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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.

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Lesson 12: Route 66

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

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

Objective: Kids will be able to say all 66 Books of the Bible.

Summary: 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!

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

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SUPPLIES: none

At this point, most kids should be able to recite the memory verse. Spend a few minutes reciting it from memory together 2-3 times.

TEACHING TIME

BOTTOM LINE:

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SAY:

"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. Knowing the books by name and where to find them will, however, help you be a better student of the Bible. 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."

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11



Main Point:

"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.

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 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.

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."

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.

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 to Heaven! "



HAND MOTIONS:

Review hand motions of all 66 books together. Ask if there are any volunteers who would like to try to say them all on their own.

ACTIVITIES

ICEBREAKER:

Can you share a time when someone put your needs above their own in a way that really impacted you?

This invites personal reflection and ties into the passage's call to consider others above ourselves, following Christ's example of humility.

GAME: BIBLE MATCH-UP + MYSTERY

SUPPLIES: index cards from last week's game. (you will only need one set)

- 1. **Set Up:** If you do not have the index cards from last week, write the books of the Bible on individual index cards and mix them up. Scatter the cards around the room or hide them in easy-to-find places.
- 2. **Goal:** Kids must first find the cards, then sort them into Old and New Testament piles. Once sorted, they must put them in the correct order.
- 3. Mystery Challenge Twist: Every few minutes, the leader calls out a "Mystery Challenge" (like "Hop on one foot while saying the next five books!" or "Find someone to say a book's name in a silly voice!") to add excitement.
- 4. The first team to correctly sort and order all their books wins!

REVIEW: KIND OF A BIG DEAL

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.

Kids will get to take home their cards today! 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:

SUPPLIES: Prayer Journal Activity Page (1/kid)

Invite kids to turn to the journal side of their coloring page. Instruct kids on how to use this as a prayer guide at home. Kids may color the front side, or go ahead and start working on the prayer journal side.

Pray with kids, demonstrating the different ways to pray on their journal sheet.