

## 4. The Bible Library

**H**ave you ever visited a library? A library is a place where books are kept. Some libraries are very big with lots and lots of books on their shelves. Some libraries are small, with only a few books.

You probably have a small library in your own home. What are your books about? Animals? Flowers? Missionaries? Stories of people? How things work?



Were all your books written by the same person? No. Many different people wrote the books we like to read.

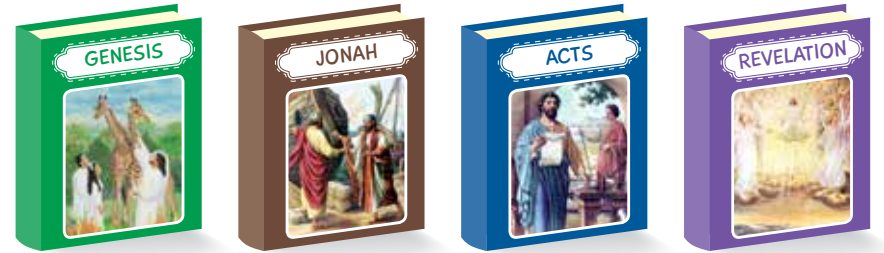
Now look at your Bible. Did you know it is like a small library? Even though it looks like one book, it is really many books written by many different people.

Do you remember the two parts of the Bible: The Old Testament and the New Testament? Each of these parts have smaller parts called books.

In the **Old Testament** library there are **39 books**. These books were written by people like Moses, David, Daniel, Jonah, and many others.



In the **New Testament** library there are **27 books**. Some of the people God choose to write these books were John,



Matthew, Mark, Peter, and Paul.

Each book has its own name. The names help us know who wrote the book or what it is about. You will find the names of all the Bible books on one of the first pages of your Bible called “The Table of Contents.”

✔ The very first book in the Bible is called **Genesis**. “Genesis” means the creation or beginning of things. It tells us about the beginning of our world and the first people who lived in it. It also tells about the beginning of sin in our world and the beginning of God’s plan to save us.

✔ **Daniel** was written by the prophet Daniel.

✔ **Jonah** tells the story of the prophet Jonah.

✔ **Acts** tells about the new Christians after Jesus went back to heaven.

✔ **Ephesians** is a letter that the apostle Paul wrote to Christians who lived in the city of Ephesus.

✔ **Revelation** is the last book in the Bible. It tells us very important things about the war between Jesus and Satan and how it will come to an end. It says that Jesus will come again soon.

Altogether there are **66 books** in the Bible. That is like a small library, isn’t it? Would you like to carry 66 separate books every time you wanted to read the Bible? Aren’t you thankful they are all put together into one book, the Bible? 📖



## 19. The Bible Is Like Seeds



There are many different shapes and sizes of seeds: lima bean seeds are big and white; broccoli seeds are very tiny and dark brown. Squash seeds look like little white boats. And then there are funny-shaped seeds like bumpy beet seeds.

But no matter what shape or color or size seeds are, what do they do when they are planted? Yes! They grow. And they always grow what they are supposed to grow. You can be sure that when you plant watermelon seeds, yummy watermelons will grow; and when you plant flower seeds, beautiful flowers will grow. The Bible says: **“Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap” (Galatians 6:7).**

As we read God’s words and think His thoughts, those thoughts will help us grow to be like Him. Like little seeds, good thoughts of love and kindness planted in our minds will help us grow to become loving and kind and bring lots of happiness to ourselves and others!

Will seeds grow if they just stay in the seed packet? No. They have to be planted. Will God’s words in the Bible change us if we never learn them? Of course not. Are you letting God plant His “seeds” in your mind every day?

Remember to ask Jesus to help them stay in your mind so that you will grow to be like Him. 🙏



Read the story Jesus told about a farmer planting seeds in **Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23**. What kind of ground are you choosing to be?

**“The seed is the Word of God.” Luke 8:11**

Match the instructions with the seed packets.

**seeds OBEEDIENCE**  
“Let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect.” James 1:4

**seeds KINDNESS**  
“Those who deal truthfully are His delight.” Proverbs 12:22

**seeds TRUTHFULNESS**  
“Children, obey your parents in the Lord.” Ephesians 6:1

**seeds HELPFULNESS**  
“Be kind to one another.” Ephesians 4:32

**seeds PATIENCE**  
“Honor your father and your mother.” Exodus 20:12