

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE “PERIODIC TABLE” OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

This resource is meant to be hung in the style of a periodic table of elements. Each “genre” is meant to be a different color, so to visually distinguish between them. The typical breakdown is as follows:

Genesis-Deuteronomy – Pentateuch
Joshua-Ruth – History
Job-Song of Songs – Poetry
Isaiah-Ezekiel – Major Prophets
Daniel-Malachi – Minor Prophets
Matthew-John – Gospels
Acts – Church History
1 Corinthians-Jude – Letters
Revelation – Prophecy

If you would like, you can further break them down, but this is the breakdown I use. Each one of those breakdowns should be printed on a different color of card stock. The “key” that comes with the table can be printed on white or beige. This helps to differentiate between the various genres.

Ways to Use This Resource:

1. Decoration – Hang this in your church as a reference to use during lessons. When you refer to stories, point out which book of the Bible it comes from.
2. Book Sorting Game – Shuffle up the Old Testament and New Testament books, separately. Hand one sheet to each kid, and have them put the Old Testament, then the New Testament books in order. Review what the different colors mean for each one, and what the difference is between the Old Testament and New Testament.
3. Genre Sorting Game – Shuffle up all of the papers. Have them sort by genre and discuss what each genre means.
4. Character Naming – Lay out the books of the Bible in order. Give each kid a pack of sticky notes and have them name as many Bible characters as they can think of. When they are finished, have them place the characters where they think they go in the books of the Bible. Discuss if they placed them correctly, and how they fall in the story.

There are SO many ways to use this resource! I hope this encourages your kids to learn more about the books of the Bible!

-Kathleen Jaoudi

#1

1440B.C.-1400B.C.

Gn

Genesis

Moses

#2

1440B.C.-1400B.C.

Ex

Exodus

Moses

#3

1440B.C.-1400B.C.

Lv

Leviticus

Moses

#4

1440B.C.-1400B.C.

Nu

Numbers

Moses

#5

1440B.C.-1400B.C.

Dt

Deuteronomy

Moses

#6

1400B.C.-13700B.C.

Js

Joshua

Joshua

#7

1045B.C.-1000B.C.

Ju

Judges

Samuel

#8

1375B.C.-1050B.C.

Ru

Ruth

Unknown

#9

960B.C.-930B.C.

Sa₁

1 Samuel

Samuel

#10

960B.C.-930B.C.

Sa₂

2 Samuel

Nathan

#11

560B.C.-540B.C.

Ki 1

1 Kings

Jeremiah

#12

560B.C.-540B.C.

Ki2

2 Kings

Jeremiah

#13

450B.C.-425B.C.

Ch 1

1 Chronicles

Ezra

#14

450B.C.-425B.C.

Ch₂

2 Chronicles

Ezra

#15

460B.C.-440B.C.

Ez

Ezra

Ezra

#16

445B.C.-420B.C.

Ne

Nehemiah

Ezra

#17

460B.C.-350B.C.

ES

Esther

Mordecai/Ezra/Nehemiah

#18

Unknown

Jb

Job

Unknown

#19

1440B.C.-530B.C.

Ps

Psalms

David/Various

#20

900B.C.

Pr

Proverbs

Solomon

#21

935 B.C.

EC

Ecclesiastes

Solomon

#22

965 B.C.

So

Song of Solomon

Solomon

#23

701B.C.-681B.C.

Is

Isaiah

Isaiah

#24

630B.C.-580B.C.

Je

Jeremiah

Jeremiah

#25

586B.C.-575B.C.

La

Lamentations

Jeremiah

#26

593B.C.-565B.C.

EK

Ezekiel

Ezekiel

#27

540B.C.-530B.C.

Da

Daniel

Daniel

#28

755B.C.-725B.C.

Ho

Hosea

Hosea

#29

835B.C.-800B.C.

𐤑

Joel

Joel

#30

760B.C.-753B.C.

Am

Amos

Amos

#31

848B.C.-840B.C.

Ob

Obadiah

Obadiah

#32

793B.C.-758B.C.

Jh

Jonah

Jonah

#33

735B.C.-

700B.C.

Mi

Micah

Micah

#34

663B.C.-612B.C.

Na

Nahum

Nahum

#35

610B.C.-605B.C.

Hk

Habakkuk

Habakkuk

#36

735B.C.-725B.C.

Zp

Zephaniah

Zephaniah

#37

520 B.C.

Ha

Haggai

Haggai

#38

520B.C.-470B.C.

Zc

Zechariah

Zechariah

#39

440B.C.-400B.C.

M I

Malachi

Malachi

#1

57 A.D.-59 A.D.

Mt

Matthew

Matthew

#2

50 A.D.

Mk

Mark

Mark

#3

58 A.D.-65 A.D.

Lk

Luke

Luke

#4

85 A.D.-90 A.D.

Jn

John

John

#5

61 A.D.-64 A.D.

Ac

Acts

Luke

#6

56 A.D.-58 A.D.

Ro

Romans

Paul

#7

55 A.D.

Co 1

1 Corinthians

Paul

#8

55 A.D.-57 A.D.

CO₂

2 Corinthians

Paul

#9

48 A.D.-55 A.D.

Ga

Galatians

Paul

#10

60 A.D.-63 A.D.

Ep

Ephesians

Paul

#11

61 A.D.

Pp

Philippians

Paul

#12

58 A.D.-62 A.D.

Cl

Colossians

Paul

#13

50 A.D.

Th 1

1 Thessalonians

Paul

#14

51 A.D.-52 A.D.

Th₂

2 Thessalonians

Paul

#15

62 A.D.-66 A.D.

Ti 1

1 Timothy

Paul

#16

67A.D.

Ti2

2 Timothy

Paul

#17

66 A.D.

Tt

Titus

Paul

#18

60 A.D.

Pm

Philemon

Paul

#19

65 A.D.

Hb

Hebrews

Unknown

#20

45 A.D.

Ja

James

James

#21

60A.D.-65A.D.

Pe 1

1 Peter

Peter

#22

65A.D.-68A.D.

Pe₂

2 Peter

Peter

#23

85A.D.-95A.D.

Jh 1

1 John

John

#24

85A.D.-95A.D.

Jh 2

2 John

John

#25

85A.D.-95A.D.

Jh 3

3 John

John

#26

60A.D.-80A.D.

Ju

Jude

Jude

#27

90A.D.-95A.D.

Re

Revelations

John

#Order of Book in Bible

Year Written

Ab

Name

Author