

SCRIPTURE

Anything to photocopy? Yes

Bible Mathematics (1 for each team)

Here are the parts of this lesson:

- ◆ **Bible Mathematics** *Bible search game*
- ◆ **So You Want to Cut an Album?** *simulation*

BIBLE SEARCH GAME

BIBLE MATHEMATICS

Sometimes it is a good idea to use Scripture search games with young people to familiarize them with their Bibles, and to give them practice at looking up verses and finding information in Scripture. It's definitely not the best way to learn Scripture, but it does get kids into their Bibles. These four games are math problems that are solved by looking up the verses and finding the necessary numbers then doing some simple arithmetic. Print them up and give them to the kids in your group. They will, of course, need Bibles and pencils. Pocket calculators are optional. They can be solved individually or they can be worked on in teams. The object is to be first to arrive at the correct answer.

Here are the answers. The numbers needed for each step are provided, plus the final answer. *Pat Andrews*

Game One	Game Two	Game Three	Game Four
1. 50,000	1. 430	1. 603,550	1. 318
2. 100	2. 30	2. 50	2. 962
3. 16	3. 600	3. 962	3. 120
4. 14	4. 2000	4. 209	4. 400
5. 450	5. 300	5. 10,000	5. 50
6. 4	6. 46	6. 10	6. 3
7. 200	7. 14	7. 40	7. 40
8. 8	8. 5	Final answer: 50	8. 90
Final answer: 15	Final answer: 350		Final answer: 110

SIMULATION

SO YOU WANT TO CUT AN ALBUM?

This activity will take 30 to 45 minutes. You will need to divide into groups of three to five people. Bibles, paper, pencils, and great imaginations are needed.

Each group will select a chapter from the Bible and then "produce" a CD that reflects the themes of that chapter. Each group reads the passage and selects eight to 10 song titles to be put on the album. Encourage originality and creativity. Next, each group must design a CD cover with proper credits. The album also needs to be entitled.

Here are a few sample passages of Scripture that could be used:

Matthew 18	Acts 2	Luke 15	Acts 16
John 15	Luke 10	Acts 10	John 10
Mark 16	Acts 3	John 3	Romans 12

When the groups are finished, allow them to share their results with each other. For added fun have them perform one of their songs.
John Peters

Bible Mathematics

Game One

1. Locate the number of gold pieces the burned books were calculated to be worth in Acts 19:19.
2. Divide that number by the age of Abraham when Isaac was born (Genesis 21:5).
3. Add to that number the number of years Ahaz ruled in Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 28:1).
4. Add to that number the number of generations from Abraham to David (Matthew 1:17).
5. Subtract from that number the number of years the Israelites were in possession of their land (Acts 13:20).
6. Multiply that number by the number of days that Lazarus had been in the tomb (John 11:17).
7. Subtract from that number the number of years that Serug lived after the birth of Nahor (Genesis 11:23).
8. Divide that number by the number of oxen in Numbers 7:8.

Final answer: _____

Bible Mathematics

Game Two

1. Locate the number of years that Eber lived after the birth of Peleg (Genesis 11:17).
2. Subtract from that number the age of David when he became king (2 Samuel 5:4).
3. Add to that number the number of men armed for war in Judges 18:11.
4. Add to that number the number of pigs that ran down the cliff and drowned in the lake (Mark 5:13).
5. Divide that number by the number of years Enoch walked with God after he had Methuselah (Genesis 5:22).
6. Add to that number the number of years it had taken to build the sanctuary according to John 2:20.
7. Add to that number the number of days that Paul and the crew on the boat had gone hungry (Acts 27:33).
8. Multiply that number by the number of sparrows two pennies would buy according to Luke 12:6.

Final answer: _____

Bible Mathematics

Game Three

1. Locate the number of the total of the 12 tribes of Israel in Numbers 1:46.
2. Divide that number by the number of just men Yahweh asked Abraham to find in the city of Sodom (Genesis 18:26).
3. Subtract from that number the number of years Jared lived (Genesis 5:20).
4. Subtract from that number the number of years that Peleg lived after the birth of Reu (Genesis 11:19).
5. Subtract from that number the number of men who stayed with Gideon (Judges 7:3).
6. Divide that number by the number of Joseph's brothers who went down to buy grain from Egypt (Genesis 42:3)
7. Subtract from that number the number of years the land enjoyed peace after the battle led by Deborah and Barak (Judges 5:31).

Final answer: _____

Bible Mathematics

Game Four

1. Locate the number of the members of Abram's household (Genesis 14:14).
2. Add to that number the number of years that Jared lived (Genesis 5:20).
3. Add to that number the number of talents of gold that Hiram sent to Solomon (1 Kings 9:14).
4. Subtract from that number the number of years the descendants of Abraham would be oppressed (Acts 7:6).
5. Divide that number by the number of loops along the edge of the tabernacle curtain in Exodus 26:10.
6. Multiply that number by the number of times Paul was shipwrecked (2 Corinthians 11:25).
7. Subtract from that number the number of years the Israelites enjoyed peace in Midian (Judges 8:28).
8. Add to that number the age of Enosh when he became the father of Kenan (Genesis 5:9).

Final answer: _____