

Parenting with PURPOSE



Unit 2.1: The Bible is True and Without Error

God is sinless, perfect, without mistake. Therefore, we know that His Word, the Bible, was written down exactly the way He wanted it – true and without error.

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:160

Lesson Objectives:

- THE BIBLE CONTAINS GOD’S WORDS TO US. Believe that because God is perfect and does not lie, all His words in the Bible are true and without error.
- EVERYTHING IN THE BIBLE IS TRUE. Understand that every event in the Bible really happened and each person in the Bible really lived.
- EVERY EVENT HAS TAKEN PLACE OR WILL TAKE PLACE. Explore several proofs that help us know that the Bible is true.
- Consider how the truths, specific Bible verses, can be applied to grown-ups and kids their age.

Talk about it:

- Because God is perfect and does not lie, what does that mean about the Bible?
- What is one example of a prediction the Bible made that has come true?
- What is one way we can know that the people and events in the Bible are real?
- How do we know that Jesus really rose from the dead?



Encouragement for you:

Psalm 119:160 reminds us that God and His Word, the Bible, are the standard of truth by which we should live. It is impossible for God to lie and since the Bible is the Word of God, we can know with confidence that the Bible is completely true. We can also trust it to be consistent and never change. How much does God’s truth enter into your parenting decisions? Do you consider God’s Word before seeking the counsel of others?

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Family Activity: Eyewitness Account

What You'll Need:

Crazy tie, brightly colored wig, weird sunglasses or other unusual item

PREP: Before you begin, wear the unusual item until you are sure you have been seen wearing that item. Then remove the item and keep it out of sight.

STEP 1: Claim that you wore an unusual item before beginning. Ask: "How could I prove that this really happened?" (Answers may include revealing the item, showing them a picture of the item being worn, having others verify that they saw the item being worn.)

STEP 2: Ask for eyewitnesses who could verify your claim. (These are the ones who saw you wearing the item.) Ask the eyewitnesses to stand outside in the room. One at a time, call in each eyewitness and question him or her about the item that was worn. After the witnesses have been questioned, discuss the following questions with the whole group:

A. How did these eyewitness testimonies help you believe that I actually wore (the unusual item) earlier today?

B. Why is an unusual story easier to believe if there are eyewitnesses?

Share these key concepts:

A. Some of the writers of the Bible were eyewitnesses. They saw the miracles take place and wrote the details about them (John 20:30-31). For example, Moses saw the miracle at the Red Sea and wrote about it. John saw Jesus feeding the crowd and walking on water and wrote about these events.

B. There were often many other people who saw these miracles too or heard about them from others. If someone were writing things that weren't true, people would have known the writer was making stuff up and no one would have believed his writing. Also, if they knew the writer to be a liar, they wouldn't have believed him either. But the Bible writings were accepted as true by people who lived in that time.

C. Sometimes, the writer didn't see the miracle but God or another person told him about it. For example, God told Moses, the writer of Numbers, about the talking donkey.

D. Whether the writers saw the miracle or not, the Holy Spirit told the writers of the Bible exactly what to write (2 Timothy 3:16).

STEP 3: Share these key concepts:

A. The Bible tells us about some unusual events (happenings) that seem hard to believe.

B. God does not lie and He has told us that EVERYTHING written in the Bible is true.

C. God is perfect and He has made sure that His Word is perfect. The men who first wrote the Bible made no errors.

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Unit 2.2: The Bible Helps Us Know God

The Bible tells us who God is, what He has done and how we can have a relationship with Him through believing in Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: John 20:31

Lesson Objectives:

- THE BIBLE HELPS US KNOW GOD. Understand the difference between knowing about God and knowing God.
- THE BIBLE TEACHES US ABOUT JESUS. Realize that the Bible was written to help us know God and believe in His Son, Jesus Christ.
- THE BIBLE SHOWS US WHAT GOD WANTS FOR OUR LIVES. Explore Scriptures to see what they can learn about who God is, what He has done and how to have a relationship with Him.
- Review how to have a relationship with Christ and consider starting this important relationship if they haven't already done so.

Talk about it:

- Why do you think God wants us to read the Bible? (Be sure to emphasize that knowing God is a main reason.)
- What is the most important thing God wants us to know from the Bible? Why do you think it is the most important thing?



