

## **Books in Motion**

### **Genesis – Ruth**

As you are teaching children the books of the Bible, communicate the meaning behind the motions.

When reviewing the books of the Bible, simply say the book while doing the motion.

**GENSIS:** *God creates the world.* Begin with your arms above your head and bring them down in a circular motion.

**EXODUS:** *God leads the Israelites out of Egypt.* Using your right hand, stick your thumb up. Move your thumb over your right shoulder.

**LEVITICUS:** *God gives us laws.* Salute when you say Leviticus.

**NUMBERS:** *God's people are counted.* With the pointer finger of your right hand, count the fingers on your left hand.

**DEUTERONOMY:** *We learn to love God with all our heart.* Place your right hand over your heart.

**JOSHUA:** *Joshua was a brave soldier who stood for God.* Pretend to swing your sword.

**JUDGES:** *God chose judges to make decisions.* Touch your pointer finger to the side of your head like you are trying to make a decision.

**RUTH:** *Ruth was faithful to her mother-in-law.* Curtsy.

## **Books in Motion** **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel – Isaiah**

**FIRST AND SECOND SAMUEL:** *King Samuel & King David were both men who listened to God.* Put your right hand up to your ear like you are listening.

**FIRST AND SECOND KINGS:** *There were many different kings that ruled over Israel.* Make a circle using both hands and place it on your head like a crown

**FIRST AND SECOND CHRONICLES:** *These books tell many stories about God's people.* Hold your hands like a book in front of you

**EZRA:** *Ezra led God's people back to Jerusalem.* Using your right hand, make a beckoning motion as though you're asking someone to come to you

**NEHEMIAH:** *Nehemiah rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem.* Pound your fists together like hammers.

**ESTHER:** *Esther was a beautiful queen that risked her life to save God's people.* Sweep your hand in a circle around your face because that is the sign language for "beautiful".

**JOB:** *Job had all kinds of trials.* Put the back of your right hand on your forehead in a "woe is me" fashion.

**PSALMS:** *Psalms is a collection of songs to God.* Move your hands as though you are directing music.

**PROVERBS:** *Proverbs are rules to live by.* Shake your right pointer finger like a teacher saying, "Do what I say!".

**ECCLESIASTES:** *In this book we read that there is a time for everything.* Point your finger to your wrist like you are showing someone the time.

**SONG OF SOLOMON:** *Song of Solomon is like a love song from a man to a woman.* Pretend to stroke the strings of a harp with your right hand.

**ISAIAH:** When Isaiah hears the call from God, he says, "Here I am! Send me!" Point at your chest with your two thumbs.

## Books in Motion Poster Jeremiah - Obadiah

**JEREMIAH:** *Jeremiah was called the “weeping prophet”.* Trace tears down your cheeks with your pointer fingers.

**LAMENTATIONS:** *People cry out to God in this book.* Clasp your hands together in front of you in a pleading motion.

**EZEKIAL:** *Ezekial called the people to remember God and return to Him.* Please your pointer fingers on your chin like you’re trying to remember something.

**DANIEL:** *Daniel prayed even when the king said he would be punished.* Put your hands together and bow your head like you are praying.

**HOSEA:** *Hosea’s life teaches us that God is always waiting for us with open arms.* Hold your hands out as though you are welcoming a big hug from someone.

**JOEL:** *Joel prophesied trouble would come like an army of locust when God’s people turned away from Him; but, when they return to the Lord He will restore the “years that the locusts ate.”* Put your pointer fingers beside your head like locust antennas.

**AMOS:** *Amos says the God spoke to His people like a roaring lion because they had turned away from Him.* Show your “claws” with both hands.

**OBADIAH:** *Obadiah warns that Edom will soon fall.* Raise your hands above your head and then bring them down in a falling motion.

## Books in Motion Poster Jonah-Malachi

**JONAH:** *Jonah was afraid to go to Ninevah and tried to run from God. Jonah was swallowed by a large fish when he was thrown overboard from a boat.* Extend one arm over your head and extend the other arm down in front of you. Bring your arms together to show the closing of the large fish's mouth.

**MICAH:** *Micah calls people to come to the mountain of the Lord so they can learn God's ways.* Touch your fingertips together over your head to make the shape of a mountain.

**NAHUM:** *Nahum reminds God's people that He is great in power.* Make a "strong man" pose to remember the power of God.

**HABAKKUK:** *Habakkuk complains to God because of the evil he sees around him.* Place your hands on your hips and stomp your right foot once.

**ZEPHANIAH:** *Zephaniah says to be silent before God because the day of the Lord is near.* Place your right index finger in front of your mouth in a "quiet please" manner while you whisper the name of this book.

**HAGGAI:** *The Lord told Haggai that the king of Judah would be like His signet ring because God had chosen him.* Using your right pointer finger, point to an imaginary ring on your left ring finger.

**ZECHARIAH:** *In Zechariah, the Lord gave him 8 night visions.* Using both hands, make circles over your eyes like you are looking through a pair of binoculars.

**MALACHI:** *In the book of Malachi, he warns the people about their sinful ways.* Wave your hands over the top of your head like you are trying to get someone's attention when you say Malachi.

## New Testament Books in Motion

In the New Testament, God reveals Himself to us in many different ways. The motions listed below reflect who God is in each book of the New Testament.

**Matthew, Mark, Luke & John:** God send Jesus to the Earth as a baby, dies on the cross and is raised from the dead. Teach all 4 of these books together.

When saying Matthew and Mark, put your arms together like you are rocking a baby. When you say Luke, make a cross with your arms out in front of you. When you say John, spread your hands out and above your head.

**Acts:** God sends his Spirit down from heaven. Put your hands up above your head and bring them down in front of you.

**Romans:** God's grace is revealed. This grace is a gift from God that we cannot earn. When you say Romans, hold your hands out in front of you like you are giving a gift.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians:** God shows himself as powerful. With your left arm, make a muscle and point to it with your right hand.

**Galatians:** God is our Savior, when we have faith in Him. When you say Galatians, put your hands over your eyes indicating that faith is believing in God without seeing Him.

**Ephesians:** God is the head of the church and unites all His people. When you say Ephesians, put your hands together with your index fingers pointing up like a church steeple.

**Philippians:** God is a servant. When we serve others, we put them first and put ourselves as 2<sup>nd</sup>. When you say Philippians, hold up 2 fingers.

**Colossians:** God is the beginning and the end! When you say, "Colossians", put your left arm out at a 90-degree angle and your right arm out at a 90-degree angle; making a beginning and an end.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians:** God is our coming King. Use your hands to make crown on your head. God is our King and kings wear a crown.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy & Titus:** God is our dad who gives us instructions on holy living. When you say "1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy", put your right hand out in front of you, palm-side up. When you say "Titus", put your left hand out in front of you, palm-side up; making a Bible.

**Philemon:** God is forgiving. Forgiveness begins in our hearts. When you say Philemon, put both hands over your heart.

**Hebrews:** God is superior. Hold one finger up in the air indicating God is #1.

**James:** God is the one that heals the sick. After you say James, cover your mouth and cough twice.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter:** God is a gardener that teaches us how to grow in Christ. Move hands up in the air and then apart like a flower growing and folding it's petals out.

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> John:** God is the groom coming for his bride and teaches us about love. Trace a heart over your chest.

**Jude:** God is our savior and forgives us of our sins. Put your hands palm side out, facing each other; beginning at the top of your head move them down in front of you as if you are washing away your sin.

**Revelation:** God is our King of kings and Lord of lords. Put both hands up in front of you in a stance of praise.