

The Bible helps us know God

2 Timothy 3:14-17; Luke 24:27

The Bible teaches us about God and points us to Jesus.

Your goal

Find a Bible passage with help and name one reason to read the Bible.

Read & gather

Read aloud: 2 Timothy 3:14-17. Memory passage: Psalm 119:105.

Basic kit: Bible, paper, pencils or crayons, child-safe scissors, glue or tape. None beyond the basic kit.

Read the full passage in context before class. Practice unfamiliar names and select age adaptations.

Words to explain

Scripture: the Bible. Reference: the address of a Bible passage.

Your 60-minute flow

0-5 minutes | Welcome & wonder

Use the opening question or visual below. Welcome beginners and offer a quiet way to join.

5-10 minutes | Worship & prayer

Offer thanks to God. Sing a familiar, church-approved song or speak a line of praise. Listening quietly is welcome.

10-15 minutes | Bible & memory

Find the reading together. Read the memory passage from your Bible. Repeat short phrases with simple gestures.

15-27 minutes | Discover the story

Read the selected Bible verses and tell the three-part story. Pause for prediction, pointing, and retelling.

27-35 minutes | Talk it through

Use the three discussion questions. Give thinking time, then pair discussion before sharing with the whole group.

35-50 minutes | Create & practice

Demonstrate the activity, work together, and use the student page. Finish drawing at home if time is short.

50-55 minutes | Respond & pray

Connect the big idea with a choice this week. Offer voluntary prayer or quiet reflection.

55-60 minutes | Remember & take home

Use the exit prompt, revisit the big idea, tidy supplies, and give caregivers the family page.

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Welcome & wonder

Show a closed Bible. Ask what children think is inside. Welcome every answer, then explain that beginners belong here.

Tell the story

Read the passage first. The following is an original teaching retelling, not a quotation from the NIV.

1. Timothy learned the Scriptures when he was young. Later, Paul reminded him to keep learning and trusting what God had taught him. Children can learn God's Word too.
2. The Bible includes history, songs, letters, and more. God worked through human writers. Scripture teaches truth, shows when we are wrong, and helps us learn to live God's way.
3. After Jesus rose, he explained how the Scriptures pointed to him. The Bible is more than a collection of heroes. Its great story helps us know the God who saves.

The Jesus connection

Jesus is at the center of God's rescue story. We read to know and follow him.

Talk it through

Who can begin learning the Bible?

Children and adults, including people who are new to it.

What can Scripture help us do?

Know God, trust Jesus, and learn what is right.

What could you do when a passage is confusing?

Ask a trusted teacher, read nearby verses, and keep learning.

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Bible address bookmarks

1. Fold a strip of paper into three sections labeled Book, Chapter, and Verse.
2. Write the example Mark 1:17 and point to each part.
3. Model using the contents page to find Mark, then the large and small numbers.
4. Partners make a bookmark and help one another locate the passage; do not race.

Grades 1-2

Point to the numbers and decorate the bookmark; an adult writes the labels.

Grades 3-5

Locate a second reference and explain the address to a partner.

Offer movement breaks, a quiet space, picture choices, or an adult scribe. Adapt to the child, not only the grade.

Teach with care

Invite questions without shaming mistakes. The Old Testament prepares for Jesus; the New Testament tells of Jesus and his church.

Prayer invitation

God, help us understand your Word and know Jesus more.

Exit prompt

Show me the book name, chapter, or verse in a reference.

Student page answer guide

Book -> B; Chapter -> C; Verse -> A.

Drawings and personal responses vary. Look for understanding rather than polished artwork.

After class

What did children understand? Whose voice did you hear less? What question will you revisit?

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Name: _____ Date: _____

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Explore the story

Match each word with its meaning. Write the letter beside the word.

___ Book / A. A small numbered part

___ Chapter / B. A named part such as Mark

___ Verse / C. A larger numbered section

Draw & discover

Draw yourself learning something about God from the Bible.

A little deeper

How is reading the Bible different from only trying to be good?

You can write, draw, point, or tell someone your answer.

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A LITTLE FAITH, EVERY DAY

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Open the Bible together

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. Let your child retell one part. Write down a question to ask a trusted church leader; you do not need to have all the answers.

Start a conversation

What is one question you have about the Bible?

Try this during the week

Open a Bible together three times this week. Practice finding Mark 1:17.

A prayer to share

God, help us understand your Word and know Jesus more.

Remember together

Look up Psalm 119:105 in your family Bible. Read a short phrase, repeat it together, and ask what it means.

Keep it simple and welcoming

A few unhurried minutes are enough. Children may respond with words, drawings, or gestures. Prayer is an invitation; quiet participation belongs too.

This curriculum is written for mixed groups in grades 1-5 in an evangelical setting. Retellings and prayers are original. Bible references are intended for use with your own NIV Bible; no extended Bible translation text is reproduced.