



INSTRUCTIONS

A CHALLENGING AND INSTRUCTIVE WAY TO LEARN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE WHILE HAVING FUN

Ages: 8+

Players: 2-6 players

OBJECT:

To be the first player to have seven books of the Bible in a row as listed in the Bible. Winning hand may contain a combination of Bible books and Wild cards used in place of books or to connect Old and New Testaments.

HOW TO PLAY:

Each player receives a New Testament and Old Testament Help Card. Unused Help Cards are removed from playing area.

Each player receives seven (7) cards and remaining cards are placed face down creating a “draw” pile. The top card of the draw pile is turned over to begin a “discard” pile.

Player to left of dealer goes first by drawing one card from either “draw” or “discard” pile and then discarding one card completing turn.

Play continues to left with each player drawing and discarding one card.

Players should only have seven (7) cards after each play.

If “draw” pile is exhausted “discard” pile is shuffled and becomes “draw” pile.

Drawing/Discarding cards continues until a player has seven (7) books of the Bible in a row.

Once a player has seven books in a row they must announce immediately after discarding a card.

Once next player selects a card play continues and person must wait until their next turn to announce. Winning player must show cards and name the seven books in a row.

If books are not in proper order player is eliminated and play resumes.

Bible books are color coded according to their classification:

Yellow- Pentateuch or first five books of Moses
Green- The Writings

Red- The Prophets
Orange- Gospels and Acts
Blue- Epistles and Revelation

Color(s) of Wild cards match color(s) of books for which they may be substituted (excluding Testament Bridge and Apocrypha cards).

HOW TO USE “WILD” CARDS:

Dead Sea Scrolls Card- use in place of any of the 39 Old Testament Books.

Ancient Hebrew scrolls discovered between 1947 and 1956 in eleven caves near the shores of the Dead Sea in Israel. The 800+ manuscripts were written on papyrus and animal skin before the second century thus making them the earliest known source for the Hebrew Bible. Includes all books of the Old Testament except for Esther and Nehemiah.

Lost Epistle Card- use in place of any of the 27 New Testament Books.

Colossians 4: 16 “...epistle from Laodicea.” May indicate a letter (epistle) from Paul that the Holy Spirit did not have preserved.

Testament Bridge Card- use to connect last book of Old Testament with first book of New Testament
OR last book of New Testament with first book of Old Testament to make a “seven” series.

Pentateuch Card*- use in place of any of the first five (5) books of the Bible.

Greek “Penta” meaning “five” and “teuchos” meaning “book” refers to the five books of Moses (the law) as also does the Hebrew word “Torah” meaning “instruction”.

The Writings Card*- use in place of any of the twelve (12) Old Testament books known as part of “The Writings”.

The Prophets Card*- use in place of any of the twenty-two (22) Old Testament books known as part of “The Prophets”

Gospel and Acts Card- use in place of any of the first five (5) books of the New Testament

Epistles and Revelation Card- use in place of any of the twenty-two (22) New Testament books known as the Epistles and Revelation.

Holy Spirit Card- use in place of any of the 66 books of the Bible

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.

Apocrypha “Skip” and “Reverse” Card- When “Skip” card is discarded next person misses their turn to play. When “Reverse” card is discarded the direction of play is reversed.
Can not be used as a card in making seven cards in a row.

The Apocrypha is a collection of Jewish literature books written in Greek during the Intertestamental period (200BC – 100AD). While accepted by some as inspired were never a part of the Hebrew Bible, never quoted by Jesus or His

disciples and not considered as inspired by Jewish historian Josephus (37-100AD).

HELP CARDS- Old and New Testament cards listing books in order and identifying their color coded classifications (Pentateuch (Law), Writings, Prophets, Gospel & Acts or Epistles & Revelation). Refer to cards as needed.

Number of cards: 108

- 39-One each of the 39 Old Testament books
- 27-One each of the 27 New Testament books
- 3-Dead Sea Scroll cards (use as any Old Testament book)
- 3-Lost Epistle cards (use as any New Testament book)
- 3-Testament Bridge cards (link between Old and New Testament books)
- 3-Pentateuch cards (use as any of the first five books of Bible)
- 3-The Writings cards (use as any of the 12 books)
- 3-The Prophets (use as any of the 22 books)
- 3-Gospel & Acts cards (use as any of the five books)

3-Epistles & Revelation (use as any of the 22 books)

2-Apocrypha “Skip” cards

2-Apocrypha “Reverse” cards

2-Holy Spirit cards (use for any of the 66 books of the Bible)

12-Help Cards (Lists Old and New Testament Books in order and color codes by classification)

**Jesus recognized three sections of the Old Testament scriptures:*

Luke 24: 44 “...These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms (writings), concerning me.”

