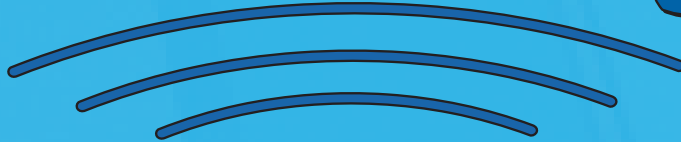


Bible Lessons Handbook



NEW VISION
CHILDREN



Teaching Children

God desires to use you to impact others for eternity, and your Rock the Block will provide plenty of opportunities to do that. So, by all means, prepare yourself personally to be used by God (2 Tim 2:20-21). Walk closely with Him in prayer. Enjoy Him. Read, even memorize His Word. Live mindful of His presence, and let that be evident in the way you live. Confess and genuinely forsake anything in your life you know is not pleasing to God. And, do these things, not only for the ministry period of Rock the Block, but because this is the purpose for which God saved you.

Prepare your lessons well and you and everyone in your hearing will be glad you did. Before even approaching a lesson, ask God to use the truths of the lesson in your own life. Then, carefully read and re-read the lesson's key Bible passage. Then read multiple times. To provide a fuller understanding of the key passage, read the entire context, which may include the chapter or surrounding chapters. Read the entire lesson plan while underlining main truths. Then re-read the lesson plan making notes about how you will present the material. You are free to make the lessons your own. Please don't feel restricted to every word of the Bible lessons.

As you prepare, try to think like a child. Consider how children will hear and visualize the passages and your words. Anticipate their assumptions and questions based on concrete thinking. For instance, if you read Revelation 21:4, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes ...," when a young child hears these words, she pictures these words in her mind and then wonders, "Does that mean every tear wiped away from every eye of every person in heaven? Wow! That's a lot of tissues." Thinking like a child helps us anticipate thoughts like this so that we can help children have a clearer understanding of what we are teaching.

When preparing the Bible lessons, we tried to break down the truth without dumbing it down. To dumb down a truth the teacher removes, or even distorts, so much of the truth's essence that the truth becomes truth-barren or worse, the teaching becomes heresy. However, to break down the truth, the teacher not only keeps the essence of the truth intact but also carefully sheds light on the truth by explaining it in terms familiar to children.

- **Be animated.**
- **Appeal to children's vivid imaginations.**
- **Be sincere.**
- **Be you.**
- **Have fun!**

When reading Scripture, always do so from an open Bible. This helps children see the Words you are reading are not your own, but God's. Occasionally allow the children to read aloud the lesson's Bible passages. This practice helps children see they don't have to be afraid of the Bible or think the Bible is only for adults.

The lessons have been prepared to offer a very low-prep approach requiring few, if any, items or preparation. Throughout the lessons, however, you may notice optional features included enhancing the experience, but these are not essential. Please refer to the Rock the Block Site Host Handbook for additional guidance related to teaching, communicating the Gospel to boys and girls, etc. At any time, if you have a question, please feel free to reach out to the Rock The Block Team. We are committed to helping your team have the most beneficial outreach experience possible.



Lesson 5

Text: Ephesians 3:20-21

Bottom Line: God wants me to trust Him.

What You Say:

(Give a brief welcome back and introduce yourself.)

Today we are going to talk about a man named Paul. He was a follower of Jesus Christ and traveled around the world, spreading the good news of the Gospel. Paul used to hurt and kill followers of Jesus, but God changed His heart and made Him a follower of Jesus.

One day, while Paul was in prison, he wrote a letter to the people of Ephesus, a city with a big church in it. In this letter, he wrote about the amazing power of God and how He is able to do far more than we could ever ask or imagine.

Paul wrote, "God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by His power that is working in us. Give Him glory in the church and in Christ Jesus. Give Him glory through all time and for ever and ever. Amen."
(Ephesians 3:20-21 NIRV)

This verse teaches us that God's power is limitless (never ending), and He can do amazing things in our lives if we trust in Him. Paul wanted the people of Ephesus to understand that no matter what they were going through, God was with them and they could trust Him no matter what.

Paul knew this from personal experience. He had been through many difficult situations, including being thrown in prison and beaten, but he never lost faith in God or God's plan. He knew that God's power was greater than anything he could face.

No matter what the situation, we can always turn to God for help and trust that He will be with us every step of the way. We can pray and ask for His guidance, knowing that He is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine.

In conclusion, the story of Paul's letter to the people of Ephesus is a powerful reminder of God's limitless power and love for us. We can have faith in Him, knowing that He is able to do amazing things in our lives. We can trust that He will be with us through every challenge we face, and we can give Him glory in all that we do.

Our bottom line today is: **God wants me to trust Him.** (Have children repeat it after you.)

Gospel: God wants us to trust Him no matter what we go through. One of the most incredible things about God is that we can trust Him for everything, including trusting Him to forgive us of our sins because of what Jesus did for us. We can trust God to forgive us of all the things that we have done that have broken our relationship with God. God knew that we had sinned against Him and He still sent Jesus to earth to make a way for us to be forgiven and rescued from the penalty of our sin: being separated from God.

You have done a great job listening and learning today. Let's say our bottom line one more time together, God wants me to trust Him.

Now let's pray.