Encouragement for you:

The apostle John wrote the book of John so that we would believe in Jesus and through that belief have eternal life (John 20:31). John was passionate about telling people about Jesus dying on the cross for their sins. He wanted everyone he met to know that Jesus came back to life and that they could have a personal relationship with God. Are you passionate about telling people about Jesus? Have you talked with your child about sharing Jesus with others?

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Family Activity: Special Guest

What You'll Need:
Cell phones, computer, video equipment

PREP: Ask a guest your kids don't know to "chat" with your kids **WITHOUT** using verbal communication. (Possible methods of nonverbal communication include chatting online, video chatting using signs or typing to communicate instead of sound or texting.)

STEP 1: Encourage kids to get to know the unknown guest by asking him or her questions (e.g., What is your name? How old are you? What do you do for a job?). The guest will respond by using only electronic or written communication. If you are using smartphones or an online communication device, provide any necessary instructions.

STEP 2: After they have communicated with the guest, ask: "What was unusual about the communication between you and the guest?" (Kids got to know this person without ever hearing his or her voice talking to them. They only communicated through the words he or she wrote or typed.)

STEP 3: Transition to the main lesson by explaining, "We don't have to hear a person's voice to get to know him or her. We can also get to know them through the words they write. God gave us His written words in the Bible so that we can know Him."

Share these key concepts:

A. *Given by inspiration* means that all the words of the Bible came from God, but He didn't actually take a breath and speak all the words to us out loud. And He didn't write them in the way you or I sit down to write a note or a letter.

B. Rather, God chose at least 40 different men to write the Bible for Him. The Holy Spirit (who is God) told those men what He wanted them to write and they wrote down the words exactly as God told them.

C. God made sure the men did not make any mistakes. So, we can be sure the words in the Bible are exactly what God wants us to know about Himself!

D. People might tell you things about God and you can learn about Him by looking at what He created, but the only way for you to really get to **KNOW** Him (like you would get to know a friend) is by reading what He tells us about Himself in the Bible.

E. God's words in the Bible tell us who He is and what He has done so we can get to know Him.

F. Everything God tells us about Himself in the Bible is true.

G. The Bible is a big book with a lot of information. Every bit of it can help you know God better and you have the opportunity to know God better by faithfully studying His Word.

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Unit 2.3: The Bible Should Be Studied Carefully

We should work hard to study and teach God's Word carefully, so we will be useful workers for God and so God will approve of our work.

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 2:15

Lesson Objectives:

- STUDYING GOD'S WORD HELPS US TO LEARN ABOUT GOD. Realize the importance of studying what the Bible says carefully and not trying to make it say what we want it to. Practice reading and explaining various Scriptures correctly to others.
- GOD'S WORD TEACHES US HOW TO PLEASE GOD. Plan to read God's Word more often to know what it says.
- WE MUST CORRECTLY HANDLE GOD'S WORD. Pray and ask God to help them learn to handle Scripture rightly.

Talk about it:

- Why is it important to study and teach God's Word carefully?
- Why is it dangerous to add your own words to God's words when you are teaching someone else about the Bible?
- How would you study a Bible verse?
- What will you do this week to make sure you read God's Word more often?



Encouragement for you:

Part of our daily routine should be spending time in God's Word. When we study to know what the Bible says, God is pleased with us. In order to effectively disciple your child, you need to be reading God's Word daily. We can't teach what we don't know. Does your child see you reading the Bible? Do you read Scripture with them?

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Family Activity: Study Hard!

What You'll Need:

Table; tablecloth; 10 different items used at school such as pencils, pens, paper, a book bag, markers, a textbook, a locker combination, a lunchbox, crayons, a sweatshirt, a water bottle; small treat for game winner (*optional*)

STEP 1: Place all items on a table. Ask kids to figure out what the items have in common. (They can all be used at school.) Tell the kids to study the items carefully and try to remember all of them.

STEP 2: Cover the items with a tablecloth and give each child a pencil and paper. Have them number the paper one through 10 and then try to write down as many of the items as they can remember.

STEP 3: List the items and have kids mark off the items they correctly wrote. (*Optional: Offer a small treat for the child with the most correct items on his or her list.*) Remind kids that the goal of this game was to recall the items correctly. Explain that God wants us to be able to correctly recall the instructions that He offers us in His Word. We can only do that when we study the Bible and remember it correctly.

Share these key concepts:

A. We have the responsibility to check that the Bible lessons we hear or read or see are true to Scripture. We have the whole Bible, both Old and New Testaments, that we should study.

B. To carefully handle God's Word means to teach exactly what the Bible says, rather than adding to or taking away from it.

