



Kids Club

Elementary Leader Guide

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Week 1

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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:

"God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right." - 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIRV)

Lesson 1: Take Up Your Sword!

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17

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Objective: Kids will learn how many books are in the Bible(66), how many are in the Old Testament(39) and how many are in the New Testament(27).

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

TEACHING TIME

BOTTOM LINE:

God wants us to know what's in the Bible and where to find it.

READ HEBREWS 4:12-13, EPHESIANS 6:13-18

SAY:

"How many of you have ever opened a new box with an Xbox, Nintendo, tablet, or phone?"

Inside that box, you found the game system, a power cord, maybe a cable or two, all that you need is to start plugging and go! But there was one more thing in that box, wasn't there? It was an instruction book to tell you how to set it up so you can start.

That little instruction book wasn't the reason you bought the item, but without it, you might not have been able to start using it correctly. That doesn't mean you couldn't turn it on and try to use it without reading the instructions, but I think we can all agree the more we learn the instructions, the more fun we have and the better we'll be able to use it!

(hold up a Bible) Life isn't a game or a tablet, but life does come with a set of instructions. It's a little thicker than the booklet that taught you how to hook up your Xbox, but it's filled with information that can help you through anything life throws at you. Every week, when we gather here at church, we open up that book to see what God has to teach us. The Bible, God's Holy Word, is God's instruction book. It tells us who we are, who God is, what God has done for us, and how we should live in response to all God has done. Let's read what a few people had to say about the Word of God."

Main Point:

"The author of Hebrews tells us that God's Word is alive. It's not an ancient book that's out of date and no longer important in today's world. The Word of God is filled with wisdom and knowledge we can use today. The Word of God still speaks to us. It speaks to people picking it up to read it for the first time, and it speaks to people who have read it all their lives. You can never read it enough, and you can never learn enough from its pages. The author of Hebrews and Paul both describe the Bible as a sword. It can cut us deep, showing us what's wrong with our lives so we can get it fixed. It can also defend us and save us from sin."

Drive it Home:

"So what's in the Bible, anyway? What are we going to discover in the next several weeks?"

For starters, the Bible is divided into two parts. The Old Testament is the older section of the Bible. These books were written before the birth of Jesus. Some were written by great heroes of the faith like Moses. Some were written by prophets, men God chose to give messages to his people. The Old Testament books tell us how the world began. They tell the story of the nation of Israel, God's chosen people. They tell how the people of Israel were saved from slavery and taken to a promised land. They tell how the people rebelled against God and were sent into exile. They tell how God forgave his people and promised to send them a Savior. There are 39 books in all in the Old Testament, and they all set the stage for the coming of Jesus.



The New Testament begins with the birth of Christ. Four books called the Gospels tell the story of Jesus, how he died for our sins so he could give us new life. The fifth book of the New Testament, Acts, tells the story of the early church, and the rest of the New Testament is filled with messages for God's people and his church on how we should live for Christ. There are twenty-seven books of the New Testament, ending with one final book, Revelation, that tells how the world will end.

2 Testaments. 66 books in all. That sounds like a lot, doesn't it? But the more we know about those sixty-six books, the better we will know not only the Bible, but the God who gave us the Bible!"

ACTIVITIES

ICEBREAKER:

What's the longest book you've ever read?

MEMORY VERSE:

Read 2 Timothy 3:16 aloud. Write it on a marker board or large poster. Have kids practice saying it several times. Ask the kids what they think the writer was trying to say when he wrote these words. Then ask them how this verse is connected to today's lesson.

ACTIVITY:

Have everyone stand in a circle. Go around the group and have each person say the name of a book from the Bible. If someone repeats a book or gets stuck, they have to sit down. See how many books you as a group can name without repeating.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Have a kid read Hebrews 4:12 & Ephesians 6:17

How many books are in the Bible?

How many books are in the Old Testament?

How many books are in the New Testament?

Why do you think it's important to get to know the books of the Bible?



GAME: BINGO

SUPPLIES: BINGO Caller Cards, BINGO Player Cards, basket or hat, BINGO chips or markers, prizes

Cut out the caller cards and place them in a basket or hat. Draw cards out of the basket and call out the names. Hand out prizes to winners, Play as many rounds as you'd like.

PRAYER:

Go around the room asking kids to name one way they can spend time reading and learning about the Bible this week. Take prayer requests. Divide into small groups of 3-4 kids and have them pray for each other. Leaders assist as needed.

Hand out the "Make it Stick" Parent Resource at dismissal.

