

Bible by the Numbers

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As your family watches your favorite football, basketball, or hockey team put numbers on the scoreboard, learn about some important numbers in the Bible.

For

Young Family

Season

Winter

Needed

Bible by the Numbers worksheet (see last page), pencils, Bible or children's Bible

Prepare in Advance

- Make a copy of Bible by the Numbers worksheet (see last page) for each person.
- Plan to do this activity when your family is watching a sporting event on television, perhaps during commercial breaks or at halftime.

Activity Plan

1. Before the game, say this prayer to begin.

Dear God, thank you for loving us in more ways than we can count. Help up to learn more about your Word in the Bible. Amen.

2. Comment that numbers on players' jerseys and numbers on the scoreboard help you remember the games of your favorite team. Explain that there are numbers that can help you remember important Bible stories. Give each person a copy of the Bible by the Numbers worksheet and a pencil. You may set up a friendly competition by forming pairs to complete the worksheet and giving a round of applause to the pair that finishes first. Or you may choose to work on the worksheet together and enjoy a special treat when you finish. Have a Bible or children's Bible available to use as needed.
3. As time allows, read some of the Bible stories where you found the answers.
4. Answer key: 1. 40; 2. 7th; 3. 12; 4. 10; 5. 3rd; 6. 40; 7. 77.



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		Answer	Scripture Hint
1	Number of days Jesus fasted in the wilderness.		Matthew 4:2
2	Number of the day on which God rested during Creation.		Genesis 2:2
3	Number of Jesus' first disciples.		Matthew 10:2-4
4	Number of Commandments.		Exodus 20:1-17
5	Number of the day on which God raised Jesus from death.		Luke 24:6-7
6	Number of days it rained on Noah's ark during the great flood.		Genesis 7:17
7	Number of times Jesus says to forgive someone.		Matthew 18:21-22

