



Kids Club

Elementary Leader Guide

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Week 2
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Leader Info

Each week kids will learn about a few books of the Bible along with some simple hand motions to help them remember what each book is about. The goal is that by the end of the 12 weeks, kids will be able to say all 66 books of the Bible from memory and have a general idea of what each book is about.

Memory Verse:

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Lesson 2: The First 5!

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-8

Bottom Line: The first five books of the Bible tell how God created the world and chose a special people.

Key Passage: Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17

Synopsis: The first five books of the Bible tell us how the world began, what God expects of us (the law), and how God put a plan in action to set things right.

Objective: Kids will memorize the first 5 books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy

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 1)

10-15 minutes- Activities (page 2)

15-20 minutes- Games // Free play

REVIEW

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Give all the kids a Bible. Read the verse aloud, give them the reference and see who can find it first in their Bible.

Have the kids read the verse together. Read it normally, then in a whisper, then really, really loud! Try to memorize just the first sentence together, *"God has breathed life into all Scripture."* until all kids can recite it without looking.

TEACHING TIME

BOTTOM LINE:

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READ GENESIS 17:1-8

SAY:

"Every story has a beginning. The beginning of the story tells us who the story is about, where it takes place, when it takes place, and what is happening. Without this information, we'd be lost.

The Bible begins with three books that tell us everything we need to know to understand the rest of the Bible. It tells us that God made the world. It tells us that the world became broken because of sin. It tells the story of how God started over with a man named Noah and a great flood. Most importantly, it tells us that God made a promise.

The first five books of the Bible are sometimes called the Pentateuch, but that's not important right now. What is important is that you know these books are the beginning of a story that's still going on today. It's the story of us!

We begin with Genesis. *(holds hands up in a circle, to represent the world)* In the beginning, God made the world. When we put our hands in a circle like this, it reminds us that God made the world!

Exodus is where we learn those special people were turned into slaves in Egypt! God sent a man named Moses to set them free.



Main Point:

“God promised Abraham that he would make his descendants a mighty nation. Abraham’s descendants would become the nation of Israel, and through Israel, God would send a Savior to forgive our sins and change the world.

The first five books of the Bible are the story of how God established Israel and began his plan to save us.”

Drive it Home:

“Genesis is the first of these books. Genesis starts with the Creation story, how God made the world. It tells us about Adam and Eve and how their sin caused us to be separated from God. Genesis tells the story of Noah’s Ark, Abraham, and Abraham’s children, whom God will call Israel.

Exodus is the story of how God saved Israel from slavery. God sent a man named Moses to free them from a wicked King. God parted the waters of the Red Sea to help them escape Egypt, and they began the long journey to the land God promised Abraham.

Leviticus is the book of God’s laws. These laws taught the people how they should live and how they should treat others. God gave the people instructions on how to worship him and how to live their daily lives. It’s a lot less story, but it tells us what God expects of us.

In Numbers, Moses took a count of all of God’s people. There were twelve tribes in the nation of Israel filled with men, women, and children, and when we read Numbers, we can see how much God has truly blessed the children of Israel!

Finally, Deuteronomy is when Moses told the people the law of God again. A whole new generation had grown up in the wilderness, and God wanted Moses to remind the people what he expected of them before their new leader, Joshua, led them into the Promised Land.

The first five books of the Bible are just the beginning of a greater story. There are a lot of rules and a lot of history, but it all comes down to this. God made the world. God loves us. And God had a plan right from the beginning to save us from sin.

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. These are the first five books of the Bible, and the beginning of the greatest book ever written.”

HAND MOTIONS:

“During this series, you are going to learn all sixty-six books of the Bible. I know that sounds like a lot, but today, we’re going to start with the first five books of the Bible. And to help you remember all these books, we’re going to use hand motions.

The first book of the Bible is Genesis. In Genesis, God makes the world. To help us remember Genesis, we’ll put our hands together in a circle, the shape of the world!

Exodus is the second book. This is the book when God saves his chosen people Israel from slavery. Moses led the people to safety when God parted the Red Sea. Let’s open our hands out like this to represent the parting of the sea and remember Exodus.



Then comes Numbers, when God takes a head count of all the people of Israel. Let's remember Numbers by counting on our fingers, one, two, three.

And finally, we come to Deuteronomy, when Moses teaches the people God's laws a second time. Two fingers should help us remember Deuteronomy.

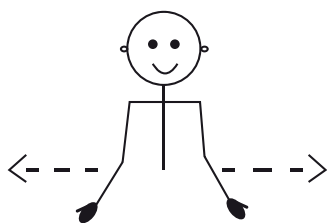
Let's review the books and their hand motions together a few times so we won't forget!

Repeat the five books and their hand motions with the kids 2-3 times to wrap up the lesson.



