

Bible Baseball  
(and other bible challenges)

Material that will be covered:

Creation story	Daniel and the Lion's Den
Noah's ark	Jonah and the whale
Tower of Babel	Jesus' family
The sacrifice of Isaac	The 12 disciples
Jacob and Esau	The parables
Joseph and his multi-colored coat	Jesus' teachings
The Exodus	The betrayal, crucifixion, resurrection
The 10 commandments	Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus
David and Goliath	
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (from the book of Daniel)	

Rules for Bible Baseball:

1. Divide into two teams. Place four chairs in base formation around the room. Designate a scorekeeper. The teacher is the pitcher for both teams.
2. First person sits on "home base" chair. Teacher gives him or her a question. If child answers right, he/she moves to 1st base. If not, he/she scores an out in which case the teacher announces the correct answer and may use the question again later in the competition.
3. The next person is up. The process is repeated. If the child answers correctly, all children move ahead a base. When a child makes it all the way around the bases, a run is scored.
4. Once everyone on a team has had a chance to be up, you repeat the "batting order". If you run out of players, you can put "ghosts" on base and move the ghosts as if they were players. (You can use a pillow or stuffed animal to represent the ghost.) If the next batter in line is on base, he or she must put a ghost on base so that he/she can take another turn at bat. The batting order must be followed at all times.
5. This is a Christian game; there is no stealing.
6. When the first team makes 3 outs, the second team is up. When both teams have had their ups, an inning is completed. You can decide before you start how many innings you will play or you can make that decision mid-game, as long as each team ends up with the same number of at-bats.
7. If you want, you can add some excitement by allowing kids to choose between receiving a "single", or "homer" question. A "homer" is a very difficult question but if answered correctly gives the team an instant home run and drives in any additional players on base.

What is the first book of the Bible?

Genesis

What did God create on the first day?

Light (Day and Night)

In the story of the Creation how many people did God create?

Two

In the story of the Creation what were the names of the people God created?

Adam and Eve

In the story of the Creation name three kinds of things God created.

Sky, earth, seas, stars, sun, moon, fish, birds, animals, people

Where did God make a garden for Adam and Eve?

Eden.

What did God warn Adam and Eve not to do in the Garden of Eden?

Eat from the tree of knowledge.

Who told Eve it was O.K. to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge?

The snake.

What did God do to punish Adam and Eve for eating the fruit from the tree of knowledge?

Sent them out of the Garden of Eden.

What were the names of Adam and Eve's children?

Cain and Abel

What did Cain do to Abel?

Killed him

Who built the ark?

Noah

What were the names of Noah's sons?

Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Why did Noah have to build an ark?

Because God wanted to destroy the world with a flood because he saw that people were being bad.

What did God tell Noah to take on the ark?

His wife, his sons and their wives and a male and female of every kind of animal and bird, and all kinds of food.

For how long did God tell Noah that it would rain?  
Forty days and nights.

How old does the Bible say Noah was when the flood came?  
Six hundred years old.

How many days was it before the water from the flood God sent began to go down?  
One hundred and fifty

Noah sent out two kinds of birds to see if the flood water was going down. What kinds were they?  
A raven and a dove.

What did the dove bring back to Noah which let him know that the flood water was going down?  
A fresh olive leaf.

What was the name of the mountain range where Noah's ark came to rest when the flood water began to go down?  
Ararat.

What did God promise after the flood was over?  
That he would never again destroy all living beings with a flood.

What did God do to show that he would keep his promise to Noah and all living beings?  
Put a rainbow in the sky.

What is another name for a promise made between God and the people (or between two people or groups of people)?  
A covenant.

What did the people build at Babel?  
They built a city and a tower with its top in the heavens.

What did God do when he saw what the people had built at Babel?  
God mixed up their language so they would not understand each other. Then he scattered the people all over the earth.

What was the name of the city where Abraham and Sarah lived before God told them to go to Canaan?  
Ur

When Sarah was unable to have a baby, who did she give to Abraham?  
Her slave, Hagar

What was the name of the son of Hagar and Abraham?  
Ishmael

When God told Sarah she would have a son, what did Sarah do?  
She laughed.

What was the name of Abraham and Sarah's son?  
Isaac

What were the names of Isaac's parents?  
Abraham and Sarah.

How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?  
One hundred years old.

What did God do to test Abraham?  
God asked Abraham to offer his son as a sacrifice.

What did Abraham carry on the way to the sacrifice?  
A knife and live coals.

What did Abraham do to Isaac when he got to the place God asked him to go to?  
He built an altar and put wood on it. He tied up Isaac and placed him on the altar and picked up his knife to kill him.

Who stopped Abraham from killing Isaac?  
An angel of the Lord.

