

Session Two: God Used Jeremiah to Write Part of the Bible



Today's Point: God Used Jeremiah to Write His Word.

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

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:

Various pieces of colored cardstock/scrapbook paper

Pieces of ribbon

Markers

Crayons

Stickers

Hole punch

Laminator – if possible, laminate bookmarks for durability

Preparation:

Cut cardstock/scrapbook paper into 2-inch x 7-inch pieces.

Cut ribbon into 12-inch strips.

Instructions:

Have bookmark materials out on tables when kids arrive.

Instruct kids to select materials they would like to use to create a bookmark for their Bible.

Encourage kids to be creative.

They can punch a hole at the top and add ribbon.

Laminate bookmarks, if possible.

Once kids have completed their bookmarks, invite them to bring their Bible and join you in the group time circle.

Say: Last week we learned that the Bible is a very special book. (Hold Bible up) 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. The Bible is divided into two parts – Old Testament and New Testament. Who remembers how many books are in the Old Testament? (39). What about the New Testament? (27)

We are going to look at how one of the books in the Old Testament was written. Turn in your Bible to Jeremiah. Jeremiah is in the Old Testament. You can turn to the Table of Contents to find the page number for Jeremiah. (Allow time for kids to turn to Jeremiah. Offer help when needed). Once you have found the Book of Jeremiah, turn to Chapter 36. The chapter number is the large number on the page. When you have found Jeremiah, Chapter 36, place your index finger on the 36.

(Once everyone has their finger on 36) What I am about to tell you comes from this chapter in Jeremiah. One day God told Jeremiah: Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah, and all the nations from the first time I spoke to you until today. God told Jeremiah to warn the people that he was about to punish them for their sins unless they stopped what they were doing and turned back to Him.

This was a big job and Jeremiah needed help, so he asked Baruch to help. Jeremiah told Baruch everything God said to him, and Baruch wrote it down on a scroll. When the scroll was finished, Jeremiah instructed Baruch to take the scroll to the Temple and read what God had said. When the people heard what God had said, they knew they had to go tell the king. The king did not like what God was saying and he took the scroll cut it up and threw it in the fire. Well guess what happened? God told Jeremiah to write it again. And he and Baruch did. Jeremiah was used by God to write part of the Bible – the book of Jeremiah.

Place your bookmark in the book of Jeremiah. This week, let it remind you that it is important for us to read and learn God's Word.

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: Books of the Bible Tree

Materials:

Bible
Butcher Paper
Scissors
Marker
Colored Construction Paper/Cardstock
Painters Tape

Clear Contact Paper

Prepare:

Cut two large trees out of butcher paper (might consider covering trees with contact paper so they can be used again)

Label one tree – OLD TESTAMENT

Label one tree – NEW TESTAMENT

Cut out 66 leaves.

Print each book of the Bible on a separate leaf.

Instructions:

Place leaves in a basket. Call on kids one at a time. Explain that when they are called upon, they are to draw a leaf from the basket and attach it to the proper tree. Place Bible by basket for assistance, if needed.

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