



BIBLE BASICS

Why Read The Bible?

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader Tip: Invite 8 kids up to the front and divide them into groups of 4. Give one group a bag full of items (5 pieces of paper, 1 dice, bell/ringer) but no instructions. Give the other group a bag full of the same items but include instructions. (Instructions: Place the 5 pieces of paper in a line on the floor. Take turns rolling the dice and hopping on a piece of paper that corresponds with the number you rolled. When you're done hopping, ring the bell. Continue playing until the teacher says to stop.) Then, tell the two groups to get to work. The kids with no instructions will likely stand there unsure of what to do while the other group will do what the instructions say. After a few minutes, have the groups stop. Ask the class what they noticed about the two groups. Ask the first group how it felt to not know what to do. Ask the second group how it felt to follow the instructions.

Before we jump into our lesson I have a question for you guys! Why is it important to follow directions? (allow kids to answer). What happens if we don't follow a recipe when we cook or follow the map to get to a friend's house? (allow kids to answer). (If you used the leader tip, ask the kids why following directions mattered?)

Well, in today's lesson we are going to learn about some important instructions God has for us which are found in the most important book we could ever read! Does anyone know the book I'm talking about? (allow kids to answer). Right! We're going to talk about the Bible!

But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.

Song

Jesus Freak

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: The Bible is our instruction manual for life. **(Repeat)**

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Who does the Bible teach us about? (Jesus and God)
- What book tells us when we're doing something wrong? (the Bible)
- True or False: The Bible is just a book with silly stories. (F)

No way! The Bible is full of really important stuff. You know why? Because the Bible is God's instruction manual for how we're supposed to live. Think about your favorite dessert. Do you just throw a bunch of stuff in a bowl and bake it? No! You follow the recipe to make sure you get all the right ingredients in there so it tastes good. That's how the Bible works. God created us so he knows exactly what we need to work the right way. It teaches us things like how to love our friends, to obey our parents and to always tell the truth.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"It corrects us when we are wrong (shake finger no) and teaches us to do (march in place) what is right (thumbs up)." 2 Timothy 3:16 (Repeat)

This verse is describing the Bible! So, when we're not sure if something is good or bad, we can go to the Bible to see what it says. If the Bible says it's wrong, we should obey and run. If the Bible says we should do it, then we should obey and do it!

The most important thing the Bible teaches is why we need Jesus. The Bible tells us that we're broken due to sin but Jesus came to fix us. So, if we want to be fixed, we have to put our trust in Jesus and give our hearts to him. Then, we can live to honor him every day by obeying what the Bible says about what's right and wrong.

So kids, be sure to read your Bibles and follow what it says!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Whole World

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

The Bible is our instruction manual for life. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.