What did Abraham finally sacrifice to God?  
A ram

What did God promise to Abraham because he would have been willing to sacrifice his son Isaac?  
He promised to give Abraham as many descendants as there are stars in the sky or grains of sand along the seashore.

What was Isaac's wife's name?  
Rebecca.

What was Rebecca's husband's name?  
Isaac.

What were the names of Isaac and Rebecca's children?  
Jacob and Esau.

Who was Jacob's brother?  
Esau.

What were the names of Jacob and Esau's parents?  
Isaac and Rebecca.

What unusual thing was Jacob doing while he was being born?  
Holding onto Esau's heel.

Who was born first, Jacob or Esau?  
Esau.

Which of his two sons did Isaac like best?  
Esau

Which of her two sons did Rebecca like best?  
Jacob

What was Esau's skin like when he was born?  
Hairy and reddish

What did Esau like to do?  
Liked the outdoors and hunting.

What did Jacob like to do?  
Liked to stay home - a quiet man.

What did Jacob want from Esau?  
He wanted Esau's rights as the first-born son.

What did Jacob trade Esau to get Esau's birth-right?  
Bean soup (or porridge or some similar answer)

When Isaac became old and blind who did he send for?  
His older son Esau.

When he thought he was going to die, what did Isaac ask Esau to do for him?  
Go kill an animal and cook it for him.

What was Isaac going to give to Esau in exchange for some tasty food?  
His final blessing.

Who was listening in on Isaac's conversation with Esau?  
Rebecca

What did Rebecca tell Jacob to do after she overheard the conversation between Isaac and Esau?  
Go pick out two goats so she could cook them for Isaac and he would give Jacob his blessing instead of Esau.

Why didn't Jacob think his mother's plan to get Isaac's blessing would work?  
Because Esau was a hairy man and Jacob was not and Isaac might touch him and know that his was being tricked.

What did Rebecca do to trick Isaac?

She put Esau's clothes on Jacob and put the skins of goats on his arms and the hairless part of his neck.

What did Isaac give to Jacob?  
His blessing.

What did Esau want to do when he found out that Jacob had stolen the blessing meant for him?  
He wanted to kill Jacob.

What did Jacob do when he knew Esau was looking for him to kill him?  
He ran away to live with his uncle Laban.

What was the name of Jacob's favorite wife?  
Rachel

Later in life, an angel gave Jacob a new name. What was the name?  
Israel

What was Jacob's daughter's name?  
Dinah

How many sons did Jacob have?  
12

Which of his sons did Jacob love the most?  
Joseph

What did Jacob make for his son Joseph?  
A coat of many colors.

What dream did Joseph have about wheat?  
He and his brothers were tying up sheaves of wheat, Joseph's sheaf got up and stood up straight. His brothers sheaves formed a circle around his and bowed down to it.

What dream did Joseph have about the sun, the moon, and the stars?  
All were bowing down to Joseph.

What did Joseph's brothers want to do to him?  
Kill him.

What did Joseph's brothers do to his coat?  
They ripped off his coat.

What did Joseph's brothers do to him?  
Threw him into a well in the wilderness.

What was the name of the person who asked Joseph's brothers not to kill Joseph?  
Reuben

What did Joseph's brothers do to him after they threw him in the well?

Sold him to a bunch of Ishmaelites.

How much did Joseph's brothers sell Joseph for?

Twenty pieces of silver.

What did Joseph's brothers do to his coat?

Dipped it in goat's blood and took it to their father.

What did Jacob think happened to Joseph?

He thought some wild animals had killed him.

What country did the Ishmaelites take Joseph to?

Egypt

What was the name of the man to whom Joseph was sold?

Potiphar

What happened to Joseph in Egypt.

He was put in prison.

What was Joseph good at doing?

Interpreting dreams.

What did Joseph tell the king of Egypt his dream means?

There will be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine.

What did the king of Egypt do to Joseph to thank him for his great insight and wisdom?

Made him governor of Egypt.

Why do Joseph's brothers come to Egypt?

Because there is a famine in all the land and they come to ask for food.

Joseph recognizes his brothers and so he tricks them by accusing them of spies and arresting Simeon and tells them he will keep Simeon until they do what?

Bring their youngest brother, Benjamin, back.

What does Joseph tell his servants to put in Benjamin's bag?

Joseph's silver cup

After Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers, does he go to live with Jacob and his brothers or do they come to Egypt to live with him?

They come to Egypt to live with him.

After many years, a new Pharaoh takes the throne who did not know Joseph and is worried because the Israelites have become too numerous in the land. What does he do to the Israelites?

He makes them slaves

What was the job of the Israelite slaves?

They made bricks.

Pharaoh orders that all of the male Israelite babies should be killed. Where do Moses' parents hide the baby Moses?

