



Kids Club

Elementary Leader Guide

July
Week 4

(Keep a copy in each classroom)

LEADER SCHEDULE:

20 minutes

Set out 2-4 rotations of seated activities for kids to play. Sit with them, play with them. Ask questions about their past week, pets, family, and other things that are important to them. This is important relation-building time!

10 minutes

Lesson intro and discussion (page 2)

10-15 minutes

Activities (page 5)

15-20 minutes

Games // Free play

SUPPLIES:

Week 4

Bibles

Spoons - 1 less than the number of kids

Books of the Bible Cards

July Kids Club
Spotify Playlist>>>





Kids Club

Elementary Leader Guide

July
Week 4

BOTTOM LINE:

The Bible teaches us how we can be saved from sin.

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11, Having the mind of Christ

Main Point:

How many of you were here when we started this series? How many of you have not missed a single week of this Books of the Bible series? How many of you have worked hard not just on Sundays, but also during the week to learn the books of the Bible? How many of you thought there was no way in the world you could possibly learn those 66 books?

We believed in you, right from the start. Do you know why? Because kids your age have an amazing capacity for learning and memorizing. Think of some of the things you've memorized in your life already. Raise your hand if you know your address? Your mom and dad's phone numbers? The Pledge of Allegiance? Who knows their math facts in addition and subtraction? What about multiplication? Who has memorized all 50 states in the United States? Who knows the words to Jingle Bells? Silent Night? Jesus Loves Me? Who here already knows John 3:16?

When you think of all the things you've already memorized, learning the 66 books of the Bible wasn't that tough. It's a piece of cake! Even if you haven't learned them yet, we want to encourage you to keep studying them. You will get it, and you will be blessed for knowing them.

Of course, knowing the names of the books of the Bible isn't nearly as important as knowing what those books say. The more you read them, the better you'll know what the Bible has to say. The Bible is a road map that shows us the way to Heaven, and it teaches us that there is only one way to get there. Paul summed up the Bible's message very well in his letter to the Philippians.

God sent his son Jesus to save us from our sins. Jesus was willing to humble himself, to become human, and to die in our place so that we could go to Heaven. If we believe in Jesus as our Savior, God will set us on the road to Heaven. The Bible is a road map to Heaven. It points us to Jesus, and it shows us the way we need to travel to get to Him. If we follow Jesus and obey him, not only will we get to Heaven, but other people will see Jesus in us and follow after Him.

Following Jesus means that we, like Jesus, should humble ourselves. We need to think of others before our own needs, and we need to love like Jesus loved. We need to turn away from sin and obey God so that people can see Jesus in us. The Bible is the greatest book ever written. It's the story of a God who loves us and the way he chose to save us.



Learn It:

The Bible is the road to Heaven. It is the story of us and God and how God made a way to save us from sin. If we commit our lives to Jesus and follow God's Word, He will lead us our whole lives! Some of us have already committed our life to God, and some of you haven't done that yet. Today, we are going to talk about how we help people know that God made a way to save us from sin. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, it is important that you know the story of the Gospel because you should either be A. Telling it to other people to help make more disciples or B. Hearing it yourself to help you learn why you should put your faith and trust in God. So here we go! What is the Gospel?

- God rules.

Explain that because God created everything, He is in charge of everything. He made us and loves us. Read Revelation 4:11.

- We sinned.

God is perfectly good and we - humans - are not. Everyone sins, or disobeys God with the things we think, say and do. Our sin separates us from God. Read Romans 3:23.

- God provided.

Explain that God is holy and must punish sin. The punishment for sin is death. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve. God wants us to live with Him forever so He made a way for our sins to be forgiven. That way is Jesus. Read John 3:16.

- Jesus gives.

Jesus became fully human, lived a perfect life, and died on a cross. Then, He showed His great power by coming back to life again. Because Jesus died for every person who has ever lived or will ever live, we can be welcomed into God's family for all eternity. When we say yes to Jesus, He gives us His righteousness. This is the best gift ever! Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.

