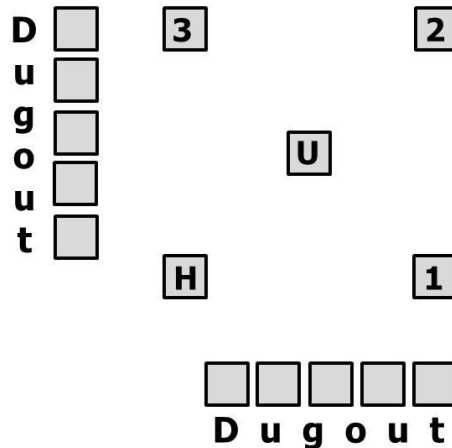


Bible Baseball

Bible Baseball is an active indoor game that can be played several ways depending on how many players you have. Set up chairs to create a playing area:



Use questions with four levels of difficulty: single, double, triple, and home run. Suggestion: write each set of questions on a separate page. When batters comes to the plate (moving from the **Dugout** to chair **H**), they choose the level of question they want to try. The umpire (**U**) selects and asks the question. If the question is answered correctly, the batter goes to the corresponding base (chair **1**, **2**, or **3**; a home run lets the batter "run the bases" and touch each chair). When the batter gets "a hit", players already on base move up the same number of chairs, scoring a run when they touch home (**H**). If the question is answered incorrectly, the batter is out and goes back to the **Dugout**. Bible baseball can be a fun way to review an entire year's worth of Sunday school lessons.

Ground rules. It probably won't be necessary to make many rules for Bible Baseball, but here is something for the umpire to keep in mind: (1) monitor the number of easy questions that a team tries to use up during each turn at bat, or (2) agree ahead of time that each team must try different levels of questions during its turn at bat.

Variations. (1) Play Bible Baseball with two bases instead of three. A two-base game makes it easier to score. It also works better with small teams. (2) Don't count the number of outs. Instead, a half inning ends when every player on a team has had a turn at bat. (3) If you have lots of players, form a third team. An inning lasts until all teams have had a turn at bat.

Bible Baseball – Matthew

Here are 80 single, double, triple and homerun questions for the Gospel of Matthew (20 each).

20 Single Questions

Where was Jesus born?

Answer – Bethlehem (Mt.2:1)

In what city did Jesus grow up?

Answer – Nazareth; Galilee (Mt.2:21-23)

Who prepared the way for Jesus to begin his ministry?

Answer – John the Baptist (Mt.3:1-3)

Where was Jesus baptized?

Answer – Jordan River (Mt.3:13)

How many temptations did Jesus suffer in the wilderness? *Answer – Three (Mt.4:1-11)*

What did Peter and Andrew do before they became disciples of Jesus?

Answer – Fisherman (Mt.4:18)

Complete the quote: "Let your _____ shine before others, so they may see your good works."

Answer – Light (Mt.5:16)

Complete the quote: "Your kingdom come, Your will be done _____, as it is in heaven"

Answer – On earth (Mt.6:10)

The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew," but the house built on this did not fall.

Answer – Rock (Mt.7:24-25)

How many apostles did Jesus choose?

Answer – 12 (Mt.10:1)

What apostle betrayed Jesus?

Answer – Judas; Judas Iscariot (Mt.10:4)

How many people did Jesus feed with five loaves and two fish?

Answer – 5,000 (Mt.14:17-21)

Who tried to walk on water to go to Jesus?

Answer – Peter (Mt.14:28)

What did the face of Jesus shine like during his transfiguration? *Answer – Sun (Mt.17:2)*

At what city was Jesus tried, beaten and crucified? *Answer – Jerusalem (Mt.20:18)*

Who is coming again in power and great glory? *Answer – Jesus; Son of Man (Mt.24:30)*

What will the righteous be given at the Judgment Seat of Christ?

Answer – Eternal life (Mt.25:46)

How many times did Peter deny Jesus?

Answer – Three (Mt.26:34)

What did Pilate's soldiers place on the head of Jesus?

Answer – Crown of thorns (Mt.27:29)

On what day of the week did Jesus rise from the dead?

Answer – First (Mt.28:1)

20 Double Questions

Who was king in Judea when Jesus was born?

Answer – Herod, Herod the Great (Mt.2:1)

Complete the Beatitude: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit _____."

Answer – The earth (Mt.5:5)

Complete the quote: "Love your _____, and pray for those who persecute you."

Answer – Enemies (Mt.5:44)

Complete the quote: "Be wise as serpents and innocent as _____."

Answer – Doves (Mt.10:16)

What must a disciple take up in order to follow Jesus? *Answer – His cross (Mt.10:38)*

What did the Pharisees break by their traditions?

