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Bible Summaries: *New Testament*

**A Simple Way To Beginning
Learning To Use The Bible**



For Youth And Adults

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Bible Summaries

A Note To Instructors

Purpose

Welcome to *SmallCatechism.org*'s Bible Summaries! The purpose of these summaries is to offer participants a simple, not-complicated Bible experience.

SmallCatechism.org's Bible Summaries contains a summary exercise for each book of the New Testament. Each lesson contains several simple items for the student to complete. Students should be able to finish each exercise within 15-20 minutes *maximum*. Again, the emphasis is simply to get student to pick up the Bible, open it and read it.

Keep It Simple!

Because the purpose of Bible Summaries is to provide a simple, enjoyable first experience in the Bible, the exercises should *not* be made difficult. In fact, answers should be short: phrases only! No sentences are allowed. All that is required is enough information to reflect the content of each book.

Students will not have to actually read the book to get the answers for the summaries. This is intentional. Many times the answer is readily available from the topic headings found in many Bibles (e.g. NIV).

Again, keep it simple. The purpose of this is simply to get students to get into the Word of God. Let the Holy Spirit do the rest. After all, isn't that what Lutherans believe? So try it...and watch how students will begin to respond to God's Word.

Assigning Bible Summaries

Though students are encouraged to do two Bible Summaries per week, many will procrastinate. Some will do four in a week, others will complete all the summaries rather quickly. That is perfectly fine. The only requirement is that all the Bible Summaries be completed by the second-to-last session.

Grading Bible Summaries

Instead of grading these exercises, evaluations are best done on a "Check-plus," "Check," "Check-minus," and "Incomplete" system. This system gives instructors the opportunity to make this exercise more of an instrument of *encouragement* rather than a grading instrument. This encouragement becomes the foundation of a relationship of encouraging Bible Reading long after confirmation.

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BIBLE SUMMARY

Completion Record

DIRECTIONS: Check off each Bible Summary as it is completed.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew | <input type="checkbox"/> I & II Thessalonians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark | <input type="checkbox"/> I & II Timothy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luke | <input type="checkbox"/> Titus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John | <input type="checkbox"/> Philemon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acts | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans | <input type="checkbox"/> James |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Corinthians | <input type="checkbox"/> I & II Peter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> II Corinthians | <input type="checkbox"/> I, II, and III John |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians | <input type="checkbox"/> Jude |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians | <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians | |

Bible Summaries—New Testament *Completed And Approved....*

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

MATTHEW

PART I: List and briefly describe ONE miracle of Jesus from each of the following sections of Matthew:

Chapters 1-5

Chapters 6-9

Chapters 10-15

Chapters 16-20

Chapters 21-25

PART II: Briefly List at least SEVEN things Jesus suffered from Palm Sunday until the time of his death on Good Friday in Chapters 26-27.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

PART III: What is Jesus commanding You (and all Christians) to do according to Matthew 28:18-20?