In a basket in the bulrushes

Who finds the baby Moses and what does she do with him?

Pharaoh's daughter finds him and raises him as her own son.

When Moses grows up he see an Egyptian slave-master beating an Israelite slave. What does Moses do?

He kills the Egyptian.

Moses has to flee Egypt and he goes to the land of Midian. What does he do for a living there?

He's a shepherd.

What unusual thing does Moses see on the mountain?

A bush that burns but is never consumed.

Moses hears the voice of God but before Moses can get closer, God tells him to do something first. What does he say to do and why?

Moses must take off his shoes because he is standing on holy ground.

On the mountain, God tells Moses God's name. What is it?

Yahweh or "I am"

What does God want Moses to tell Pharaoh?

To let God's people go

What is the name of Moses' brother?

Aaron

What is the name of Moses' sister?

Miriam

When Pharaoh refuses to let the Israelites go, God sends ten plagues on Egypt. Name 5 of the plagues for one base, all ten for a home run.

Nile River turns to blood

Frogs

Gnats

Flies

Livestock die of disease

Boils

Hail

Locusts

Darkness

Death of the first-born children and animals

God sends the angel of death to Egypt but the angel passes over the houses of the Israelites leaving their children unharmed. How does the angel know which houses are the houses of the Israelites?

The Israelites put the blood of a lamb on the doorposts

What is the name of the Jewish holiday that celebrates the Exodus and remembers the night the angel passed over the houses of the Israelites?

Passover

What Jewish holiday was Jesus celebrating with his disciples when he ate his last supper before he was crucified?

Passover

Why do the Jews (and why did Jesus) eat flat bread on Passover?

Because the Israelites didn't have time to let their bread rise when they were escaping Egypt.

True or false: After the plague when the angel of death killed the first-born children of the Egyptians, Pharaoh still didn't let the people go.

False. Pharaoh's son died and he told Moses to take the people and leave.

God led the Israelites out of Egypt appearing to them as a \_\_\_\_\_ during the day and as a \_\_\_\_\_ during the night.

A pillar of cloud by day; a pillar of fire by night.

When the Israelites got to the Red Sea, they saw something coming toward them from Egypt. What was it?

The Pharaoh's chariots and soldiers.

How did the Israelites get across the Red Sea?

Moses raised his hand and God parted the waters.

True or false: Right after the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, Pharaoh's army crossed as well and continued to chase them into the wilderness.

False. The army was drowned in the Red Sea.

Who danced, sang a song, and played a tambourine at the side of the Red Sea after Pharaoh's army was drowned?

Miriam and the Israelite women

When the Israelites ran out of food in the wilderness, what did God send to feed them?

Manna and quail.

What is the name of the mountain where Moses received the 10 commandments?

Mt. Sinai (or Mt. Horeb - there are actually two names given to it in the bible)

When Moses went up on the mountain, he was gone so long that the people got restless and they asked Aaron to make them a god to worship. What did Aaron make?

A golden calf

Name 5 of the 10 commandments for a single; all 10 for a home run.

You shall have no other gods beside god

You shall not make any images of God

You shall not take the name's Lord in vain.

Keep the Sabbath day holy

Honor your father and your mother

Don't kill

Don't steal

Don't commit adultery

Don't lie against your neighbor

Don't covet your neighbor's spouse or property

Did Moses make it into the promised land?

No, he dies before the people get there.

Who did Moses appoint to lead the people after his death? (Hint: he was the man who helped the Israelites defeat the city of Jericho)

Joshua

What is the name of the river that the people had to cross to get to the Promised Land?

The Jordan River

Who was the first King of Israel?

Saul

When David was a boy, what was his job in the family?

He was a shepherd

The army of the Israelites was fighting the army of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Philistines

What was the name of the Philistine giant?

Goliath

All of the Israelites were afraid to fight Goliath but David said he wasn't afraid. Why wasn't he?

He had God on his side.

What did King Saul promise to give the man who defeated Goliath?

His daughter's hand in marriage

King Saul tried to give David something to help him fight Goliath. What was it?

Saul's armor

What weapon did David use to defeat Goliath?

Slingshot

Who became the King of Israel after Saul?

David

When the Babylonians conquered Israel, they made the Israelites live in Babylon and follow the laws of Babylon. What was the king of Babylon's name?

Nebuchadnezzar

What did King Nebuchadnezzar build that he made people bow down before?

A great big golden statue

Name the three men who refused to bow down before the statue.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down before the statue, what punishment did Nebuchadnezzar give them?

They were thrown into the fiery furnace.

How many people did the king and his guards see in the furnace and who were they?

Four- Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and an angel

True or false: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego gave their lives for their beliefs when they died in the furnace.

False. They came out of the furnace unharmed.

