# **BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**

Game 1: What Book comes before? Game 2: What Book comes after? Game 3: Who is the author? Game 4: Read a verse from it to the family and discuss it.

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2	Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy	Joshua	Judges	Ruth	1 Samuel	2 Samuel	2
3	1 Kings	2 Kings	1 Chronicles	2 Chronicles	Ezra	Nehemiah	Esther	Job	Psalms	Proverbs	3
4	Ecclesiastes	Song of Songs	Isaiah		XAMINATION		Daniel	Hosea	Joel	Amos	4
5	Obadiah	Jonah	Micah		RIZED FOR DI		Haggai	Zechariah	Malachi	Matthew	5
6	Mark	Luke	John		H PRAYER & ' /ITH AN ORDE		2 Corinthians	Galatians	Ephesians	Philippians	6
7	Colossians	1 Thessalonians	2 Thessalonians	1 Timothy	2 Timothy	Titus	Philemon	Hebrews	James	1 Peter	7
8	2 Peter	1 John	2 John	3 John	Jude	Revelation	Psalms	Luke	Philippians	Acts	8
9	Job	2 Timothy	Matthew	1 John	Isaiah	Zechariah	2 Peter	Jeremiah	James	Ruth	9
10	Galatians	Exodus	Hebrews	2 Corinthians	1 Peter	Joshua	2 Thessalonians	Judges	Titus	1 Corinthians	10
11	John	Colossians	Revelation	Ezra	Romans	Habakkuk	Ephesians	1 Timothy	Proverbs	Mark	11

Above the double line, the Books of the Bible are in order. Below the double line, they are not.

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### TO USE LIKE A GAME

Roll 2 dice twice to locate a table cell. First roll is vertical and second roll is horizontal. 12 = you choose a number. Or use a deck of cards where you ignore face cards and the ace is 11. Selecting table cells rotates.

If the cell item has already been dialogued, use one from any cell touching the cell of the numbers. Then, complete the sentence.

When a person answers, others ask curious questions to get to know that family member better, but never to criticize. The best questions are "Why?" and "What do you mean?" Then, going around the circle, everyone answers that same question. This process repeats with the next person clockwise (or you can go by age, from the youngest to oldest).

## TO USE AS A GUIDE, NOT AS A GAME

Begin in the top left-hand corner and move from item to item as if reading a book. All people answer that selection before moving on to the next.

#### **ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS**

It is suggested the answers be given in age order, beginning with the youngest. That way everyone will have something to offer. But, if only adults are sharing, starting selections rotates clockwise.

#### **READ TO PARTICIPANTS**

DIALOGUE is a form of communication that can help people get to know and appreciate one another. Dialogue is not for problem-solving, arguing or criticism. It is for understanding people.

Let people be themselves, even if they give an answer that you do not agree with or like. Instead of objecting or offering criticism, ask the other persons "Why" questions. This will help you clarify what they are saying and what they think and feel about things. Other people will appreciate your efforts to understand them.

Try to be careful regarding your answers. You don't need anyone's permission to answer what is true for you. But, what you say will be remembered by the others.

Avoid conflict over these answers. When you do not agree, you will have your turn to give what you think and feel. Arguing is not good.

## WHAT IS DIALOGUE?

There is probably no finer communication skill than dialogue. Therefore, if you and your family learn to do it, you will become more able than most to build warm, loving relationships.

DIALOGUE IS MERELY ASKING QUESTIONS
OF ONE ANOTHER
OUT OF CURIOSITY
IN ORDER TO BETTER
KNOW AND UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER

The aim of dialogue is to get to know and better understand one another. In fact, it would be a great goal to become fascinated with the most important people in your life — especially with their uniqueness and difference from yourself.

Dialogue usually means just asking the questions "Why?" and "What do you mean?" over and over again. When you ask a person a "why" question, it usually opens up a bit of new information about him or her. Another "why" question yields a little more. When a "why" question seems hard to think of, then any simple, friendly, non-judgmental question motivated by curiosity is fine.

Dialogue helps you find out what others really think and feel. It also helps others find out what you really think and feel.

Understanding and accepting other people – deeper and deeper through dialogue – knowing how they think and feel, as well as what they really mean by what is said, creates much better relationships.

## Successful Family Dialogue

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