



QUESTION:

Why is the Bible so important?

Power Phrase

The Bible is the Word of God!

Memory Verse

2 Timothy 3:16, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”

Supporting Doctrines

For supporting doctrines, see our Statement of Faith at novoministries.org/statement-of-faith.

Goals

The child will...

- Learn that the Bible is the Word of God!
- Understand that there are important, relevant things he can learn from the Bible!
- Choose to spend time in God’s Word so he can grow as a believer!

Reminders

The Bible isn’t just a book; it is truly the inspired Word of God. The words that are written in it came straight from God! There is great power, wisdom, and teaching available to us if we open our Bible and read!

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Additional Resources

All Large Group or Small Group activity visuals or supply items followed by an asterisk (*) may be downloaded for printing at www.novoministries.org/resource.

The Power of Jesus' Words

(Bible Story - John 1:1-5, 18:1-11, Luke 22:52-53)

Visuals

- Bible Story Visuals*, Key Word signs*

Supplies

- Bible, Bible Insert for Large Group*, toy sword

Captivate #1 - Props!

- Use different items to help you tell the story. One item could be the Bible itself. Emphasize that the Bible Story you are about to share comes from the Bible, which is the Word of God.

Captivate #2 - Key Word!

- Identify several key words you will use in the story. Before telling the story, tell the children an action or sound effect for each of the key words. Make sure that as you tell the story you repeat these words often. Some examples would be that when you say "words," the children say "power," or when you say "Bible," the children say "God's Word."

Introduction

- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. God created all things just by speaking them into existence. God is Almighty, and His words are powerful! God sent His Son to earth to pay the price for our sins; in Jesus' final hours on earth we see how His words also had great power.

Story

- Retell the story from John 1:1-5, 18:1-11, Luke 22:52-53.
- See Bible Story Script.

Conclusion

- Even though Jesus was arrested and taken to be crucified, through the power of His words the people knew He truly was Jesus, God the Son. Everything happened just as He had said it would. We can trust what the Bible says because the Bible is the Word of God!

Testimony

- Share about a time God used the Bible to really speak to you.
- Share about a time you learned from the Bible and grew as a believer.

Challenge

Visuals

- Key Point Visuals*, Power Phrase Visual*, Memory Verse Visual*

Supplies

- Bible, Bible Insert for Large Group*

Introduction

- We learned in our Bible Story today that there is incredible power in God's Word. God spoke everything into existence just by saying the words. When Jesus was in the garden and He said, "I am He," the soldiers fell to the ground. The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It is filled with God's powerful words that can change our lives and our relationships with Him!

Key Points

The Bible is the inspired Word of God!

- Why is the Bible so important? It isn't just a book! The Bible is the inspired Word of God! Every word in every part of the Bible comes from God as He inspired men to write it (2 Timothy 3:16-17). There were more than 40 different writers from all different lifestyles: shepherds, farmers, tentmakers, physicians, priests, kings, and philosophers. But despite all the different people and the vast span of time it was written, the Bible is consistent and unified.
- The Bible is God's message for us!

The Bible tells us about God!

- The Bible is like reading a letter from a close friend. As we read, our friendship grows deeper and stronger. When we spend time reading the Bible, we are spending time with God, learning more about Him and strengthening our relationship with Him.
- The Psalmist said "Oh, how I love Your law!" (Psalm 119:97). The Scriptures are "Your commandments" (v. 98), "Your testimonies" (v. 99), "Your precepts" (v. 100), "Your Word" (v. 101).

The Bible teaches us how to live!

- The Bible tells us that man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). Reading the Bible is as important to life as eating food daily.
- The Bible shows us the way to live, just like a lamp lights a path (Proverbs 6:23). It guides us and shows us how we should live and what we should do.
- If we memorize God's Word in our hearts, we will be less likely to sin against God (Psalm 119:9-12).

Challenge (Continued)

Conclusion

- The Bible is something we should treasure. The words in it are given to us from God. They help us draw closer to God and know how to live. The Bible is a guide for our lives. The Bible is the Word of God!

