The First Epistle of Paul to Timothy	6	113
55.	The Second Epistle of Paul to Timothy	4	83
56.	The Epistle of Paul to Titus	3	46
57.	The Epistle of Paul to Philemon	1	25
IX. General Epistles: <i>Addressed To Christians In General</i>			
58.	The Epistle to the Hebrews	13	303
59.	The Epistle of James	5	108
60.	The First Epistle of Peter	5	105
61.	The Second Epistle of Peter	3	61
62.	The First Epistle of John	5	105
63.	The Second Epistle of John	1	13
64.	The Third Epistle of John	1	14
65.	The Epistle of Jude	1	25
X. Apocalyptic Epistle: <i>Prophecies Of The Future</i>			
66.	The Book of Revelation	22	404
Total Number of Chapters and Verses		1189	31105

Study Guide: “The Bible”

Part I: True Or False. *The Bible* (pp. 116-7 ff). Place a “T” (True) or “F” (False) before each question below.

- ___ 1. The word “Bible” means “Book”
- ___ 2. The Bible began to be written in about 1500 B.C.
- ___ 3. The earliest books of the Bible were written by David.
- ___ 4. The message of the New Testament is that Jesus will come, but not yet.
- ___ 5. The Gospels are letters directed to various Old Testament churches.
- ___ 6. The two parts of the Bible are the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- ___ 7. The two main teachings of the Bible are Christmas and Easter.
- ___ 8. Because the Bible is inspired, it doesn't matter if it's true. All that matters is that I feel inspired when I read it.
- ___ 9. The last book of the Bible is the book of Malachi.
- ___ 10. God didn't need to write the Bible. After all, we can learn of Him in others ways.

Part II: Multiple Choice: Write the letter of the correct answer before each question below.

- ___ 11. A “Prophet” is one who...
 - a. Foretells the future.
 - b. speaks God's Word
 - c. Says only what God wants
 - d. All of the above.
- ___ 12. Which books was *not* written by Moses?
 - a. Genesis
 - b. Numbers
 - c. Deuteronomy
 - d. Judges
- ___ 13. The last book of the Old Testament is...
 - a. Malachi
 - b. Hosea
 - c. Hezekiah
 - d. Zephaniah
- ___ 14. The first book of the New Testament is...
 - a. Luke
 - b. Galatians
 - c. Matthew
 - d. Revelation
- ___ 15. The Epistle of James is an example of...
 - a. A Gospel
 - c. History