- We respond.

Explain that everyone has a choice to make. If we want to live with God forever, this is what we have to do: realize that we are sinners and ask Jesus to forgive us for the wrong things we have done, tell Jesus that we believe He died on a cross and came back to life, and accept the gift that Jesus is giving us.

Any time you share the Gospel, ask: "Will you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord?" and give the person a chance to turn from self and sin and turn to Jesus." Read Romans 10:9-10 and then ask each child if they have already done so or would like to do so now.

OR

A- Admit to God that you are a sinner. The first people God created, Adam and Eve chose to sin and disobey God. Since then, all people have chosen sin and to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) We admit we sin, we tell God we're sorry, and we turn away from our sin. (Acts 3:19; 1 John 1 :9)

B- Believe that Jesus is God's son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin. (Acts 16:31; Acts 4:12; John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-9)

C- Choose to place your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and King of your life. (Romans 10:9-10, 13)

Drive it Home:

The Bible begins at the beginning of time with the story of Creation and the fall of man. Through the first five books of the Bible, we learn that God loves us in spite of our sin. We see God choosing a special people through whom he would save the world.

The books of history continue the story of God's chosen people. We see how God blesses those who are faithful, and how he corrects them when they need it.

The poetry books are full of praise to our God and the wisdom of some of Israel's wisest leaders.

The prophets, major and minor, brought messages to God's people that still speak to us today. They talk of God's love, of God's anger with sin, and God's forgiveness. And they talk about the coming of Jesus.

The Gospels are the story of Jesus, told from four different viewpoints so we can get a complete picture of who Jesus is. Acts tells the story of the early church founded by Jesus' followers.

The letters of Paul, written to the churches and to his friends, help us to stay focused on Jesus and united in spirit. The remaining letters remind us that Jesus is the only way to be saved and urge us to live godly lives.

And then comes Revelation, one last book of prophecy that tells us how one day, Jesus will return. He will judge the world, and all who believe in Jesus will go to be with him in a New Heaven and a New Earth.

The Bible starts with Creation and a fall. It ends with a new Creation that will never end. It ends with a promise we can all one day be with Jesus. I hope all of you will get to know your Bibles. Don't stop with knowing the books by name. Get to know what each book says. Each book has a special purpose, but they all fit together for one greater purpose. The Bible is God's way of pointing us all to Jesus and eternal life with Him!



Week 4: Activities

ICEBREAKER:

How many of you have memorized at least one Bible verse besides our memory verse?

MEMORY VERSE:

Say: This is our last week with this memory verse, so I am not going to read it first! Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

GAME:

Books of the Bible Card Game - Spoons!

Using the deck of Books of the Bible cards provided, kids will try to be the first person to grab a spoon when they have a complete set. A category set is 4 books of the Bible from the same category, indicated by the color on the cards.

Place one spoon for each kid on the table, minus one, so that there are not quite enough spoons for each person. Deal each person four cards. Place the rest of the cards, face down, next to the first person. This is the "deck."

To begin the game, the first person takes a card from the deck and looks at it. If he decides to keep it, he must pass a card from his hand to the next person (because each person should always have ONLY four cards in his hand). If he decides not to keep it, he passes it to the next person. Each person consecutively looks at the card that is passed and decides whether to keep it or not. Meanwhile, the first person continues to take new cards from the deck.

After someone has collected four books from the same category (indicated by color), he must grab a spoon as quietly and discreetly as possible. He does not have to do it immediately! If it's an advantage strategically, he can continue to pass cards along as long as he wants to before he grabs the spoon. As soon as other players realize a spoon has been taken, they should grab a spoon too--whether or not they have collected a category set.

