

Session One: Let's Explore the Bible



Today's Point: The Bible is the inspired word of God.

Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16

CSB: All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16

KJV: All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16. KJV

Today's Bible Skill:

- Be able to name the two parts of the Bible – Old Testament and New Testament
- Be able to identify the number of books in the Old Testament (39)
- Be able to identify the number of books in the New Testament (27)

Bible Truth Activity:

Materials:

Variety of children's books

Instructions:

Instruct kids to sit in a circle on the floor. Place books in the center of the circle.

Ask: How many of you like to read? Do you have a favorite book? (Allow time for kids to respond).

Ask: Why are books important?

Be sure to point out that we read books for many reasons. Sometimes it is for entertainment, but other times it is to learn more about a subject.

Ask: Who wrote the books you like to read? (Allow for responses). Say: Usually, one or two people write a book.

Look at a few of the books in the center of the circle to see who wrote them.

Let's talk about my favorite book – The Bible

How many people do you think wrote the Bible? (Allow time for kids to guess).

Say: The Bible is a very special book. In fact, it is one book that has 66 books in it. These books were written by 40 different men, who lived in 3 different continents, and it took almost 2,000 years to write it. Even though 40 different men wrote the Bible, there is only one author – God.

Let's turn in our Bibles to 2 Timothy, Chapter 3, verse 16. (Allow time for kids to turn to 2 Timothy. Help a child, if needed). Say: When you have found the verse, I want you to place your index finger on the verse. (Once everyone has found 2 Timothy 3:16)

Say: Let's read this verse together:

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What do you think?

(CSB) “All scripture is inspired by God” means?

(KJV) “All scripture is given by inspiration of God” means?

SAY: It basically means that the Bible came from God. It means that everything in the Bible was written exactly how God wanted it to be written. God, through the Holy Spirit, told the men what to write. The Bible is true and without error because God is the author.

Why do we read the Bible? (Allow time for responses)

We read the Bible because it is true. It tells us about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. God uses the Bible to teach us about him and what we need to know about how to live our lives. He uses the Bible to correct us when we do things that aren't pleasing to him. The Bible teaches us that we have all sinned and that we need Jesus to be forgiven for our sins. It is important for us to read the Bible because it helps us fall in love with God.

Pray: Thank God for the Bible. Ask God to help boys and girls develop a desire to spend time reading and learning God's Word.

Bible Skills Activity: Old Testament and New Testament

Materials:

Bible – one for each group

Clothespins with springs – 66 for each group

Clothesline – one clothesline per group

Print Shirt – Old Testament/New Testament to hang on clothesline

Laundry basket/bag – one per group

Painter's/Masking Tape

Prepare:

Print the name of each book of the Bible on a separate clothespin – 1 set per group

Hang a clothesline between two chairs for each group

Divide each clothesline into two sections – use Old Testament/New Testament Shirt

Place clothespins in laundry basket/bag near clothesline.

Place starting tape on floor

Instructions:

Divide kids into 2 groups. (use more groups, if needed, to ensure kids are able to actively participate). Ask them to line up behind the start line.

Explain that the Bible has two sections Old Testament and New Testament. The Old Testament has 39 books and the New Testament as 27 books. A Table of Contents can be found in the front of your Bible. This tells us what books are in each Testament and where to find them. Using the Table of Contents, your team will hang the clothespins in your basket in the correct section on the clothesline.

When I say go, the first member of your team will run to the clothesline, select a clothespin, decide if it is located in the Old Testament or New Testament and place it in the correct section on the clothesline. You will run back and tag your team member who will take the next turn. The first team to correctly separate their clothespins wins.

If time:

Instruct kids to arrange clothespin in the correct order.

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