

Bible Places Cards

Write a few facts (clues) about a Bible place on one side of a file card. Include the reference where the place is first mentioned in the Bible as one of the clues. Write the name of the place on the other side of the card. For example, here are cards for ATHENS and BETHLEHEM:

<p>BIBLE PLACES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mars' Hill or Areopagus• Altar of "the unknown God"• Epicurean and Stoic philosophers• People mocked the resurrection• First mentioned in Acts 17:15	<p>ATHENS</p>
<p>BIBLE PLACES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rachel is buried here• Naomi, Ruth, Boaz• David's family home• Shepherds watch their flock by night• First named in Genesis 35:19	<p>BETHLEHEM</p>

Prepare cards for several Bible places. Shuffle the cards and stack them in a deck, clue side up. With two players: players take turns drawing the top card from the deck and reading one of the clues to the other player. If the other player correctly guesses the place, they get the card. If not, it is returned to the bottom of the pile. At the end, the number of cards a player collects determines their score for the game.

The rules can be adjusted to accommodate three or more players. A single child can also use the cards to sharpen their knowledge of Bible places.

Another way to use the cards is to spread them out randomly on a table, name side up. Then let the children try to arrange the places in the order that they first appear in the Bible. With Bible references on the other side, the activity is self-correcting. Look up the references.

Suggestions: (1) laminate the cards; (2) add new cards as you learn about more places in Sunday school; (3) combine Bible People cards with Bible Places cards to play a Bible People & Places game.

50+ Bible Places

- 1 – Front:
- Descended from Lot, but not Moab
 - It main city: Rabbah
 - Jephthah defended Gilead against the people of this place
 - Saul defended Jabesh-Gilead against the people of this place
 - First identified in Genesis 19:38

Back: AMMON

- 2 – Front:
- Great battlefield in the plain of Esdralon
 - Place of battle: Barak defeated Sisera, Gideon defeated the Midianites
 - "Battle on the great day of God Almighty"
 - Name means "Hill of Megiddo"
 - Named in Revelation 16:16

Back: ARMAGEDDON

- 3 – Front:
- Shalmaneser, Sennacherib, Esarhaddon
 - Ancient empire, Nineveh, fell to Babylon
 - Took Israel into captivity, c.722 BC
 - Placed foreigners in Samaria (Samaritans)
 - First named in Genesis 2:14

Back: ASSYRIA

- 4 – Front:
- Mars' Hill or Areopagus
 - Altar of "the unknown god"
 - Epicurean and Stoic philosophers
 - People mocked the resurrection
 - First mentioned in Acts 17:15

Back: ATHENS

- 5 – Front:
- Beginning of Nimrod's kingdom
 - A city and a tower that men built
 - Language confused, nations divided
 - Name means "Confusion"
 - First named in Genesis 10:10

Back: BABEL

- 6 – Front:
- 70 years captivity
 - Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar
 - Ancient city and empire, fell to the Medes
 - Head of gold (Daniel 2)
 - First named in 2 Kings 17:24

Back: BABYLON

- 7 – Front:
- "From Dan to ___"
 - Synonymous with the southernmost part of Israel
 - Hagar wandered in the wilderness here
 - Name means "Well of the oath"
 - First named in Genesis 21:14

Back: BEERSHEBA

- 8 – Front:
- No letter from Paul, but visited by him in Acts
 - "More noble than those in Thessalonica"
 - "Received the word with all eagerness"

- "Examined the scriptures daily"
- Named in Acts 17:10

Back: BERE A

- 9 – Front:
- Rachel is buried here
 - Naomi, Ruth, Boaz
 - David's family home
 - Where shepherds watched their flock by night
 - First mentioned in Genesis 35:19

Back: BETHLEHEM

- 10 – Front:
- Cornelius lived here
 - Felix and Festus governed here
 - Roman seaport on the coast of Israel
 - Named by Herod in honor of Caesar Augustus
 - First named in Acts 8:40

Back: CAESAREA

- 11 – Front:
- Jesus attended a wedding
 - Water turned to wine
 - Nobleman's son healed
 - Nathanael's home
 - First mentioned in John 2:1

Back: CANA

- 12 – Front:
- Centurion's servant healed
 - Palsied man let down through the roof
 - Peter's mother-in-law healed
 - Jesus taught, "I am the bread of life"
 - First mentioned in Matthew 4:13

Back: CAPERNAUM

- 13 – Front:
- Letter from Paul, but not visited by him in Acts
 - "If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above"
 - Exchanged letters with the church at Laodicea
 - Name means "Monstrosities"
 - Named in Colossians 1:2

Back: COLOSSAE

- 14 – Front:
- Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla
 - Paul preached here for 18 months
 - Two long New Testament letters
 - Gallio was Roman deputy
 - First mentioned in Acts 18:1

Back: CORINTH

- 15 – Front:
- Home of Barnabas the Levite
 - Island in the northeast Mediterranean Sea
 - Where Barnabas and Saul preached from Salamis to Paphos
 - Saul became Paul on this island
 - First named in Isaiah 23:1 (OT); Acts 4:36 (NT)