King Darius who was King of Babylon after King Nebuchadnezzar, made a law that everyone should pray to him for 30 days. Who refused to follow the law?

Daniel

How did King Darius punish Daniel?

He threw him in the lion's den

Did the lions eat Daniel?

No

How was Daniel saved from the lions?

God sent an angel to hold the lions' mouths closed.

When God saw that the people of Nineveh were wicked, God sent a prophet to tell them to change their ways. What was the name of the prophet?

Jonah

True or false: Jonah didn't want the people of Nineveh to be saved so he ran away.

True

When Jonah was on a ship at sea, a great storm rose up. Jonah told the sailors how to stop the storm. What did he tell them to do?

Throw Jonah overboard

What ate Jonah?

A great big fish

How long was Jonah in the belly of the fish? Three days, three weeks, or three years?

Three days

What did Jonah do after he got out of the fish?

He went to Nineveh and told them that God wanted them to stop being wicked.

Did God destroy Ninevah?

No. They repented so God didn't destroy them

## New Testament

According to the gospel of Luke, Jesus was born in what city?  
Bethlehem

Name Jesus' mother and father.  
Mary and Joseph

Who baptized Jesus?  
John the Baptist

What was the name of the river in which Jesus was baptized?  
The Jordan River

How did John the Baptist die?  
His head was brought to King Herod on a silver platter.

Name 6 of the 12 disciples. (Name all 12 for a home run)

Peter (or Simon Peter)	Simon
Andrew	James the son of Alphaeus
James	Judas Iscariot
John	Thaddeus or Judas son of James
Philip	(The gospels of Matthew and Mark have Thaddeus and the gospels of Luke and John have Judas son of James)
Bartholomew	
Thomas	
Matthew	

Recite the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Jesus taught that if someone strikes you on the cheek you should do what?  
Turn the other cheek.

When his friends couldn't get the paralyzed man through the crowds to be healed by Jesus, how did they get him to Jesus?

They cut a hole in the roof of the house and let him down by a rope.

When they ran out of wine at the wedding feast in Cana, what did Jesus do?  
He changed the water into wine.

Jesus said that the person who listens to God's word is like a person who builds a house on: the sand or on the rock?  
The rock

Jesus tells the parable of a sower sowing seed. Tell the four things that happen to the seed.

Eaten by birds

Falls on rocky soil (so it grows too fast and is scorched by the sun)

Is choked by thorns

Falls on good soil and produces abundant grain

How is the kingdom of God like a mustard seed?

It starts out as the smallest seed but grows into the biggest bush

When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, Peter tried to walk on the water too. Did he: walk out to Jesus, start to walk and then sink, or sink immediately and drown?

He walked and then he began to sink when he became frightened.

When the crowd was hungry, what did Jesus feed them?

A few loaves of bread and a few fish

How many times did Jesus say you should forgive a person?

Seventy times seven (Some new bible translations may read 77 times)

Jesus said that it's easier to put a camel through the eye of a needle than \_\_\_\_\_.

For a rich man to get into the kingdom of God

According to Jesus, what are the two greatest commandments?

Love God with your whole heart, mind, soul, and strength

Love your neighbor as yourself

Jesus told a story about a man who was beaten by robbers on his way to Jericho. Who stopped to help the man and why was that a surprise to Jesus' listeners?

A Samaritan helped and Jesus' listeners didn't like Samaritans.

Jesus told a story about a son who spent all of his money on wine and women. When he came back and offered to work for his father, what did his father do?

He forgave him and threw a party to celebrate the son's return.

What did Jesus ride on when he entered Jerusalem?

A donkey

Who betrayed Jesus by telling the Roman soldiers where they could find him?

Judas Iscariot

How much money did Judas Iscariot get for betraying Jesus?

30 pieces of silver

What was the name of the Roman governor who sentenced Jesus to death?

Pontius Pilate

What was the name of the garden where the Romans arrested Jesus?

The Garden of Gethsemane

How was Jesus killed?

He was crucified - nailed to a cross

When the women went to see Jesus' body, what did they find at his tomb?

The stone was rolled away and Jesus wasn't there.

Which disciple said that he wouldn't believe Jesus had been raised from the dead until he touched Jesus himself?

Thomas

What was Paul's Jewish name?

Saul

What was Saul's Roman name?

Paul

Before Paul became a Christian, what was he doing?

Persecuting the Christians

Paul saw a great light and heard Jesus' voice speaking to him. Where was Paul going at the time this happened?

To Damascus

What was physically wrong with Paul after he saw the light?

He was blind

What was the name of the Christian who healed Paul's blindness?

Ananias

What did Paul do for the rest of his life after his blindness was healed?

He preached the gospel and started churches

What's the last book of the bible?

Revelation