Word Study: Biblical Palindromes

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What is a Palindrome?
A palindrome is a word, name, number, or phrase that reads the exact same way forwards and backwards (ignoring spaces, punctuation, and capitalization).

Common Examples: level, radar, kayak, madam, 121

Biblical Connection: Just like a palindrome stays the same whether you read it from the beginning or the end, God's character and truth never change.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." — Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)

Part 1: Fill-in-the-Blank Scripture Hunt
Read each NKJV Bible verse below. Use the Word Bank to fill in the missing palindrome in each verse. Every word in the bank will be used once.

Word Bank:
| Abba | Anna | deed | Eve | eye | noon | Nun |

"And Adam called his wife's name _____, because she was the mother of all living." — Genesis 3:20 (NKJV)

"And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, '_____, Father!'" — Galatians 4:6 (NKJV)

"Evening and morning and at _____ I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice." — Psalm 55:17 (NKJV)

"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in _____ and in truth." — 1 John 3:18 (NKJV)

"Now there was one, _____, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher..." — Luke 2:36 (NKJV)

"But Joshua the son of _____ and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land." — Numbers 14:38 (NKJV)

"The lamp of the body is the _____. If therefore your _____ is good, your whole body will be full of light." — Matthew 6:22 (NKJV) (Same word for both blanks)

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Look closely at the biblical names and words below. Write YES if the word is a true palindrome, or NO if it is not.

Hannah (1 Samuel 1:2) — _____
Adam (Genesis 2:19) — _____
Asa (1 Kings 15:9) — _____
Gog (Ezekiel 38:2) — _____
Noah (Genesis 6:9) — _____
did (John 20:30) — _____
peep (Isaiah 8:19) — _____
faith (Hebrews 11:1) — _____

Part 3: Deeper Thinking & Application
Hebrew Acrostic Connection: In Psalm 119:105 (NKJV), the section header is the Hebrew letter NUN ("Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path"). Why do you think God uses memorable patterns—like acrostics, repetition, and even palindrome words—throughout His Word?

Create Your Own: Can you think of two other English words (not used on this worksheet) that are palindromes?

Write them below and use one in a short sentence about faith or encouragement.

Word 1: _____ Word 2: _____