C. Help kids understand that when we love God, we will value what pleases Him. And according to 2 Timothy 2:15, God wants us to carefully handle His Word. In order to do so, we must read the Bible carefully. We cannot try to make it say what we want it to say.

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Unit 2.4: The Bible Teaches Us About History

God tells us about many real-life people in the Bible. The faith of Bible characters can teach us, encourage us in our own faith and give us hope.

Memory Verse: Romans 15:4

Lesson Objectives:

- Know that faith means trusting in God's Word, even if circumstances are hard.
- THE PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE REALLY LIVED. Understand that the Bible tells us about real people who lived long ago to teach us and give us encouragement and hope.
- THE STORIES OF PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE ENCOURAGE US. Study and talk about some of the ways a specific Bible character encourages them and gives them hope in their own lives.
- STUDYING THE PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE CAN STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH. Ask God to help them grow stronger in faith.

Talk about it:

- What does it mean to have faith?
- Name one person we learned about in this lesson and what he or she did that showed he or she had faith.
- Were the people talked about in this lesson perfect? What can we learn from them if they weren't perfect examples?
- Sometimes it is hard to have faith in God because we can't see Him and we might not see His words coming true yet. When is it hard for you to have faith in God?



Encouragement for you:

The Bible is full of true events about people from whom we can learn (Romans 15:4). The people in the Bible were not perfect and neither are we. But all of us can have faith like the people in the Bible and God can work in and through us too. When we struggle, we can ask God to help us grow stronger in faith because faith comes from God. How is God working in you as a parent? Do you need to ask God to increase your faith?

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Family Activity: You Want Me to Eat That?!

What You'll Need:

Empty box of Q-tips[®], mini marshmallows, white candy sticks or white lollipop sticks, butterscotch chips, microwave-safe bowl, stirring spoon, wax paper, plate

PREP: Make used Q-tips by placing a marshmallow on both ends of each candy stick. Melt 1/3 cup of butterscotch chips in the bowl for 30 seconds in a microwave and stir until melted. Dip the tips of the marshmallows into the melted butterscotch chips and place on wax paper for 10 minutes. Place the empty box of Q-tips on a plate. Arrange a few of the used Q-tips in and around the box. (*Optional: Search online for alternative gross snack ideas. Prepare according to directions.*)

STEP 1: Display the plate of used Q-tips. Assure kids the items are safe to eat. Ask a child to demonstrate he or she trusts you and to eat one of the Q-tips. Offer one to each of the kids and then discuss why they chose to eat the unusual snack. (Possible answers may include the kids believed what you told them; the kids trusted that you would not do anything to harm them.)

STEP 2: Guide kids to see that just like they trusted you, kids can always trust that what God says in His Word is true (John 17:17).

Share these key concepts:

- A. When we trust in God's Word, the Bible calls that FAITH.
- B. It's hard to have faith in God sometimes, because we can't see Him and we might not see His words coming true yet. In a hard time, we might not even feel like what He says is true.
- C. But God's Word IS true no matter what and He has told us about many real people in Scripture who had faith. When we read their stories, we can learn from them and become stronger in our faith too.
- D. Faith is not based on emotions. It is easy to say we believe and have faith in God when things are going great; however, faith is choosing to trust in God's Word, even if circumstances are hard.
- E. The Bible people we study in the Bible are heroes, not because they were smarter, stronger or less sinful than us. They are heroes because they had faith in God. They faced danger and hard experiences and still chose to believe God's Word and obey what He said.
- F. God can help ANYONE to have faith like this. It is not just for Bible characters. We can all be heroes of faith too!

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Unit 2.5: The Bible Teaches Us How to Live

When we try to make choices on our own, we often sin and cause problems that could hurt ourselves or others. We need to listen to God's instructions for life in His Word, since God knows what's best for everyone.

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:11

Lesson Objectives:

- THE FIRST STEP IN FOLLOWING GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS IS TO TRUST JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR. Understand that the Bible gives God's instructions for living, including God's most important instruction – His plan for our salvation through Jesus Christ.
- THE BIBLE IS WHERE WE FIND GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVING. Know that God's Word helps us keep our way pure and believe that following God's Word will make us safer and happier because God knows what's best for us.
- WE NEED TO STORE GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS IN OUR HEART. Desire to store God's instructions in their hearts by studying, thinking about and memorizing the Bible.

