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3. Play continues until someone gets Bingo! (Decide BEFORE you play... whole card, diagonals....?)
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**SUPPLIES:** 1-2 sets of Books of the Bible Popsicle Sticks (strips of paper)/ Small Group

### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Divide your Small Group into 2-3 teams & place Popsicle Sticks at one end of your SG area.
2. Each team will send one person down to get ONE Popsicle Stick, and return.
3. When the person gets back, the group decides Old or New Testament and then puts it in their appropriate pile. And the NEXT person goes.
4. Play continues until ALL of the sticks have been gotten.
5. When done, SGL begins calling out books of the Bible (from the table of contents or poster.)
6. Teams get a point, if they correctly identified the Testament. See who had the most points.

### **Make It MORE-**

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**SUPPLIES:** 3-4 Bibles per Small Group, scrap paper & pens (optional)

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2. SGL will call out a book of the Bible and teams race to be the first to find it in the Bible. Play for points.
  - Take it deeper by shouting out a book with a chapter and verse (John 3:16). First team to read it out loud gets a point.

### **Make It MORE-**

- Tic Tac Toe Look UP- face two teams against each other. The team that finds it first, gets to put an X or O on the Tic Toe Board. (Will need scrap paper/pen/pencils.)
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  - You can also pass around in a circle. SEE NOTES BELOW.

### **Make It MORE-**

- **For younger kids**, limit the number of books named, gradually adding more books as students are able to recall them. (i.e., Genesis. Genesis, Exodus. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus...)
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**SUPPLIES:** Books of the Bible Activity Pages with laminated books.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

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2. Put the “Books of the Bible Cards” facing up in the middle of the group. Call out the first book of the Bible (or the section you are memorizing). The first kid to find it in the stack and put their hand on it gets to place it on the “shelf”. Continue in book order.

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  - a. Law - They talk about the world being broken by sin, but God promising to send a Savior. He also chooses the Israelites to be His people. As such, He gives them rules to live by to better help them love God and love others.
  - b. History - For a long time, the Israelites create a pattern of loving God, disobeying God, being punished by God, turning back to God and loving Him again. Through it all, God never leaves them or loves them less.
  - c. Poetry - Poetry about God and life.
  - d. Major and Minor Prophets - God warns the Israelites through prophets that they need to repent from their sins and turn back to God. Major and Minor just means if the book is long or short!



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  - b. Paul’s Letters - Paul was a missionary who went all over and planted churches. His letters to those churches help us know how to trust God, to grow in our faith, to live in harmony with others, and tell others about Jesus.
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