

Acts-Revelation

People search the Scriptures

Acts 17:10-12

Younger Verse

If you believe...then you will be saved. Romans 10:9

Older Verse

If you say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe in your heart that God raised Christ from death, then you will be saved. Romans 10:9

Welcome Time

Have you ever wondered if something someone was telling you the truth? What do you do to check it out? (ask someone else, look in a book, etc.) Let's see what the people in a town do when Paul tells them about Jesus.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Let's turn to Acts 17. Acts is in the New Testament. It is the 5th book. Now let's go to chapter 17. Now let's look at sentence 10, 11, and 12. Paul and his friend went to this town to tell the people about Jesus. Verse 11 says that the people listened to what Paul said and they wanted to know if it were true. How did they do this? They searched the Scriptures (or the Bible) to see if Paul was telling the truth. What did they find out? That Paul was right. Jesus did come back to life. Many people believed in Jesus because they looked in the Bible and discovered that Jesus died and came back to life for them.

Do you ever wonder if the stories that I teach you are really true? You can do what these people did. You can look in the Bible and read them for yourself. The Bible is true and all the stories in it really happened. You can read about a real donkey that talked, a man that is swallowed by a HUGE fish, one little lunch that fed more people than an entire school, and lots of other amazing things.

The Bible tells us about all kinds of things. It can help us when we are trying to make decisions about important things in our lives. It also tells us about Jesus and other people that loved God.

But, how do we find the stories? There are several ways to find things in the Bible. First, we can look up the Table of Contents in the front of the Bible. Let's look at it now. (Go to the Table of Contents) See how the whole Bible is listed from the first book to the last book. Who can tell me the first book in the Bible? Who can tell me the last book of the Bible? See how the Bible is separated into 2 parts—the Old Testament

Lesson Goals

Know how to find a verse or book in the Bible
Understand that the Bible is true and it is from God
Know how to find a verse to help you or a friend

and the New Testament. The Old part is before Jesus lived. The New part talks about Jesus' life and what happened after He went to Heaven.

Another way to find something in the Bible is to do it by memorizing parts of it. Many people learn all the books of the Bible or know parts of them so that it is easy for them to find things in it. Let's close our Bibles and try to find Genesis. Remember it's the first book of the Bible. Ready, set, search! Great! Now let's try to find Revelation. Ready, set, search! That's right. It's the last book of the Bible. During our activity time, let's try to memorize some of the books of the Bible.

Another way to find things in the Bible is through a concordance (con-cord-ance). Sometimes it is in the back of the Bible. It lists some verses in the Bible based on words in the verse. For example, if I wanted to look for a verse about God's love, I could look up the word God or the word love in the back. Then I could look through the list until I find the verse I was looking for. Let's try it. What would you like to look for? (Look for it in the Bible)

The best story to read in the Bible is about Jesus. He did an amazing thing for us. He knew that the only way for us to be with God in Heaven was for Him to take our punishment for us. He died for all our bad things that we have done. The best part is that Jesus did not stay dead. He came back to life 3 days later. Because He lives, we can be in Heaven if we believe and trust Him. Would you like to trust Jesus?

Learning Activities

Practice looking up things in the Bible. Explain again how to find chapter and verse.

Memory Verse Activities

Ask the kids what the words "be saved" mean. Talk about how God made a way for us to go to Heaven by sending Jesus. Share how they can go to Heaven. Be sensitive to the hearts of the children.

Prayer Time

Thank God for the Bible. Let every child thank God for one of the books of the Bible (let them pick a book). Pray for other requests and remember to ask about them next week.

Clean Up/Snack time

Enjoy snacks and challenge the kids to learn the books of the Bible this week, and read their Bibles too. Make graham cracker Bibles to eat.

**Planning for May 23rd
Paul in Greece
Acts 17:16-34**

Preschool Lesson
For
People look through the Bible

Paul was a man who loved God very much. We have learned how he walked to many towns to help the people know about God and Jesus. He walked and walked because they did not have cars back then.

In one city, he shared the news about Jesus and the people did not know if Paul was telling the truth. They decided to look in their Bibles to see if what Paul said was really true.

Do you know what they discovered? Paul was telling the truth! They read the Bible and knew that Jesus really was alive and God loved them very much! Because of Paul's message, many people believed in Jesus!

Pray and thank God for the Bible. Even though preschoolers cannot read, show them the words (letters) and help them see how much God loves them and wants them to learn about things in the Bible.

Sing "The B-I-B-L-E."

Hands-On Activities For People search the Bible

Make graham cracker Bibles. Bring graham crackers, chocolate frosting, vanilla frosting, zipper bag, plastic knife, licorice twists. Break off two square crackers. Frost one square with vanilla frosting and the other with chocolate frosting. Put the chocolate cracker on top of the vanilla cracker to look like a Bible. Now, cut a piece of licorice to look like the left side binding of the Bible and place on the frosting. Place a small amount of vanilla frosting into a zipper bag. Cut off the corner and use the frosting bag to spell out BIBLE on the cracker. Enjoy your treat!

If you kids went to Bible Olympics, today's lesson reinforces the importance of learning and knowing Scripture. Take time to help the kids see how THEY can learn and memorize verses from the Bible—and REMEMBER them!

Help the kids “search the Scriptures” like the people did. Help them look up verses in the Bible like John 3:16 etc. Encourage each person as they search for the verse.

This will take a little preparation, but will be very fun! Make a scavenger hunt using verses in the Bible. Use a concordance to look up verses to find/go to places to search for a new clue. Examples: pool, cook or eat, sit or chair, garden, church, etc. Put the verses in the locations and help the kids find the clues!

Example: Go to the (John 5:2) and find a clue. (POOL)
Walk inside the (Matt. 16:18) (CHURCH) and find a clue where you tell
(Ecclesiastes 3:1) (TIME).

Practice learning the Books of the Bible or refreshing their memory.