Points

When all the spoons are gone, the round is over and it's time to tally points for the round. It may be that only one person has a complete set (the person who grabbed the first spoon). But anyone who has more than 2 of a category (half of a set) will get points. Categories that have more books in them (like the "Minor Prophets" or the "Letters of Paul") are worth fewer points because it is easier to make a set. History, Minor Prophets, Letters of Paul, and General Letters = 2 points/set; Law, Poetry and Wisdom, and Major Prophets = 5 Points/set; and Gospels = 8 points/set

Variation: Kids complete a 'set' by having 4 consecutive books of the Bible



Week 4: Activities, continued

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Have a kid read Philippians 2: 1-11

- What is the main message of the whole Bible?
- What did Jesus do to save us from our sins?
- How can we be saved from our sins?

REVIEW:

1. Who can name the first five books of the Old Testament?
Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy
2. Who can name the first five books of the New Testament?
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts
3. Who can name all the books of History?
Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, and Acts
4. Who can name all the Minor Prophets?
Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi
5. Who can name all the letters of Paul?
Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon
6. Who can name the first five books of the Bible?
Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy
7. What is the last book of the Bible?
Revelation

PRAYER:

Lead kids to pray for the desire to read God's Word. There is so much competition for our time - other things we can watch, read, or do. Divide into small groups of 3-4 kids and have them pray for each other to be bold and share the Gospel with others. Leaders assist as needed.

	LAW Genesis		LAW Exodus		LAW Leviticus
	LAW Numbers		LAW Deuter- onomy		HISTORY Joshua
	HISTORY Judges		HISTORY Ruth		HISTORY First Samuel

HISTORY
Second
Samuel

HISTORY
First
Kings

HISTORY
Second
Kings

HISTORY
First
Chronicles

HISTORY
Second
Chronicles

HISTORY
Ezra

HISTORY
Nehemiah

HISTORY
Esther

POETRY &
WISDOM
Job

**POETRY &
WISDOM
Psalms**

**POETRY &
WISDOM
Proverbs**

**POETRY &
WISDOM
Ecclesiastes**

**POETRY &
WISDOM
Song of
Solomon**

**MAJOR
PROPHETS
Isaiah**

**MAJOR
PROPHETS
Jeremiah**

**MAJOR
PROPHETS
Lamen-
tations**

**MAJOR
PROPHETS
Ezekiel**

**MAJOR
PROPHETS
Daniel**

**MINOR
PROPHETS**
Hosea

**MINOR
PROPHETS**
Joel

**MINOR
PROPHETS**
Amos

**MINOR
Obadiah**

**MINOR
PROPHETS**
Jonah

**MINOR
PROPHETS**
Micah

**MINOR
PROPHETS**
Nahum

**MINOR
PROPHETS**
Habakkuk

**MINOR
PROPHETS**
Zephaniah

**MINOR
PROPHETS**
Haggai

**MINOR
PROPHETS**
Zechariah

**MINOR
PROPHETS**
Malachi

GOSPELS
Matthew

GOSPELS
Mark

GOSPELS
Luke

GOSPELS
John

HISTORY
Acts

**LETTERS
OF PAUL**
Romans

**LETTERS
OF PAUL**
First
Corin-
thians

**LETTERS
OF PAUL**
Second
Corin-
thians

**LETTERS
OF PAUL**
Galatians

**LETTERS
OF PAUL**
Ephesians

**LETTERS
OF PAUL**
Philippians

**LETTERS
OF PAUL**
Colossians

**LETTERS
OF PAUL**
First
Thessa-
lonians

**LETTERS
OF PAUL**
Second
Thessa-
lonians

**LETTERS
OF PAUL**
First
Timothy

**LETTERS
OF PAUL
Second
Timothy**

**LETTERS
OF PAUL
Titus**

**GENERAL
LETTERS
Philemon**

**GENERAL
LETTERS
Hebrews**

**GENERAL
LETTERS
James**

**GENERAL
LETTERS
First
Peter**

**GENERAL
LETTERS
Second
Peter**

**GENERAL
LETTERS
First
John**

**GENERAL
LETTERS
Second
John**

**GENERAL
LETTERS
Third
John**

**GENERAL
LETTERS
Jude**

**PROPHECY
Revelation**