Back: CYPRUS

- 16 – Front:
- Capital city of Syria
 - Home of Syrian king Ben-hadad
 - Naaman thought its rivers (Abana and Pharpar) were better
 - Saul of Tarsus was baptized here
 - First named in Genesis 14:15 (OT); Acts 9:2 (NT)

Back: DAMASCUS

- 17 – Front:
- "From ___ to Beersheba"
 - Synonymous with the northernmost part of Israel
 - Jeroboam set up a golden calf here (also at Bethel)
 - The tribal name given to Laish or Leshem
 - Its conquest is recorded in Joshua 19:47 and Judges 18:27-30

Back: DAN

- 18 – Front:
- Salt Sea
 - Lowest place on earth
 - Sea of the Plain (Arabah)
 - The Jordan River ends here
 - First mentioned in Genesis 14:3

Back: DEAD SEA

- 19 – Front:
- Garden
 - Two trees
 - Serpent
 - Man driven out because of sin
 - First mentioned in Genesis 2:8

Back: EDEN

- 20 – Front:
- Israel in slavery
 - The Nile
 - Pharaoh
 - Ten plagues
 - First mentioned in Genesis 12:10

Back: EGYPT

- 21 – Front:
- Witch
 - "Bring up Samuel for me"

- "I see a god coming up out of the earth"
- Where Sisera and Jabin were destroyed (Psalm 83:9-10)
- A city of Manasseh first mentioned in Joshua 17:11

Back: ENDOR

- 22 – Front:
- City of Diana or Artemis
 - Paul preached here for two years
 - Books of magic burned
 - Paul fought with beasts
 - First mentioned in Acts 18:19

Back: EPHESUS

- 23 – Front:
- Region that included Antioch, Lystra, Iconium, Derbe
 - "O foolish ___! Who has bewitched you?"
 - "If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise"
 - "Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh"
 - Acts 13-14 records Paul's first visit here

Back: GALATIA

- 24 – Front:
- Nazareth, Cana, Nain, Capernaum
 - A sea where disciples fished bears the name
 - Where Jesus went after John was put in prison
 - "The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light"
 - Having a city of refuge (Kadesh) in Joshua 20:7

Back: GALILEE

- 25 – Front:
- Goliath
 - Philistine city where David fled from Saul
 - Achish was king in the days of Saul and David
 - Ittai the Gittite, David's loyal friend
 - First mentioned for its Anakim in Joshua 11:22

Back: GATH

- 26 – Front:
- On the mount of Olives
 - A garden where Jesus often went with his disciples
 - "Father, ... not as I will, but as you will"
 - Name means "Oil press"
 - Named in Matthew 26:36 and Mark 14:32

Back: GETHSEMANE

- 27 – Front:
- Where Israel camped after entering the land
 - First Passover kept in the Promised Land
 - Manna ceased
 - Name means "A wheel, rolling"

- First mentioned in Deuteronomy 11:30 (cp. Joshua 4:19)

Back: GILGAL

- 28 – Front:
- Called "Calvary" by Luke (AV)
 - Means "The place of a skull"
 - Where Jesus was crucified
 - Where Jesus was buried
 - Named in Matthew 27:33; Mark 15:22; John 19:1

Back: GOLGOTHA

- 29 – Front:
- Also called Kirjath-arba
 - Sarah died here; cave of Machpelah
 - City given to Caleb
 - City of refuge in the hill country of Judah
 - First mentioned Genesis 13:18

Back: HEBRON

- 30 – Front:
- 12 tribes
 - "From Dan to Beersheba"
 - Holy land
 - "A land flowing with milk and honey"
 - Name first given in Genesis 32:28

Back: ISRAEL

- 31 – Front:
- City of palm trees
 - Rahab, two spies
 - Circled for seven days
 - The city wall fell flat
 - First mentioned in Numbers 22:1

Back: JERICHO

- 32 – Front:
- "City of the great king"
 - Mt. Zion
 - Solomon's Temple
 - Capital, southern kingdom of Judah
 - First mentioned in Genesis 14:18

Back: JERUSALEM (SALEM)

- 33 – Front:
- Israel crossed it and camped in Gilgal
 - Its name means "The descender"
 - Jesus was baptized in it
 - Empties into the Dead Sea
 - First mentioned in Genesis 13:10

Back: JORDAN RIVER

- 34 – Front:
- 12 spies sent out
 - Israel condemned to wander in the wilderness
 - Miriam dies here
 - “Here now, you rebels”: Moses strikes the rock
 - Named in Genesis 14:7 (cp. Numbers 13:26)

Back: KADESH (KADESH-BARNEA)

- 35 – Front:
- Western sea
 - Great Sea
 - Elijah and a little cloud like a man’s hand
 - Euroclydon, Paul’s shipwreck
 - First mentioned in Genesis 49:13