Invitation

For the unsaved child:

- Do you believe the Bible is really God's Word? The Bible teaches us that we are all sinners who need a savior. You can be forgiven for your sins and ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life. You can make that choice today! (Romans 10:9-10)
- Invite the children to stay behind and talk to a leader if they have any questions or would like to ask Jesus to forgive their sins and be the Lord of their lives.

For the saved child:

- Challenge the saved child to spend time daily reading the Bible.
- Encourage children if they any questions to stay behind and talk to a leader.



Nonfiction (Arriving Activity)

Visuals

- Picture of a wall of library books*

Supplies

- Bible

Instruction and Application

- As the children arrive, ask them if they like to read and what their favorite types of books are. Explain that there are two types of books: fiction and nonfiction. Fiction books are books that are made-up stories by an author. They are not true. Non-fiction books are based on factual information. These can include things like history books and biographies, which are books written about a specific person. Ask the children what they think the Bible is. Is it fiction or non-fiction? The Bible is non-fiction because everything that is written in the Bible is true about real people and real events! Today we are going to learn why the Bible is more than just a book and what makes it so incredible. The Bible is the Word of God!
 - Review the Memory Verse together. 2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."
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Book Signing (Memory Verse)

Visuals

- Memory Verse Visual*, Picture of a book signing*

Supplies

- Bible, bubbles

A.G.A.I.N. Acrostic

A — Attention Grabber (Grab their attention with an interesting introduction, and don't let go!)

Ask the children if they have ever been to a book signing or know what one is. A book signing is when the author of a book has an event where people can meet him and have him sign their copy of his book. On the book, there is often a spot that has the author's picture and a short paragraph about him. The Bible is different from any other book. The writing in the Bible was entirely inspired by God. God told approximately 40 different men what He wanted them to write. While writing in their own style and personality, they wrote down exactly what God intended. The Bible is better than any self-help book. There is a wealth of information in the Bible that will teach you everything you need to know so that you can make the right choices and know how much God loves you.

G — God's Word (Show them that the concept you are teaching them comes from the Bible.)

2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."

A — Awareness (Make them "aware" of the words and concepts.)

Breathed out by God – inspired by God, given by God

Reproof – conviction, that by which a thing is proved or tested

Correction – the act or process of making right

Training in righteousness – training to be like Jesus, pure, without sin

I — In Their Lives (Teach them to apply the lesson "in their lives.")

Unsaved child (questions to ask an unsaved child)

Do you believe the Bible is written by God and that Bible is true and for you?

Saved child (questions to ask a saved child)

Do you spend time reading the Bible and applying what you read to your life? Do you realize that what is written in the Bible are God's words for you?

N — Number of Times (Repeat the content again and again until the children understand it.)

Read from Scripture. Repeat after me. Play the Memory Game three or four times.

Memory Game

Play Bubble Pop. Select a child to blow bubbles. As the bubbles float to the ground, have the team say the verse together before the last bubble pops.

Power of God's Word (Gospel Presentation)

Visuals

- “What’s the Problem?” and “What to Do Now?” Foundational Gospel Truths Visuals*, Picture of Lauren Scruggs*

Supplies

- Bible, paper, writing tools

Instruction and Application

- In December 2011, Lauren Scruggs’ life changed forever. Unaware of her surroundings as she exited the plane in the cold and rainy darkness, she was tragically sucked into the spinning propellor of the airplane. She survived, but she had to endure multiple surgeries and lost an eye and a hand. Before the accident, her dream had been to pursue a career in fashion. After the accident, she wondered whether her dreams were crushed. She was angry. She thought that no one could love her and that her life was ruined. Her dad would read Scriptures to her and remind her that God wasn’t punishing her but was pouring His grace over her. They could feel peace in her room and knew that God was present. As Lauren healed and made plans for her future, God was her Rock and was always there for her. She realized it was a miracle that she was alive and that God had a plan for her life. God would use her to talk to young girls and let them know that their appearance or insecurities do not define who they are. This wasn’t the plan Lauren had for her life, but it was a beautiful plan in which God could use her to impact others. Lauren is now married and the editor-in-chief of LOLO Magazine. She has many opportunities to share her faith boldly as she tells her story.
- Just like Lauren, the power of the Word of God and His presence in our lives can change everything! We have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). We all have an opportunity to ask forgiveness for our sin and ask Jesus to be the Lord of our lives. Use the “What’s the Problem?” Visual to review.
- Lauren chose to not let her injuries hold her back. She realized that God had a plan for her life and was going to use her to glorify Him. God has a plan for each of our lives. Are we willing to GROW in our faith and walk in obedience to God so He can use us? Use the “What to Do Now?” Visual to review.

