

CONTENTS/SUMMARY DETAILS SECTION

What are contents?

When doing a worksheet on a passage chosen, one needs to think in “paraphrasing”. That meaning, you need to be able to tell what you have read succinctly and without verbiage so that you can remember it for later usage. One-way is to write your paraphrase in phrases eliminating unnecessary words such as “and, the, if” unless it leads to better understanding the passage. Here are some helpful hints to remember:

1. Look for repeated words/phrase/setting
2. Write in complete phrases or sentences but not single words
3. What is the author talking about & what is he saying about what he is talking about
4. Read/write literally using words from the passage
5. Your contents will be what the Holy Spirit has you capture as the ideas He wants you to remember.

For example: If Matt 17:20 were the verse in question, you would not write the entire verse but only the main details such as the people, Jesus, repeated words such as faith, so that the crux of the idea of the passage is caught.

Mat 17:20 He told them, "It was because of your little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; nothing will be impossible for you."

It might end up looking something like this  17:20 Jesus said; mustard seed faith moves mountains.

Thus you have captured the essence of what He has said in a “nutshell” and therefore you do not need to develop the idea further. You will remember it because you gave credit to Jesus and the idea that all that is needed is mustard seed sized faith and nothing is impossible for the believer.

HINT: The easiest way to do contents is to first divide your chapter (s) up in to its divisions and then work from there. You can use the chapter headings in your Bible for an easy division unless you feel it better divided a different way; concisely write out a paraphrase of that section.

Ex. Matthew 18 vs 1-5 make up a section. After doing the Observation Worksheet, and dividing the passage into its paragraphs, step back and see what is repeated; what is the main focus of the passage and then seek to gather the idea into a concise statement. For example, this passage is about the disciples asking who is the greatest in the kingdom. We know from Mark 9 that it was after they were disputing over this topic that this question arose. Note that Jesus uses an object lesson in a child instead of just answering them.

Read the following set of verses and then see the “paraphrase” below it as your “contents”

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2 And He called a child to Himself and set him before them,

3 and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5" And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me;

Thus your content section might end up looking like this  18:1-5 Disciples ask: who greatest in kingdom; Jesus said: unless converted/humbled like child cannot enter.

Now take time to try some on your own using the following set of verses:

Mat 16:13 When Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, Who do people say that the Son of Man is?

Mat 16:14 They answered, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Mat 16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Mat 16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered him, "You are blessed, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven!"



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Mat 16:23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me, because you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but on man's."

Mat 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."



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