Back: MEDITERRANEAN SEA

- 36 – Front:
- Land of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
 - Balaam came from this place
 - A king in the days of the judges: Cushan-rishathaim
 - Means “Between the rivers”
 - Named in Genesis 24:10 when a wife was sought for Isaac

Back: MESOPOTAMIA

- 37 – Front:
- Moses dies here on Mt. Abarim
 - Its king hires Balaam to curse Israel
 - Country of Orpah and Ruth
 - King Eglon
 - First mentioned in Genesis 36:35; cp. Genesis 19:37

Back: MOAB

- 38 – Front:
- Elijah and 450 prophets of Baal
 - “How long will you go limping between two different opinions?”
 - “Prepare your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you”
 - Name means “A fruitful field”
 - Part of Asher’s inheritance “on the west” in Joshua 19:26

Back: MOUNT CARMEL

- 39 – Front:
- Mount of cursing
 - A mountain in Ephraim, over against Mt. Gerizim
 - “Cursed ... Cursed ... And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’”
 - Where Joshua built an altar after the conquest of Ai
 - First named in Deuteronomy 11:29

Back: MOUNT EBAL

- 40 – Front:
- Gethsemane
 - “Before Jerusalem on the east”
 - Ascension of Jesus

- It will split from east to west
- First mentioned in 2 Samuel 15:30

Back: MOUNT OF OLIVES

- 41 – Front:
- Mount of God
 - Horeb
 - Ten Commandments
 - Moses, 40 days and 40 nights
 - First mentioned in Exodus 3:1

Back: MOUNT SINAI

- 42 – Front:
- Boyhood home of Jesus
 - "He shall be called a Nazarene"
 - Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me"
 - "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household"
 - Named in Matthew 2:23

Back: NAZARETH

- 43 – Front:
- Celebrated river of Egypt
 - Cows feeding in the reed grass: seven attractive, seven ugly
 - Moses drawn from the water
 - Water turned to blood
 - First referred to in Genesis 41:1

Back: NILE

- 44 – Front:
- King Cyrus
 - Queen Esther
 - Susa the citadel (AV - Shushan the palace)
 - 127 provinces from India to Ethiopia
 - First named in 2 Chronicles 36:20

Back: PERSIA

- 45 – Front:
- A leading city of Macedonia
 - A fortune-telling slave girl
 - Paul and Silas beaten, thrown into prison
 - A jailer converted
 - First mentioned in Acts 16:12

Back: PHILIPPI

- 46 – Front:
- City of refuge in Gad, east of Jordan
 - King Ahab fatally wounded in battle
 - Where Jehu is anointed king over Israel
 - Name means "The heights of Gilead"
 - Named in 1 Kings 4:13 in the reign of Solomon

Back: RAMOTH-GILEAD

- 47– Front:
- Waters parted for Israel to leave Egypt
 - “Stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD”
 - Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore
 - Solomon’s ships sailed its waters from the port at Elath
 - Named in Exodus 10:19 when the plague of locusts ended

Back: RED SEA

- 48 – Front:
- City and empire of New Testament times
 - “Legs of iron” (Daniel 2)
 - Paul’s letter contains the great baptism chapter
 - Paul shipwrecked at Melita (Malta) on the way
 - First named in Acts 2:10

Back: ROME

- 49 – Front:
- Capital, northern kingdom of Israel
 - Ahab and Jezebel
 - Woman at Jacob’s well
 - Philip and Simon the Sorcerer
 - First mentioned in 1 Kings 16:24

Back: SAMARIA

- 50 – Front:
- Jesus walked on water
 - Sea of Chinnereth
 - Miraculous catch of fish
 - Lake of Gennesaret
 - First mentioned in Numbers 34:11

Back: SEA OF GALILEE

- 51 – Front:
- Located between Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim
 - Where Jacob buried foreign gods
 - Where Joshua made his final address to Israel
 - City of refuge in the hill country of Ephraim
 - First named in Genesis 12:6 when Abram comes into the land

Back: SHECHEM

- 52 – Front:
- Wicked before the LORD
 - Lot
 - Two angels came to destroy it
 - Fire and sulfur
 - First mentioned in Genesis 10:19

Back: SODOM

- 53 – Front:
- Two short letters from Paul, visited by him in Acts
 - Jews accused Paul of saying, “There is another king, Jesus”

- Paul escaped from here to Berea
- Paul's letters to this ecclesia emphasize the return of Christ
- Named in Acts 17:1

Back: THESSALONICA

- 54 – Front:
- "___ of the Chaldees"
 - Where the God of glory first appeared to Abram
 - Terah, Abram, Lot, and Sarai set out from here
 - Abram left "seeking a homeland"
 - First named in Genesis 11:28

Back: UR

- 55 – Front:
- Often synonymous with Jerusalem
 - "The Most High himself will establish her"
 - "The Deliverer will come from ___"
 - "Behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"
 - First named in 2 Samuel 5:7 when David made Jerusalem his capital

Back: ZION