

What's the Address?

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

BOOK CHAPTER VERSE

What's the Address? Teacher Script

Make a copy of the What's the Address activity sheet for each student.

You are becoming students of the Bible! Today I want to show you some things that will help you know your Bible better.

Look at our Books of the Bible poster. Do you see all these names? Each one of these names is a book of the Bible. The Bible is one big book (*hold up Bible*), but inside it are 66 smaller books. Each one of these smaller books has a name, such as Genesis or Matthew. When we put all 66 books together, we call it the Bible.

There are two parts of the Bible. We call the first part the Old Testament. It contains 39 books. The second part is the New Testament. It has 27 books. *Show these sections on the poster.*

Can you say Old Testament with me? *Old Testament.*
Can you say New Testament with me? *New Testament.*

At the beginning of most Bibles there is something called a Table of Contents. Look at the front of your Bible and see if you can find it. The Table of Contents is a list of all the books of the Bible. And it tells you the page where you will find that book. *Help children find the Table of Contents.*

Let's find the book of 2 Timothy in the Table of Contents. What page does it say the book is on in your Bible? *Help children find 2 Timothy in the Table of Contents and turn to 2 Timothy in their Bibles.*

Each of the books in the Bible is separated into chapters and then verses. The numbers make it easier to find what we are looking for in the Bible.

The sheet I passed out will help to explain what I'm talking about. It has the "address" for the Scripture we are going to study today. It is called an "address" because it helps us to find it in the Bible.

The book of 2 Timothy is in the New Testament. Do you see the word 2 Timothy on your sheet? Circle that word. 2 Timothy is the name of the book we are going to look in. Circle the word "book" and draw a

line from the word "2 Timothy" to the word "book." The first part of the address is the book.

The second part tells us what chapter the verse is in. What chapter is our verse in today? Look at the paper and see if you can tell me. *Chapter 3.*

Right! Circle the "3" and circle the word "chapter." Draw a line from the "3" to the word "chapter." Some books have LOTS of chapters. Isaiah has 66! Some books only have one chapter. The verse we want to find is in chapter 3. The numbers of the chapters are bigger than the numbers of the verses you see in your Bible. That's so you can find them quicker.

Now that we know the chapter we are looking for, we want to find the verse we are going to read. After the number 3 there are two dots. That is called a colon and in our address it separates the chapter from the verse. Circle the colon on your sheet.

What is the first verse we are going to be looking for? It is the number next to the 3. *16.*

That's right! Circle the number "16" and circle the word "verse" below it. Now draw a line from the "16" to the word "verse."

Now we are going to look at more than one verse. Can you tell what other verse we are going to look at? *17.*

When we are reading two or more verses, there will be a dash in the address. Do you see the dash in there? Circle the dash. It tells us we are going to look at more than one verse.

Now open your Bibles to 2 Timothy if it isn't opened there. See if you can find the verses we are going to read based on the address you have. Chapter 3, verses 16 and 17. Good job. The more you use your Bibles the easier it will be to find the verses you want to read!

If you haven't done so, help the children find 2 Timothy in their Bibles by looking at the Books of the Bible poster or the Table of Contents. Then show them chapter 3, explaining that the chapters are the big numbers. Then show them verse 16, explaining that verses are the small numbers. Have each child put his finger on the verse when he finds it.