



# Where God Speaks

20 questions to test your Bible knowledge

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This quiz can help you, your students, and your students' families review what you know about God's Word. Check your answers against the answer key on the last page of this pdf.



**1** St. Jerome famously said: "Ignorance of \_\_\_\_\_ is ignorance of Christ."

- a) Scripture
- b) the sacraments
- c) prayer
- d) Mary

**2** St. Paul wrote \_\_\_\_\_ that were included in the Bible.

- a) novels
- b) psalms
- c) gospels
- d) letters

**3** The New Testament stories of Peter, Paul, and the earliest Christians are found in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Psalms
- b) Prophets
- c) Acts of the Apostles
- d) Gospels

**4** How many books are in the Bible?

- a) 1
- b) 73
- c) 100
- d) 12

**5** When Daniel was thrown into the \_\_\_\_\_ den, God protected him (Daniel 6).

- a) walrus'
- b) bears'
- c) snakes'
- d) lions'

**6** Jesus wrote the Gospel of Matthew.

True | False

**7** The best-selling book of all time is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) *The Lord of the Rings*
- b) *The Cat in the Hat*
- c) *Harry Potter*
- d) the Holy Bible

**8** At Sunday Mass, Catholics hear \_\_\_\_\_ readings from the Bible.

- a) 1
- b) 10
- c) 4
- d) 0

**9** The Lord's Prayer can be found in \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospels.

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 1
- d) all

**10** The last book in the Bible is the Book of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Psalms
- b) Revelation
- c) Leviticus
- d) Proverbs

**11** The Catholic Church decided which books would be included in the Bible.

True | False

**12** The Old Testament is the Bible for the \_\_\_\_\_ people.

- a) Jewish
- b) Buddhist
- c) Muslim
- d) Native American

**13** "\_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord with all of your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely" (Proverbs 3:5).

- a) Rest
- b) Pray
- c) Live
- d) Trust

**14** The Bible is often referred to as "God's \_\_\_\_\_."

- a) iPad
- b) constitution
- c) book
- d) Word



**15** The Bible refers to Jesus as the “Word of God.”

True | False

**16** The two main sources of God’s communication with humanity are Sacred Scripture and \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Sacred Tradition b) the Dead Sea Scrolls c) the internet d) Twitter

**17** Jesus said: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,[b] and I will give you \_\_\_\_\_” (Matthew 11:28).

- a) lunch b) rest c) a miracle d) ice cream

**18** The major prophets of the Old Testament include \_\_\_\_\_, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel.

- a) Amos b) John the Baptist c) Isaiah d) Baruch

**19** Jesus sometimes chose his most trustworthy companions — Peter, \_\_\_\_\_, and John — to come with him on special missions.

- a) James b) Bartholomew c) Judas d) Aquila

**20** Catholics believe that the Bible is complete, and no more books will be added to it.

True | False



when the floods came.

- a) Noah b) Nehemiah c) Nathaniel d) Nebuchadnezzar

**9** Joseph, Jesus’ earthly father, taught Jesus how to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) doctor b) lawyer c) race car driver d) carpenter

Only priests are allowed to read the Bible. True | False



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## Kids' quiz Bible Basics

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**1** The psalms in the Bible were actually ancient Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) fairy tales b) songs c) laws d) jokes



**2** The Bible is broken into two parts: the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament and the New Testament.

- a) Old b) Moses c) Pope d) Holy

**3** The stories of Jesus are found in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Old Testament b) tabernacle c) Vatican museums d) New Testament

**4** The Bible was originally written in English.

True | False

**5** Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John wrote the accounts of Jesus’ life called \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) *The Boxcar Children* b) *Geronimo Stilton* c) the Gospels d) *Wonder*

**6** The first book in the Bible, Genesis, includes the story of Adam and \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Batman b) Harry Potter c) Eve d) Bob

**7** In the Book of Exodus in the Bible, God gives Moses the Ten \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Beatitudes b) Commandments c) sacraments d) rosaries