Answer – Commandments of God; Word of God (Mt.15:3, 6)

Complete the quote: "This people honors me with their lips, but their _____ is far from me."
Answer – Heart (Mt.15:8)

Where do the things come from that defile a man? *Answer – Heart (Mt.15:18)*

Who did Peter say that Jesus was? *Answer – The Christ (Mt.16:16)*

What did Jesus say would happen to him after he suffered and died?
Answer – Rise again (Mt.16:21)

When Peter rebuked Jesus, what did Jesus call him? *Answer – Satan (Mt.16:23)*

What did the Son of man give as a ransom for many? *Answer – His life (Mt.20:28)*

Who do people become like in the resurrection?
Answer – Angels (Mt.22:30); Jesus (1 John 3:1-2)

What is this commandment called? "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."
Answer – Great; First (Mt.22:37-38)

What does Jesus tell us to do because we don't know when he will come again?
Answer – Watch; Stay awake; Pray (Mt.24:42; Mt.25:13; Lk.21:36)

Complete the words of Jesus: "Watch and pray, that you may not enter not into _____."
Answer – Temptation (Mt.26:41)

During his trial, who asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
Answer – The governor; Pilate (Mt.27:11)

What notorious prisoner did Pilate release during the trial of Jesus?
Answer – Barabbas (Mt.27:21)

What was the place called where was Jesus crucified?
Answer – Golgotha; Calvary (Mt.27:33; Lk.23:33)

How was the tomb of Jesus opened when he rose from the dead?
Answer – Earthquake; Angel rolled away the stone (Mt.28:2)

20 Triple Questions

What does the name "Jesus" mean? *Answer – Savior (Mt.1:21)*

What does "Christ" mean? *Answer – Anointed*

What does "Messiah" mean? *Answer – Christ, Anointed (OT)*

What does "Immanuel" mean? *Answer – "God with us" (Mt.1:23)*

Jesus said that his baptism was necessary to fulfill all _____.
Answer – Righteousness (Mt.3:15)

Complete the quote: "Where your _____ is, there your heart will be also."

Answer – Treasure (Mt.6:21)

Complete the quote: "You cannot serve God and _____."

Answer – Mammon; Money (Mt.6:24)

Complete the quote: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his _____."

Answer – Righteousness (Mt.6:33)

What Old Testament prophet said, "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases?"

Answer – Isaiah; Isaiah 53:4 (Mt.8:17 x-ref)

Complete the quote: "I desire mercy, and not _____." *Answer – Sacrifice (Mt.9:13)*

Who does Jesus identify as his brothers and sisters and mother?

Answer – His disciples (Mt.12:49-50)

What does Jesus call the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees?

Answer – Leaven (Mt.16:12)

What was the transfiguration of Jesus a preview of?

Answer – The coming of Jesus; The coming kingdom (Mt.16:28)

Who appeared and talked with Jesus during the transfiguration?

Answer – Moses and Elijah (Mt.17:3)

When the Son of man sits on the throne of his glory, what will the apostles do?

Answer – Sit on 12 thrones; Judge the 12 tribes of Israel (Mt.19:28; Lk.22:30)

What commandment is like the first and great commandment?

Answer – "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." (Mt.22:39)

What do false christs and false prophets do that deceives people?

Answer – Signs and wonders (Mt.24:24)

What was the blood of Jesus shed for?

Answer – Remission of sins (Mt.26:28)

Who would have come to the rescue of Jesus in Gethsemane, if he had asked for them?

Answer – More than twelve legions of angels? (Mt.26:53)

What story did the chief priests make up to explain the resurrection of Jesus?

Answer – The disciples stole his body (Mt.28:13)

20 Home Run Questions

What Old Testament prophet foretold the birthplace of Jesus?

Answer – Micah; Micah 5:2 (Mt.2:6 x-ref)

What Old Testament prophet said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight?"

Answer – Isaiah; Isaiah 40:3 (Mt.3:3 x-ref)

What Old Testament book does this quote come from? "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Answer – Deuteronomy; Deuteronomy 8:3 (Mt.4:4 x-ref)

What Old Testament book does this quote come from? "He will command his angels concerning you: and on their hands they will bear you up."

Answer – Psalms, Psalm 91:11 (Mt.4:6 x-ref)

What Old Testament book does this quote come from? "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."

Answer – Deuteronomy; Deuteronomy 6:13 (Mt.4:10 x-ref)

What two Tribes of Israel had their inheritance, "By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, (in) Galilee of the Gentiles?"

Answer – Zebulon and Naphtali (Mt.4:15)

What Old Testament prophet said, "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice?"

Answer – Hosea; Hosea 6:6 (Mt.9:13; Mt. 12:7 x-refs)

What Old Testament prophet said, "A person's enemies will be those of his own household?"

