

How Do I Find Thing in the Bible ?

Lesson 23

Mark 12:28-34

Memory Verse

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

Introduction

The Bible tells us about all kinds of things. It can help us when we are trying to make decisions about important things in our lives. It also tells us about Jesus and other people that loved God.

Discussion

Ask: But, how do we find the stories?

There are several ways to find things in the Bible. First, we can look up the Table of Contents in the front of the Bible. Let's look at it now. (Go to the Table of Contents) See how the whole Bible is listed from the first book to the last book.

Ask: Who can tell me the first book in the Bible?

See how the Bible is separated into two parts—the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament part took place before Jesus lived. The New Testament part talks about Jesus' life and what happened after He went to Heaven.

Ask: What is another way to find something in the Bible?

Another way to find something in the Bible is to memorize parts of it. Many people learn to memorize the Table of contents so that they can quickly find things. Let's close our Bibles and try to find Genesis. Remember, it's the first book of the Bible. Ready, set, search! Great!

Ask: Who can tell me the last book of the Bible?

Now let's try to find Revelation. Ready, set, search! It's the last book of the Bible. Let's try to memorize some of the order of the books of the Bible.

Ask: How else can we find things in the Bible?

A person can also find things in the Bible by looking in a concordance. It is in the back of some Bibles. It lists words that are in verses of the Bible. For example, if I wanted to look for a verse about God's love, I could look up the word "God" or the word "love" in the concordance. Then, I could look through the list of verses and find the verse that I was looking for. Let's try it. What would you like to look for? (Look for it in the Bible.) Today's lesson has to do with the greatest commandments. Let's look in the concordance and see where it is in the Bible.

Scripture

Mark 12: 28-32

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

One day a man saw Jesus answering many questions and he probably wondered what Jesus thought.

Discussion

Ask: What did the man ask Jesus?

The man asked Jesus, "Which commandment is most important of all?"

Ask: What was Jesus' response?

Jesus answered, "Love the Lord our God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. The second is this: Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Ask: Where else can these be found?

These two commands come from our Bible. The first one is in Deuteronomy 6:5 and the second is Leviticus 19:18. Let's turn quickly and look them up ourselves. It is fun to find verses in the Bible!

Scripture

Mark 12:32-34

"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but Him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Application

Ask: What was the man's reply?

God is one and there is no other but Him.

Ask: Would you like to invite Jesus to be a part of your life?

Romans 10:9-10

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 tell us that we need to do two things. First, we have to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. Second, we have to believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead. Then we will be saved and we will have a new life.