

Bible Book Description Cards

On the following pages are “Bible Book Description Cards” printed three different ways.

- A list containing the names of the books with their descriptions, on pages 2–8, leaders may use as an answer sheet.
- Cards containing the names of the books with their descriptions, on pages 9–25.
- Cards containing only Bible book descriptions, on pages 26–42.

You may choose the pages you wish to print or print all three.

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