Talk about it:

- What does it mean when the Bible says that God's Word can keep our way pure (flawless)?
- How can memorizing God's Word help us avoid sin?
- What is the most important instruction God has given us in the Bible?



Encouragement for you:

Learning, believing and living what God tells us in the Bible is the best way to keep us from sin (Psalm 119:9). If you read and memorize God's instructions in the Bible, you are storing His Word in your heart. When you know what it says, you can do what it says. Have you memorized anything recently that can help you stay on God's path?

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Family Activity: Instructions, Please!

What You'll Need:

Instructions handout, timer, four chairs, two balloons, ball of yarn, two straws, painter's tape

OR

Craft project and items for the project

PREP: Print out a copy of the Instructions handout and make copies, as necessary. For each group, prepare the chairs according to the instructions and cut the yarn pieces to about 6 feet (1.8 meters) each. Make sure each group has a balloon, yarn piece, straw and at least two pieces of tape. *(Optional: You may substitute the rocket project for any project that involves following instructions. Search online for a simple kids' craft project. Print out the instructions and gather the necessary supplies.)*

STEP 1: Divide into two groups. Position the groups so they cannot see what the other group is doing. Explain that they are going to work together to make a rocket. Give the first group all the materials and a copy of the Instructions handout. Give the second group only the materials (not a copy of the handout).

STEP 2: Set the timer for three minutes and give both groups a signal to begin their projects.

STEP 3: At the end of three minutes, direct all the kids to return to their seats.

STEP 4: Ask the kids who received the instructions to share their thoughts of the project. Ask the kids who did not receive the instructions to describe their feelings toward the project.

STEP 5: Discuss with kids why it is important to have instructions (e.g., we can understand the finished product and what we are supposed to do, we can move more quickly, we can avoid problems). Explain that God's Word gives us instructions to follow for our LIVES. If we try to live without His instructions, we can feel frustrated and confused. We will often sin and cause problems that could hurt ourselves or others. We have a choice to make, follow His instructions or try to do things our own way.

Share these key concepts:

A. We need to follow God's instructions in the Bible to make good choices to obey Him and stay away from sin.

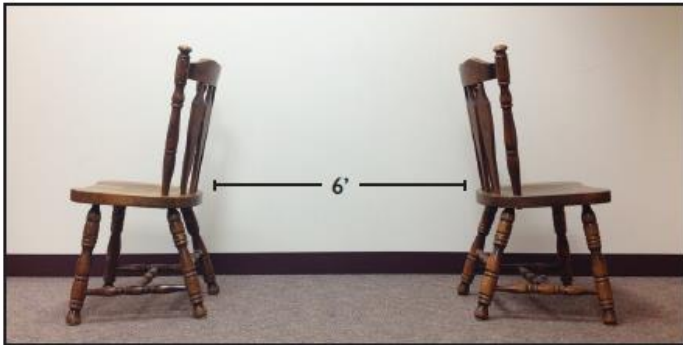
B. If we follow God's instructions, our lives will be safer and happier in the spiritual sense for ourselves and everyone else, because God knows what is best for us. Even if bad things DO happen, we know God will be with us!

C. God's most important instruction is to make sure that first we have trusted Christ to save us from our sins.

D. After that, we need to keep reading, studying and memorizing the Bible so God's instructions will be stored in our heart. This will help us stay away from sin.

Instructions:

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: Two chairs, yarn piece (about 6 feet [1.8 m] long), one straw, one balloon, painter's tape



1. Place two chairs 6 feet apart from one another.



2. Tie one end of the yarn to a chair.



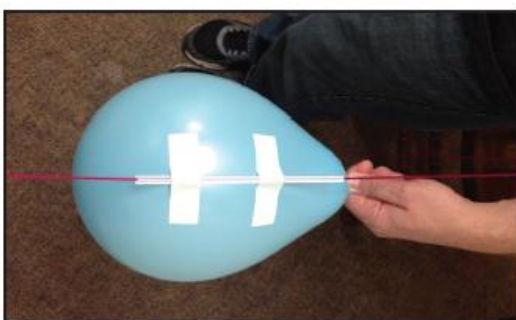
3. Thread the straw through the other end of the yarn. Make sure the straw is near one end of the yarn.



4. Tie the other end of the yarn on a second chair.



5. Blow up a balloon but do not tie it.



6. Carefully attach the blown-up balloon (while still holding the balloon closed so air does not escape) to the straw using two pieces of painter's tape.



