

# Foundation Worldview Home Connection

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## Unit 3: Studying the Bible | Lesson 2



This Home Connection activity should take about thirty minutes to complete. As soon as you get home, with a parent, write down a time this week when your family will work together to complete this activity.

Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_



### Activity

This week we explored the question “What should Christians know about genre and the Bible?”

- We looked at the different genres in the Bible. We saw that the first type of genre in the Bible is law. The books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy are all considered books of the law. Some chapters in these books outline God’s commands for the nation of Israel, while others tell the story of how God called Abraham and his family to be His special people.

The next type of genre in the Bible is history. Like history books you read today, the history books in the Bible tell stories of things that happened in the past. The books of history in the Bible are specifically focused on how God has faithfully worked out His good plan throughout history.

The next type of genre is wisdom. This is a genre we don’t find too much of in our world today. Most of the books of wisdom in the Bible are written in the form of poems. Instead of writing stories in long paragraphs, the wisdom books are written in verses and stanzas, pointing us to the truth about God, humans, and God’s big plan.

The next genre type is prophecy. God’s prophets acted as speakers for God.

They reminded God's people of the commands God had already given them. They told the people to obey God and sometimes they told events that would happen in the future. Many times, these events had to do with God's big rescue plan. And these prophets also warned people of God's coming judgment because of their rebellion.

The next type of genre in the Bible is biography. The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, all tell the story of Jesus' life. Each writer focused on a different aspect of who Jesus is. With these four biographies, we get a really full picture of who Jesus is and what He did during His time on Earth.

The final type of genre we find in the Bible is letters. During the period of the early church, the apostles wrote letters to different churches, regions, and individuals. These letters were teaching their audience more about Jesus, correcting problems, encouraging them, offering wisdom, and thanking them for their help.

- Read the following passages and see if you can figure out the genre for each one.
  - Exodus 20:1-17
  - 1 Samuel 3:1-10
  - Psalm 100
  - Isaiah 11:1-10
  - John 6:1-15
  
- While you complete the Follow-Up Assignment this week, as a family, discuss the genre of each passage you read.