

Why Read The Bible?

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're talking about the Bible and why it's so important to the Christian faith. Maybe you look at the Bible as just an old book that only adults read. But did you know that the Bible is for you, too? It is and here's why. God gave us the Bible as our instruction manual for life. Think about your lego sets. In order to build the structure correctly, you have to follow all the steps in the instructions, right? Otherwise you might end up with something different than the picture on the box. Well, that's how it works with us, too. God created us so he knows how we should be put together and how we should work. So, the Bible just tells us what to do. The most important thing the Bible teaches us is how we can be saved. Remember, we're all broken from sin and Jesus came to die for our sins to heal us! The Bible also tells us how we are supposed to act. God created us to be obedient, kind, forgiving and to always tell the truth. And, it warns us about danger and the things we shouldn't do, like lie or steal. The Bible is our instruction manual for life so let's read it and obey it!

Big Idea

The Bible is our instruction manual for life.

Key Question

What happens when we ignore what the Bible says?

Memory Verse

2 Timothy 3:16b "It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right."

Classroom Agenda

- (5 min) Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
- (5 min) WARM UP: Have you (or maybe a parent) ever tried to cook something without using a recipe? How did it turn out?** (Tip: Maybe you tried to create your own cake for your birthday or your mom tried a new casserole. If you forget key ingredients, it won't turn out right or taste good!)
- (5 min) PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
- (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
- (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
- (3 min) KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **We're lost and find ourselves in trouble.** (God didn't give us the Bible because he wanted to give us a bunch of rules because he's mean and doesn't want us to have fun. He gave us the Bible to help us, to lead us, and to keep us out of danger. God knows what's best, so if he says not to do something, we should listen. If he says something is good, then we should do more of that!))
 - Bonus Questions:** Why did God give us the Bible? How does the Bible help you in your life? **4-5th** How does lying create trouble for us? How about stealing? Gossip?
- (5 min) EXPLORE: Read Psalm 119:103-105. How do these verses describe God's word? How does the Bible help us to live for God?**(Answer: The Bible is like honey. Honey is yummy and it makes boring things taste better. Honey is also healing for a soar throat. So, God's word helps to make life better and it heals and protects us. The Bible is also a light that shows us the right way to go. Obeying the Bible makes honoring God easy.)
- (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
- (5 min) CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: THE BIBLE SAYS...TRUE OR FALSE GAME

Instructions:

- Read one of the statements below to the class. Each time decide if it's true or false. Then, read the scripture passage that coincides with that statement just to be sure you got the right answer!

Statements:

1. T or F: Lying is okay if it keeps you out of trouble. (F) Proverbs 12:22
2. T or F: We only have to forgive a person once. (F) Luke 17:3-4
3. T or F: Jesus is God. (T) John 1:1
4. T or F: It's okay to cheat off your friend's test. (F) Proverbs 10:9
5. T or F: The good things we do can't save us. (T) Ephesians 2:8-9
6. T or F: God doesn't care about how hard we try at school. (F) Colossians 3:23
7. T or F: Gossiping is never okay, even if someone hurts your feelings. (T) Ephesians 4:29

Supplies needed: Bible

OPTION 2: GOD'S WORD LIGHTS OUR PATH CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Lantern template (page 5) and a half sheet of construction paper. Have the kids color the lantern. Then, have them glue it onto the construction paper.
- Then have them glue the phrase and memory verse somewhere on the lantern or paper.
- As they work, remind the kids that reading the Bible is important because it's our instruction manual for life. It tells us what's right and wrong and lights our path so we know which way to go.

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BIBLE BASICS

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Sometimes the Bible might seem like just a big old book with weird stories in it, but it's actually an instruction manual for our lives!

Key Points:

- The Bible tells us how to be _____.
- The Bible teaches us what's really true about _____ and _____.
- The Bible shows us when we're doing something _____.
- The Bible is our _____ for life.

Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Have you (or maybe a parent) ever tried to cook something without using a recipe? How did it turn out?*
3. *What do we have to do to be saved? What does the Bible say about Jesus?*
4. *What are some other things the Bible tells us we should and shouldn't do?*
5. *Read Psalm 119:103-105. How do these verses describe God's word? How does the Bible help us to live for God?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

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Memory Verse

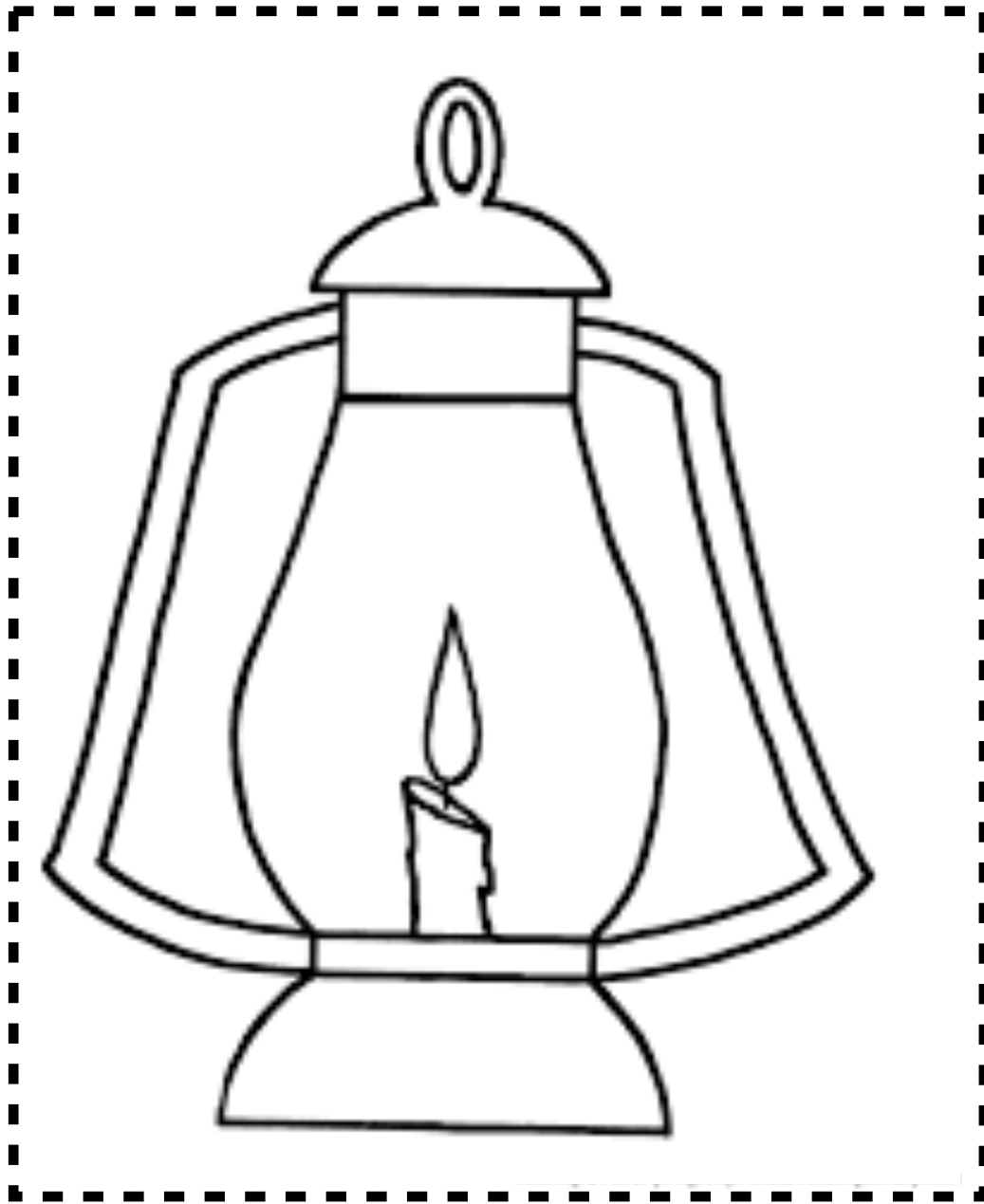
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