7. Let go of the balloon and watch what happens!

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Unit 2.6: The Bible is Powerful and Active

The Bible was written by God and He knows exactly what's happening in your life right now. The Bible is alive and powerful to help you meet the needs in your life.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:12

Lesson Objectives:

- GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT US. Realize God knows everything about them, including what they are thinking and feeling.
- GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US NOW, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS WRITTEN A LONG TIME AGO. View the Bible as living and active. God speaks to them NOW through the Bible.
- GOD'S WORD IS LIVING AND POWERFUL. Understand that like a sword cuts to reveal what's inside, God's Word shows them what's inside their hearts and minds when they read it.
- Be confident that the Lord, through the Bible, will help them with any problem they have.

Talk about it:

- What does it mean to say that God's Word is living?
- True or False – God's Word can help with only the really big problems in your life.
- What does "sharper than any two-edged sword" mean?



Encouragement for you:

We can be comforted because God knows everything about us and everything about our children as well! He made us and knows every detail of our lives, including what we are thinking and feeling. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that God's Word is living and active. As we read it, God helps us understand why we do what we do. How can God's Word help you make decisions for your family this upcoming week? Can you also use God's Word to help your child make decisions?

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Family Activity: Sharp and Powerful

What You'll Need:

Plastic knife, tomatoes, apples, or other fruits and vegetables to cut open, video of a chef cutting vegetables or fruit, fruit that you pre-cut with a sharp knife

PREP: Set up items on a table.

STEP 1: Hold up the plastic knife and ask kids to predict the outcome of using that knife to cut an apple and a tomato. Cut apart a tomato or apple using a dull blade, such as a butter knife. Then show the video of the chef chopping vegetables or fruit with a sharp knife. Show the results of all the fruit and vegetables. Note the cleaner cuts of the sharper blade.

STEP 2: Have kids identify the different parts of the tomato (the skin, flesh, juice, seeds) and the apple (the skin, flesh, core, seeds). Share these key concepts:

- A. A sharp knife helps us cut through to clearly see the inside of something.
- B. God's Word works in our hearts in a similar way. It doesn't actually cut into us like a knife, but you can imagine it invisibly cutting through to who we are on the inside to show our thoughts, feelings and what we want — everything about us.

STEP 3: Discuss our memory verse, Hebrews 4:12, emphasizing that God's Word discerns the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. Share these key concepts:

- A. God knows all things. He created us and He knows EVERY situation we face.
- B. God knows and understands our thoughts and our inward responses to our outward circumstances. We cannot hide our thoughts or secret feelings from God.
- C. God's Word is powerful and gives us everything we need to handle the situations that we face in a way that pleases God.
- D. When we study God's Word and ask God for help, we can handle problems in a way that pleases God.

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Unit 2.7: The Bible is our Guide

God gives us His Word so we can know how to live. The Bible is like a light because it guides us to make good decisions.

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:105

Lesson Objectives:

- THE BIBLE TEACHES US TO KNOW HOW TO LIVE FOR GOD. Recognize that God gave us the Bible to help us know how to live for Him.
- THE BIBLE GUIDES US TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS. Understand that the Bible is like a light because it guides us to make good decisions.
- WE NEED TO READ AND STUDY GOD'S WORD EACH DAY. Grasp the importance of personally reading God's Word and committing to reading the Bible each day.

Talk about it:

- What are some small decisions you make each day? What are some bigger decisions you might make in your life?
- How can you use the Bible to help you make decisions? (Share some Bible verses that might relate to one of the decisions they mentioned.)



Encouragement for you:

Some kids have a hard time sleeping in the dark. Their imaginations take over and fear and uncertainty can set in. Having a nightlight can bring comfort and help the child to go to sleep peacefully. We live in a world that is dark with sin. But God gave us a light to see (Psalm 119:105)! The Bible is a light that helps us see in the dark. It guides us to make good decisions when the good decisions are hard to see around us.

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Family Activity: All Kinds of Lights

What You'll Need:

Flashlights, lightbulbs, lamps, lanterns, matches, candles, table, Bible

PREP: Set up a table with various forms of light on the table, such as flashlights, lightbulbs, lamps, lanterns, matches and candles.

STEP 1: Direct kids' attention to the items displayed on the table. Ask: What do each of these items have in common? (They give off light.) Share these key concepts:

- A. Light helps us see in the darkness. Light will show you the best path to walk.
- B. Light helps us avoid trouble and harm in the dark. For example, we will avoid tripping over things.
- C. Light gives us an extra feeling of safety when things are dark.

