

# BIBLE STUDY



**Introduction:** The Bible, God’s Holy Word, is the most important book ever written. It is the only book that is inspired by God and without error. The Bible teaches us how we ought to live, corrects us when we need it, and trains us in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16). Cadets know that Jesus said we will keep His commandments if we love Him. That means we have to know what His commandments are. To find out, we need to know the Bible.

Cadets have a Bible Knowledge merit badge to focus on what the Bible is, why it was written, how it was written, and its structure. We have a Bible Exploration merit badge to focus on using tools to explore the Bible, such as a commentary, Bible atlas, and concordance.

The Bible Study merit badge focuses on a single book from the Bible and studies it in more depth. The tool that you will need to earn this badge is a good study Bible.

Choose any book from the Bible that you are interested in learning more about. It must be more than four chapters or you must choose two books. What book(s) did you choose?

Answers to the following questions can be found in the introductory pages of each book in a study Bible.

1. Even though the Bible is God’s inspired Word, each book has a human author. Who is the author of your chosen book? If it is not known who wrote the book, then who do scholars think it was? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Each book of the Bible was written long ago — some of them more than two thousand years ago. When do scholars believe your chosen book was written?

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3. Every book of the Bible has a primary theme and reason for the book to be written. What is the main theme of your chosen book? \_\_\_\_\_

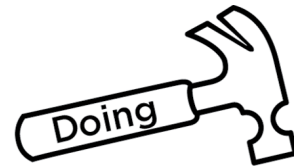
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4. Every book of the Bible also has one or more main characters. The main characters can be either a person or a group of people. Who is (are) the main character(s) of your chosen book? \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Carefully read your chosen book from beginning to end, including all the study helps (at the bottom of the page) for your book in your study Bible.

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2. Choose one passage from what you read that you do not understand. A passage is a portion of Scripture ranging from one verse to an entire chapter. What is the passage you have chosen? \_\_\_\_\_

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a. If your study Bible has a commentary (explanatory notes on the verses, usually at the bottom of the same page), does it have a reference to the passage you chose? If so, how does it explain it? \_\_\_\_\_

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b. If your Bible has references, does it refer you to other passages that relate to the same topic? If so, what can you learn from the other passages? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. If the commentary and additional passages don't answer your question, ask an adult (your parents, your counselor, the pastor, or someone with knowledge of the Bible). Write that person's explanation below. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Choose a verse or passage that you really like or that is really meaningful to you in some way.

a. What verse or passage did you choose?

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b. Why did you choose this verse or passage?

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c. What did you learn from it? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Memorize the verse or passage you chose.

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5. Recite the verse or passage for your cadre and tell them what you learned about it and about Bible study while working on this badge.

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