

## New Beginnings Facilitator Information

Name: New Beginnings Class

Goal: Committed Christians who will spend a lifetime learning to rely on and follow Jesus

Focus: Beginning the process of discipleship as new Christians.

Rationale: While the New Members Class does an excellent job of uniting church members in thought and purpose, its primary focus is church unity. This new class will focus on the skills and knowledge new Christians need to begin to develop in order to successfully grow in their walk and become Christians committed to both Christ and the local church.

Method: This class will be scripture centered and discussion oriented. A typical class will focus on the scriptures related to a given topic, and a discussion of how these scriptures give direction for living in the present. Part of each class will be given to discussion of class members' everyday experiences from the previous week. The members will also share suggestions for following scriptural directives in dealing with daily activities.

Topics include but are not limited to the following:

- assurance of salvation; worship (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- scripture reading (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- prayer (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- forgiving and forgetting (4) \_\_\_\_\_
- family dynamics (5) \_\_\_\_\_
- handling finances and tithing (6) \_\_\_\_\_
- appropriate styles of fellowship and entertainment (7) \_\_\_\_\_
- service in the church and kingdom (8) \_\_\_\_\_
- unity of purpose as a member of God's kingdom (9) \_\_\_\_\_
- responsibility for being an enticement to others for the kingdom (10) \_\_\_\_\_
- New Members' class (11) \_\_\_\_\_
- Fellowship/pairing with mentors (12) \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: Each class member will be given a copy of the New Living Translation of the Bible and a three-ring binder with paper for use in the class.

Note: From time to time questions/topics may arise which are beyond the depth and scope of this class. Such questions will be carefully and pleasantly put aside for follow up discussions at a later time.

Mentors: by the conclusion of this course the leaders hope to have in place a mentor for each new Christian. This mentor would assume partial responsibility for the continued discipleship of this new Christian.

*Each potential class member will receive a flyer and follow-up letter explaining the framework of the class and discussing the overall purpose of the class.*

## SUPPLIES:

Each class member will be given:

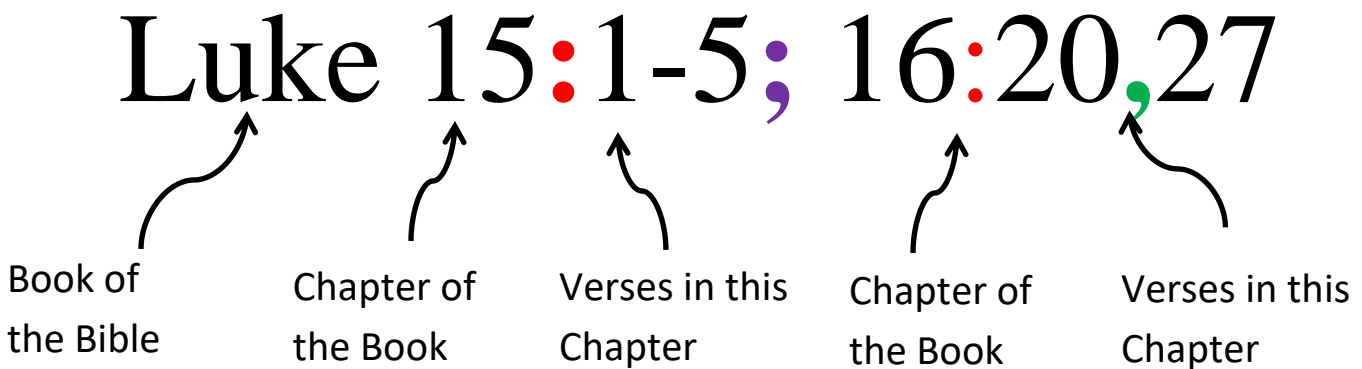
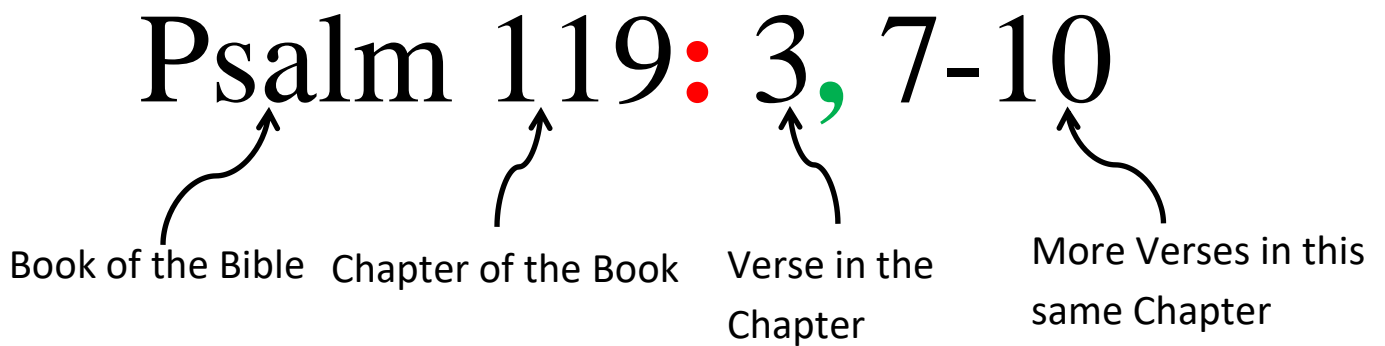
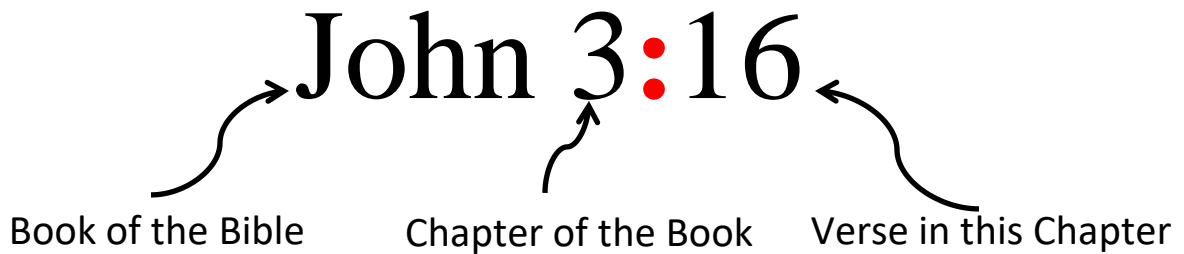
- a copy of the New Living Translation of the Bible
- a one-inch three-ring binder

Additional supplies needed:

- ✓ Name tags
- ✓ promotional brochures
- ✓ pens, pencils, notebook paper, copy paper
- ✓ introductory letter

# Reference Instruction Sheet

Just in Case You Don't Already Know This



## Class procedures

1. Open with prayer
  2. Leaders will lead the class in singing the chosen hymn.
  3. Class members will pass the “YOU”RE IT” stick while continuing to sing the hymn.
  4. Leaders will stop the singing at a random point and whoever is holding the “It” stick will begin by telling or reading one of the scriptures assigned previously to him/her. Members will discuss the meaning of the scripture.
  5. This member will then hand the “It” stick to another class member of his/her choosing.
- Steps 4 and 5 will be repeated until all scriptures have been discussed.
6. Class members will then discuss the overall meaning of the scriptures discussed.
  7. Each member will be asked to choose the one scripture from the list for this class that seems to best summarize the lesson then write the scripture on the piece of colored paper provided. This scripture then gets tucked away in the member’s wallet, purse, etc., to be available quickly as needed.
  8. Class will sing the opening hymn a time or two
  9. Class will close with prayer.

At the conclusion of lesson 3 members will be asked to volunteer to lead the opening and closing prayers

At the conclusion of session 6 members will be given a spiritual gifts inventory to complete and bring back to session 8

As a part of lesson 8, members will discuss their spiritual gifts

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