STEP 2: Hold up your Bible. Tell kids that just as the items on the table offer light, the Bible is like a light to us. It guides us to make good decisions. The Bible also warns us about dangers or sins we should stay away from. When we remember God's words, we have an extra feeling of safety when we are facing a hard time.

STEP 3: Explain to kids that Psalm 119:105 describes how God's Word is a guide to every decision we make in our lives. Turn off the lights in the room. Have kids use their flashlights to read the verse. Then direct them in reading the verse and reference aloud together two times. After the second time, turn the lights back on. Read the verse and reference one last time when lights are all on and then discuss the following key concepts:

- A. The writer of this Psalm compared the Bible to a lamp or a light that guided his footsteps and paths in the dark.
- B. God's Word is like a light because it guides us to make good decisions. God's Word will help us know what God wants us to think, act, say and do in every situation.
- C. In order for the Bible to guide us, we need to read it each day, learn what it says and ask God to help us obey it.
- D. Just as God's words gave strength and courage to Joshua, we too will receive strength and courage when we read and study God's Word every day.

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Unit 2.8: The Bible Review

The Bible is God's story; a letter written to us. It helps us understand God's grace and reveals God's expectations for us. When we study God's Word, it transforms our lives. We learn how to love God with all of who we are and we desire to share the good news of God's love to others.

Memory Verses: Psalm 119:160, John 20:31, 2 Timothy 2:15, Romans 15:4, Psalm 119:11, Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 119:11, Psalm 119:105

Lesson Objectives:

- THE BIBLE IS TRUE AND WITHOUT ERROR. Reaffirm their belief that every word in the Bible is true and that the people and events in the Bible are a real part of history.
- THE BIBLE HELPS US KNOW GOD. Understand that the Bible helps us know God and have a relationship with Him through trusting His Son.
- THE BIBLE SHOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY. Recognize that we should read and study God's Word regularly being careful not to add or subtract anything.
- THE BIBLE ENCOURAGES US. Remember that God helps us just as He helped the real people of the Bible who had faith and trusted in God.
- THE BIBLE IS POWERFUL AND ACTIVE. Understand that God's Word helps us handle every situation in our lives.
- THE BIBLE GUIDES US. Know that each time we study the Bible we learn something new about God.

Talk about it:

- How many mistakes or errors are in the Bible?
- How do we know for sure that the people and events in the Bible were real?
- How does God's Word help us make good choices?
- Share one way that God's Word has helped you handle a situation in your life.
- Why are you thankful for the Bible? What are some plans you could make to read and study your Bible more?



Encouragement for you:

Your child has been studying the different characteristics of God's gift to us – the Bible. To grow in your relationship with God, you need to be reading and studying God's Word. Is there a part of the Bible you haven't read recently? Find a time this week to read from a section in the Bible that you don't read as often!

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Family Activity: Famous Stories

What You'll Need:

Two or three children's books; symbols to represent each children's book; a Bible; map or atlas; a toy sword; gold coins; instructions to a children's game, toy assembly, or building activity; a cross; a container or box

PREP: Ahead of time, choose two or three popular children's books and items that symbolize each book (e.g., *Charlotte's Web* — pig and a spider; *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* — a diary and a stick figure). Gather items that represent the chosen books, along with the other items listed above.

Place the items that symbolize the chosen children's books on a table. Place items that symbolize God's Word in a box or container. Have the children's books and Bible nearby.

STEP 1: Ask your children to share their favorite story or book. Explain that key characters and items in the story keep our attention focused on what the author wants us to learn from the story. Hold up the items from each children's book and see if kids can guess what book they are from. Give hints as needed. After three guesses, hold up the book.

STEP 2: Reveal the container of items. Explain that all items in the box represent one famous and true book. Have kids choose an item from the box and hold it up for everyone to see. After all items have been displayed, ask: "What book is represented by these items?" (Hold up your Bible.) Discuss how these items relate to the Bible.

Map — The Bible is our guide for life.

Sword — The Bible is like a sword (Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17).

Gold coins — The Bible is to be desired more than gold (Psalm 19:9-10).

Instructions — The Bible gives us instructions on how to live.

Cross — The Bible shows us God's love for us and how to have a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ.

STEP 3: Explain to kids that the Bible is the greatest book ever written. There is no book like the Bible! The Bible is also one of God's greatest gifts to us. In your own words, say, "Today we will remember all we have learned about the Bible in these past weeks and thank God for His amazing gift!"