Answer – Micah; Micah 7:6 (Mt.10:35-36 x-ref)

Complete the quote: "In his name the _____ will hope." *Answer – Gentiles (Mt.12:21)*

What Old Testament prophet said, "You will indeed hear but never understand?"

Answer – Isaiah; Isaiah 6:9-10 (Mt.13:14 x-ref)

What do thorns represent in the parable of "The Sower?"

Answer – Cares of the world; deceitfulness of riches (Mt.13:22)

Name one of the four brothers of Jesus.

Answer – James, Joses or Joseph, Simon, Judas? (Mt.13:55)

A woman with "an issue of blood" touched the fringe of Jesus' garment and was made well. Who else touched the fringe of his garment to be healed?

Answer – People of Gennesaret (Mt.14:34-35, cp. Mt.9:20)

What Old Testament prophet said, "Behold, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey?"

Answer – Zechariah; Zechariah 9:9 (Mt.21:5 x-ref)

What Psalm does this quote come from? "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?"

Answer – Psalm 110; Psalm 110:1 (Mt.22:44 x-ref)

What three things make up the weighty matters of the law?

Answer – (1) Judgment or justice, (2) Mercy, (3) Faith (Mt.23:23)

Complete the words of Jesus: "You will not see me again, until you say, _____."

Answer – Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (Mt.23:39)

Where was Jesus taken after he was arrested in Gethsemane?

Answer – Caiaphas; The high priest; The high priest's palace (Mt.26:57-58)

Who did the soldiers force to carry the cross of Jesus?

Answer – Simon of Cyrene (Mt.27:32)

Who went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus?

Answer – Joseph of Arimathea (Mt.27:57)

Lots More Matthew Questions

What is the Old Testament equivalent of "Christ?" *Answer – Messiah; Anointed*

What Old Testament prophet foretold the virgin birth of Jesus?
Answer – Isaiah (Mt.1:23 x-ref)

How many gifts did the wise men bring to Jesus? *Answer – Three (Mt.2:11)*

What Old Testament prophet said, "Out of Egypt I called my son?"
Answer – Hosea (Mt.2:15 x-ref)

What Old Testament prophet said, "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children?" *Answer – Jeremiah (Mt.2:18 x-ref)*

Complete the quote: "_____, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Answer – Repent (Mt.3:2)

What did people confess when they were baptized by John the Baptist?
Answer – Sins (Mt.3:6)

How long did Jesus fast in the wilderness? *Answer – 40 days and 40 nights (Mt.4:2)*

Where did Jesus go to live after he left Nazareth? *Answer – Capernaum (Mt.4:13)*

What did James and John do before they became disciples of Jesus?
Answer – Fishermen (Mt.4:21-22)

In the Beatitudes, what belongs to the poor in spirit?
Answer – Kingdom of heaven (Mt.5:3)

Complete the Beatitude: "Blessed are those who mourn: for they shall be _____."
Answer – Comforted (Mt.5:4)

Complete the Beatitude: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be _____."
Answer – Filled, Satisfied (Mt.5:6)

Complete the Beatitude: "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall receive _____."
Answer – Mercy (Mt.5:7)

Complete the Beatitude: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall _____."
Answer – See God (Mt.5:8)

In the Beatitudes, what kind of people are called the children of God?
Answer – Peacemakers (Mt.5:9)

Complete the Beatitude: ""Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the _____."
Answer – Kingdom of heaven (Mt.5:10)

Complete the quote: "Unless your _____ exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."
Answer – Righteousness (Mt.5:20)

What is the city of the great king? *Answer – Jerusalem (Mt.5:35)*

Complete the quote: "Our Father in heaven, _____ be your name."

Answer – Hallowed (Mt.6:9)

Complete the quote: "Give us this day our daily _____." *Answer – Bread (Mt.6:11)*

Complete the quote: "Forgive us our _____, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Answer – Debts; Sins (Mt.6:12; Lk.11:4)

Complete the quote: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from _____."

Answer – Evil (Mt.6:13)

Complete the quote: "No one can serve two _____." *Answer – Masters (Mt.6:24)*

Complete the quote: "Judge not, that you be not _____." *Answer – Judged (Mt.7:1)*

The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew," and the house built on this fell flat!

Answer – Sand (Mt.7:26-27)

What did Jesus do while the boat he was in was being tossed by a storm?

Answer – Sleep (Mt.8:24)

Complete the quote: "The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive _____."

Answer – Sins (Mt.9:6)

What was Matthew's occupation before he became a disciple of Jesus?

Answer – Publican, tax collector (Mt.9:9)

Jesus had compassion on the crowds, because they were like "sheep without _____."

Answer – A shepherd (Mt.9:36)

Complete the quote: "The one who endures to the end will be _____."

