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Read Acts 17:10-12.

The Bereans were excited to hear about Jesus. But they didn't just believe everything they heard. They read the Scriptures (Bible) for themselves to see if what Paul said was true. One version of the Bible calls them "noble" (good, decent, kind). Another version calls them "open-minded," willing to listen to what someone has to say and check it out for yourself. Are you open-minded to what you hear about the Bible?

Challenge your family to a Bible "drill." See who's the fastest. Award tiny prizes like a Cheerio® or an M&M® to the one who finds each verse first. Try some of these verses, which you may already know:

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| Joshua 1:9 | Psalms 139:14 |
| Proverbs 13:20 | Isaiah 40:28 |
| Matthew 28:19-20 | Luke 6:31 |
| Ephesians 4:32 | Philippians 4:13 |
| 1 Peter 5:7 | 1 John 4:19 |

ASK God to make you like a Berean.

2

Why would we want to become so handy with the Bible? Lots of reasons, but one big reason is the Bible is no ordinary book. Hebrews 4:12 says God's Word is living and active. That means God uses it to give you power to do the right thing, to make wise choices, and even to find joy.

Read Hebrews 4:12 and Isaiah 55:10-11.

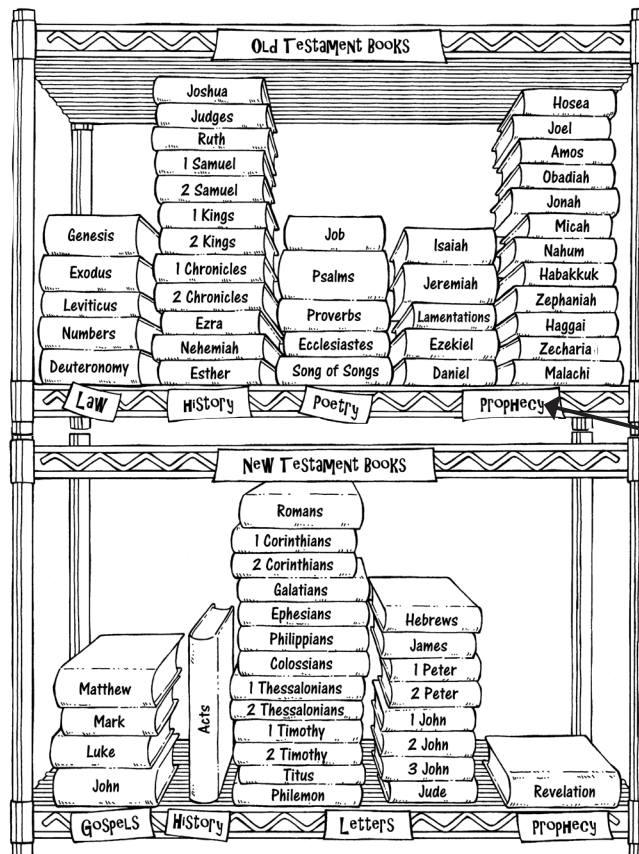
Go to your church library or bookstore. Find a concordance, a Bible dictionary, a Greek dictionary, or a chain-reference Bible. Learn more about today's verses by using these resources. (Can't get your hands on any of these? You can find them online. With a parent's permission, do a Google® search for "Bible study tools.")

ASK God to show you the power that is in His Word.

3

Want to be a strong leader? Then read the Bible. Learning to find stuff, study, and understand the Word of God helps you to stand up to all of the challenges that are headed your way.

Read 2 Timothy 2:15.



Find some peel 'n' stick colored file labels or just plain markers. Use them to color code your Bible according to the divisions of the Bible you see here.

If you don't have a Bible or don't want to write in yours, make a poster, like this, and color code that.

PRAY that God will teach you to handle His Word well.

Answers for Day 4: perks up my soul and makes me wise; gives joy and helps me see what to do; saves my life; helps me avoid sin.

4

Read Psalm 19:7-11.

The more you read God's Word, the more you'll understand God. The more you understand God, the better you'll love Him. But that's not the only thing God's Word can do. Psalm 19 says the Bible can make you wise, bring you joy, even make you feel refreshed. Why not give it a try?

Look up these verses about what the Bible can do. Write what God's Word can do on the line after each verse:

Psalm 19:7 (two things)

Psalm 19:8 (two things)

Psalm 119:93

Psalm 119:11

Ask God to open your eyes to see the wonders in His Word.

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