**8** God told \_\_\_\_\_ to build an ark so he could save his family and the animals

## ANSWERS TO Catholic I.Q.

1. **a)** St. Jerome (4th century) translated the Bible from Hebrew (OT) and Greek (NT) into Latin. Every Roman Catholic parish in the world used his translation until 1979.
2. **d)** St. Paul has more books in the Bible than any other writer.
3. **c)** Luke wrote his Gospel about Jesus' life and the Acts of the Apostles as a sequel about the early Church.
4. **b)** There are 46 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
5. **d)** The prophet Daniel prayed to God even though it was illegal. When the king sentenced him to be eaten by lions, God sent an angel to protect him.
6. **False.** Jesus didn't directly write any portion of the New Testament, even though he is the main character in every book.
7. **d)** More than 5 billion copies of the Bible have been printed and distributed worldwide. The New Testament alone has been translated into 1,521 languages.
8. **c)** Selections from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the New Testament, and the Gospels are normally proclaimed at every Sunday Mass.
9. **a)** Only the Gospels of Matthew (6:9-13) and Luke (11:2-4) include the story of Jesus teaching his disciples how to pray (The Lord's Prayer).
10. **b)** The Book of Revelation describes Christ's triumphal return, the final judgment, and God's creation of a "new heaven and a new earth" (Revelation 21:1).
11. **True.** "It was by the apostolic Tradition that the Church discerned which writings are to be included in the list of the sacred books. This complete list is called the canon of Scripture" (CCC, 120).
12. **a)** Since before Jesus was born, the Jewish people read, studied, and memorized the writings of the Old Testament as their sacred scriptures.
13. **d)** Faith includes more than knowing all the right information about Catholicism; it also requires a relationship of love and friendship with God who is a trustworthy Father (see Matthew 6:25-26).
14. **d)** The Bible is one of the primary ways God speaks to us, teaches us, reveals himself to us, and provides comfort, hope, and guidance for all people.
15. **True.** Referring to Christ, the Gospel of John begins: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).
16. **a)** Jesus gave the Church the responsibility to teach, pass on, and interpret what God has revealed in both Scripture and Tradition (see CCC, 82).
17. **b)** In addition to saving us from sin and hell so we can go to heaven,

Jesus promised to comfort us in this life and be with us until the end of time (see Matthew 28:20).

**18. c)** Of all the Old Testament books, the Book of Isaiah foretells the most about Christ speaking about the virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14), and Christ's role as the messiah and suffering servant (see Isaiah 42, 49, 50, 52, 53).

**19. a)** This trio accompanied Jesus apart from the other 12 on three occasions: the healing of Jairus' daughter (Luke 8:50-55), the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8), and in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-39).

**20. True.** With the Book of Revelation, the canon of Scripture is closed. God continues to speak, however, through the teaching Church (the magisterium), through modern prophets and saints, as well as to individual believers. But all these newer "revelations" must agree with and be consistent with the themes in the canonical Scriptures.

### Kids' Quiz

1. **b)** The Hebrew people sang many of the 150 psalms during their worship services and when they took annual pilgrimages to the holy city of Jerusalem.
2. **a)** The Old Testament is the story of the Hebrew people. The New Testament focuses on the beginning of Christianity.
3. **d)** The New Testament offers the best source of information about Jesus' life and teachings.
4. **False.** The Old Testament was written in Hebrew, and the New Testament was written in Greek.
5. **c)** Each of the four Gospel writers presented the Good News of Jesus in distinct ways that matched the needs of the people for whom they were writing (see CCC, 126:3).
6. **c)** The Bible begins with the story of God's creation of the universe, including the creation of people: "God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27).
7. **b)** After helping the enslaved Israelites escape from their brutal Egyptian slavemasters, God taught Israel how to live according to his ways through the 10 Commandments and the other Jewish laws.
8. **a)** The people in Noah's day were very wicked, so God decided to start over again. Noah and his family were the only people who survived the floods (Genesis 6-10).
9. **d)** Jesus is described in the Bible as both the "carpenter's son" (Matthew 13:55) and as a carpenter himself (see Mark 6:3). Tradition holds that Joseph died when Jesus was still young.
10. **False.** All Catholics, from children to adults, are encouraged to read the Bible every day so God can speak to them.