Discussion

- Older Team: Have the children discuss a time they faced big obstacles and how the Word of God and His presence helped them?
 - Younger Team: Have the children discuss things they can do to GROW to be more like Jesus so they can honor God with their lives.
 - Quiet Team: Have the children draw a picture of a Bible and write things in God’s Word that have meant something to them.
 - Active Team: Have the children race to look up the different Scriptures used from the Foundational Gospel Truths Visuals and discuss what they mean.
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Flashback (Review Questions)

Supplies

- Review Questions*

Large Group Review Questions

- How did God create all things? (Just by speaking them into existence)
- What did Jesus tell His disciples about many times? (His death and resurrection)
- Where did Jesus and the disciples go to pray? (The garden)
- Who led the soldiers and officials to Jesus? (Judas)
- What were the soldiers carrying? (Torches, lanterns, and weapons)
- How did the soldiers know who Jesus was? (Judas kissed Him on the cheek.)
- Who did the soldiers say they were looking for? (Jesus of Nazareth)
- What did Jesus say in response? (“I am He.”)
- What happened when Jesus spoke the words “I am He”? (The soldiers drew back and fell to the ground.)
- What did Simon Peter do to protect Jesus? (He cut off a soldier’s ear.)
- What did Jesus do in response? (He told Simon Peter to put his sword away and that he couldn’t stop what was about to happen. Then Jesus healed the soldier’s ear.)
- Who did Jesus say that day belonged to? (The chief priests, officials, and the powers of darkness)
- Did everything take place the way Jesus told His disciples it would? (Yes)

Discussion Questions

- How does knowing there is power in God’s Word change how you read the Bible?
 - How do you take time to learn and understand what is written in the Bible?
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Bookmark (Craft)

Visuals

- Craft sample*

Supplies

- Bookmark paper* (one per child), ribbon (one six-inch piece per child), hole punch, variety of decorations, coloring tools

Instruction and Application

- Give each of the children a Bookmark paper and ribbon. Have children decorate the bookmark however they would like. Then have them hole punch the top of the bookmark. Finally, have them fold the ribbon in half, put the folded end through the hole, put the two ends through the loop they created, and pull secure. Encourage the children to use the bookmarks in their Bibles as they read God's words to them.
 - Remind the children that today we learned that the Bible is the Word of God. It is full of many important things that can help us grow as believers.
 - Review the Memory Verse together. 2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."
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What's the Point? (Application Activity)

Supplies

- Paper, writing tools, "What's the Point?" card*

Activity #1

- Give each child a "What's the Point?" card. Discuss the question in this lesson: Why is the Bible so important? Have the children write the different things that help them know that the Bible is the Word of God. Then have them write their answer to this lesson's question and why they believe it. Encourage the children to put into action what they learned. Maybe they can tell a friend or family member what they learned about the Bible and why it is so important.

Activity #2

- Have the children take turns acting out different ways they can tell others that the Bible is the Word of God. If you have a group that is quieter, you could choose to have them draw a picture or make a card for someone instead.
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Now What? (Additional Activity)

Supplies

- Additional Activity #1: Jesus' Words Coloring Page*
- Additional Activity #2: Jesus Word Search*
- Additional Activity #3: The Big Take Away Key Chain*

Instruction and Application

- These activities are to be used with your team as time fillers while reinforcing the lesson concepts. The children can take these home each week or do them while they are listening to you teach during Small Group. These activities require little to no explanation and can be great for moments when you are transitioning or don't have time to start another activity.
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