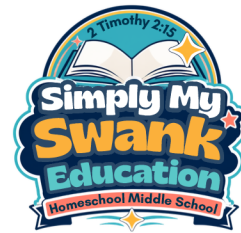




Worksheet: Biblical Acrostics vs. Modern Acronyms



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Lesson Overview

- **Biblical Acrostic:** A poetic device used in the original Hebrew Bible where each line, verse, or stanza begins with a sequential letter of the alphabet (such as the Hebrew alphabet in Psalms or Lamentations).
- **Modern Acronym:** An abbreviation formed from the initial letters of a group of words and pronounced as a single word (e.g., **NASA** or **ASAP**). In Bible study, people often use modern acronyms to remember biblical principles.

Part 1: Fill in the Blanks

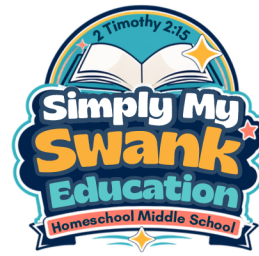
Directions: Use the words in the word bank to complete the sentences below.

Word Bank: Alphabetical | NKJV | Acronym | Hebrew | Acrostic

1. A biblical _____ is a poem where the structural pattern follows a specific order, often using the letters of the alphabet.
2. In the original text of the Old Testament, acrostic patterns were written using the _____ alphabet to help people memorize scripture easily.
3. The _____ is a modern Bible translation known as the **New King James Version**.
4. While an acrostic spans across whole verses or lines of poetry, a modern _____ is a single short word where each individual letter stands for another word.
5. In a complete biblical acrostic poem, the lines follow a strict _____ order from the first letter to the last.



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Part 2: Analyzing a Modern Bible Acronym

Directions: Read the famous Bible verses below from the New King James Version (NKJV). Notice how the first letters of Jesus' instructions spell out a familiar english word.

Ask, and it will be given to you;

Seek, and you will find;

Knock, and it will be opened to you.

— *Matthew 7:7*
(NKJV)

6. What modern 3-letter word is formed by the first letters of these commands?

[_____]

7. Based on the verse, what action belongs to the letter **S**?

Part 3: True or False

Directions: Write True or False on the line next to each statement.

8. _____ The book of Psalms contains chapters written as alphabetical acrostics.

9. _____ "NKJV" is a modern acronym that stands for **New King James Version**.

10. _____ Biblical acrostics were originally written in English.

11. _____ An acronym is pronounced as a single word, while an acrostic is a full poetic structure.

12. _____ The main reason ancient writers used acrostics was to make the text harder to memorize.