Answer – Saved (Mt.10:22; Mt.24:13)

Complete the quote: "Blessed is the one who is not _____ by me."

Answer – Offended (Mt. 11:6)

What Old Testament prophet said, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you?"

Answer – Malachi (Mt.11:10 x-ref)

Complete the quote: "He who has ears to hear, let him _____."

Answer – Hear (Mt.11:15; Mt.13:43)

Complete the words of Jesus: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you _____."

Answer – Rest (Mt.11:28)

What Old Testament prophet said, "Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased?"

Answer – Isaiah (Mt.12:18 x-ref)

What does an evil and adulterous generation seek?

Answer – A sign (Mt.12:39); A sign from heaven (Mt.16:1, 4)

Who was three days and three nights in the belly of a great fish?

Answer – Jonas; Jonah (Mt.12:40)

What Psalm does this quote come from? "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world."

Answer – Psalm 78 (Mt.13:35 x-ref)

Who heard the fame of Jesus and thought that John the Baptist had risen from the dead?

Answer – Herod (Mt.14:1-2)

After feeding the 5,000, Jesus sent everyone away. What did he do next?

Answer – Pray; Go up into a mountain alone (Mt.14:23)

Complete the words of Jesus to his disciples: "O you of little _____, why did you doubt?"

Answer – Faith (Mt.14:31)

Complete the commandment: "Honor your _____."

Answer – Father and mother (Mt.15:4)

What is the missing word? "Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what _____ a person."

Answer – Defile (Mt.15:19-20)

How many people did Jesus feed with seven loaves and a few small fish?

Answer – 4,000 (Mt.15:34-38)

What disciples were with Jesus when he was transfigured on the mountain?

Answer – Peter, James, John (Mt.17:1-2)

What Old Testament prophet was John the Baptist like? *Answer – Elijah (Mt.17:11-13)*

What must we become like if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven?

Answer – Little children; converted; humble (Mt.18:3-4)

Who beholds the face of God in heaven?

Answer – Angels (Mt.18:10)

If your brother sins against you, who is the first person to talk to about it?

Answer – Your brother (Mt.18:15)

Complete the teaching of Jesus about marriage: "What God has joined together, let not man _____."

Answer – Separate; Put asunder (Mt.19:6)

Complete the quote: "Many who are first will be last; and the last _____."

Answer – First (Mt.19:30)

Complete the quote: "Many are called, but few are _____."

Answer – Chosen (Mt.20:16 AV)

Complete the quote: "Whoever would be first among you must be your _____."

Answer – Slave; Servant (Mt.20:27)

Complete the words of Jesus: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to _____."

Answer – Serve (Mt.20:28)

Complete the quote: "_____ to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Answer – Hosanna (Mt.21:9)

Complete the quote: "My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of _____."

Answer – Robbers; Thieves (Mt.21:13)

What Psalm does this quote come from? "Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise."
Answer – Psalm 8 (Mt.21:16 x-ref)

What Psalm does this quote come from? "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."
Answer – Psalm 118 (Mt.21:42 x-ref)

Whose days will the coming of the Son of man be like? *Answer – Noah's (Mt.23:37)*
(also Lot's, cp. Lk.17:28-30)

When Jesus comes, who will he send to gather his elect? *Answer – Angels (Mt.24:31)*

What does the worthless servant do when he is cast into outer darkness?
Answer – Weep; Gnash his teeth (Mt.25:30)

Complete the quote: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the _____ prepared for you from the foundation of the world."
Answer – Kingdom (Mt.25:34)

For how much money did Judas Iscariot betray Jesus?
Answer – Thirty pieces of silver (Mt.26:15)

Who asked, "Lord, Is it I," and when did they ask it?
Answer – Disciples; Apostles, at the Last Supper (Mt.26:22)

What Old Testament prophet said, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered?"
Answer – Zechariah (Mt.26:31 x-ref)

What did Jesus ask Peter, James, and John to do while he prayed in Gethsemane?
Answer – Watch; Watch with me (Mt.26:38)

Complete the words of Jesus: "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is _____."
Answer – Weak (Mt.26:41)

How many times did Jesus pray in Gethsemane before he was arrested?
Answer – Three (Mt. 26:44-46)

Complete the words of Jesus: "All who take the sword will _____ by the sword."
Answer – Perish (Mt.26:52)

What did Peter do after denying Jesus three times?
Answer - Went out and wept bitterly (Mt.26:75)

How many thieves were crucified with Jesus?
Answer – Two (Mt.27:38)

What Psalm was Jesus quoting when he cried, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Answer – Psalm 22 (Mt.27:46 x-ref)

What did the earth do when Jesus died?
Answer – Shook; Rocks split (Mt.27:51)

Who said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" when Jesus died?
Answer – Centurion; Centurion and those with him (Mt.27:54)

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