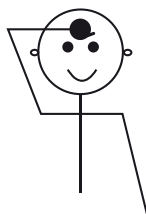
GENESIS

Start hands together in front of face and move left arm left and right arm right to form a circle like the earth



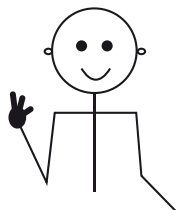
EXODUS

Open hands as if parting the Red Sea



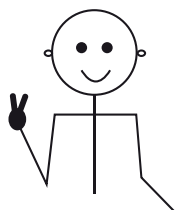
LEVITICUS

Fist on forehead to represent the law on our minds



NUMBERS

Counting to 3 on fingers



DEUTERONOMY

Two fingers in a peace sign

ACTIVITIES

ICEBREAKER:

What's the best beginning to any movie or story you know?

MEMORY VERSE:

Read 2 Timothy 3:16 aloud. Write the first 2 sentences on the whiteboard: "God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true." Have kids read it, then cover their eyes to say it without looking. Then erase from the board. Go around the room with kids saying one word at a time until the 2 sentences are complete. Kids may tap the person next to them if they need to skip. Repeat until you can get through the sentences without any skips.

ACTIVITY: SCAVENGER HUNT

SUPPLIES: [Scavenger Hunt Activity Page \(1/ every 3 kids\)](#), timer

Divide kids into groups of 3-4 kids. Be sure to mix older and younger kids for young readers.

Give each group a scavenger hunt page and instruct them to find as many answers as possible in 10 minutes. Set a timer and play fun, upbeat music as the groups work together.

Answer Key:

Genesis: How many chapters are in Genesis? (50)

What chapter tells about Joseph's colorful robe? (Chapter 37)

On what day of Creation did God make animals? (Day 6)

What are the names of Noah's 3 sons? (Shem, Ham, and Jepheth)

What country did Joseph go to after his brothers sold him as a slave? (Egypt)

What chapter does God put a rainbow in the sky? (Chapter 9)

What is the first word in the Bible? (In)

Exodus: How many chapters are in Exodus? (40)

In Chapter 2, who rescued baby Moses from the Nile River? (The Pharaoh's Daughter)

In Chapter 3, how does God appear to Moses? (With a Burning Bush)

How did Moses and the Israelites escape the Egyptians

when they were trapped by the Red Sea? (God parted the Red Sea)

What Chapter did God give Moses the 10 Commandments? (20)

What book comes after Exodus? (Leviticus)

What kind of animal did the Israelites make out of gold

while Moses was on Mt. Sinai with God?(Calf/cow)

What chapter did the Israelites start building the Tabernacle?(36)



Leviticus: How many chapters are in Leviticus? (27)

What book comes before Leviticus? (Exodus)

Who did Moses preform the special ordination service for in Chapter 8? (Aaron and his sons)

In 9:24, what came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed the burnt offering? (Fire)

Which of Aaron's sons was Moses talking to in 10:12? (Eleazar and Ithamar)

In 16:34, who commanded Moses to create the special day of Atonement once a year? (God)

In 22:33, God reminds the Israelites about what important thing God did for them? (He saved them from Egypt)

What book comes after Leviticus? (Numbers)

Numbers: What book comes before Numbers? (Leviticus)

What book comes after Numbers? (Deuteronomy)

How many chapters are in Numbers? (36)

At the beginning of Chapter 3, who does it say was Aaron's first son? (Nadab)

In 9:15, what does it say covered the Tabernacle when they set it up? (A Cloud)

How many verses are in Chapter 21? (35)

What kind of instrument was used at the festival/feast/party in Chapter 29? (Trumpets)

Deuteronomy: What book comes before Deuteronomy? (Numbers)

How many chapters are in Deuteronomy? (34)

In 1:46, where does it say they stayed? (Kadesh)

What Chapter does God and Moses tell the Israelites the 10 Commandments? (5)

How many verses are in Chapter 7? (26)

According to 8:10, what should you do after you have eaten a good meal and are full? (Praise God)

What did they chisel 2 tablets out of in Chapter 10? (Stone)

What book comes after Deuteronomy? (Joshua)

REVIEW: FIRST 5

SUPPLIES: Books of the Bible Key Chain Cards(1 set/kid), metal binder rings (1/kid)

PREP: Cut out the books of the bible sets so each kid has a set. Punch a hole in the top left corner of each card.

Each week, kids will add the books they are studying each week to their key chain. Make sure their names are on their keychain somewhere. They will leave it at church and take home at the end of the Books of the Bible Unit. Recite the books and practice the motions as kids add to their keychain. Have volunteers read the clues on the back of each card.

PRAYER:

Go around the room asking kids to name one way they can practice the first 5 books this week. Take prayer requests. Divide into small groups of 3-4 kids and have them pray for each other. Leaders assist as needed.