



THE BIBLE

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Memory Verses

Week 1

JOHN 20:31

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Week 2

EXODUS 34:6b-7a

"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin."

Week 3

JOHN 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."



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Lesson 1: Why should I read the Bible?

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JOHN 20:31, MATTHEW 4:4

Reading the Bible is awesome for so many reasons!

Have you ever wondered why people read the Bible? Today we're going to talk about a few reasons why reading the Bible is awesome. There are many more!

REASON 1: THE BIBLE IS A LETTER FROM GOD TO YOU

The Bible comes directly from God (2 Timothy 3:16)

God wrote the Bible so that he could know you personally! (John 20:31)

- Ex: Imagine a friend gave you a note in class. Wouldn't you want to know what it said? In the same way, the Bible is written from God to you!

The Bible is compared to a sword which pierces our hearts (Hebrews 4:12). This means that God can use the Bible to show you something specific to what you're going through!

REASON 2: THE BIBLE TELLS US THE BEST WAY TO LIVE

Have you ever been in a situation where you didn't know what to do?

The Bible gives us instructions for many different situations!

- Have you ever wondered how to be a good friend? How to treat your parents? How to use your words? How to navigate fights? The Bible has advice for all of these things!

REASON 3: THE BIBLE IS FUN TO READ!

The Bible includes intriguing stories of miracles, family drama, and more!

- Ex: Peter walking on water (Matthew 14), a talking donkey (Numbers 22), dry bones coming to life (Ezekiel 37), a brother deceiving his twin (Genesis 27), God parting the red sea (Exodus 14), a fiery chariot (2 Kings 2), Jesus on a white horse (Revelation 19)
- It's really fun to learn about these stories and more!

The Bible is an old book that doesn't apply to my life, the Bible is boring, the Bible isn't actually from God, there are better ways to live apart from God's word

Read the Bible, pay attention during Bible teachings, ask questions about the Bible when you have them

- What kinds of things have you heard about the Bible, good or bad?
- What makes reading the Bible hard?
- What makes you excited about reading the Bible?
- What is your favorite Bible story? Why?
- How could reading the Bible impact your life?



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READING POINTERS

Sometimes it can be hard to follow along while reading the Bible. Use these reading pointers to keep your place on the page!

Popsicle sticks, washi tape, markers, glue, wiggle eyes

1. Decorate the popsicle stick using washi tape and markers
2. Glue a wiggle eye to the end of the popsicle stick
3. Use your reading pointer to help you follow along as you read the Bible!





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Lesson 2: What is the Old Testament?

Passage

GENESIS 1, ISAIAH 53, EXODUS 34:5-7

Main Point

The Old Testament teaches us about beginnings, humanity, and God.

Intro

Have you ever wondered why there is an Old Testament and a New Testament in the Bible? How are they different? Do they fit together? Today we will learn about the purpose of the Old Testament and how it applies to us!

Supporting Points

NOTE: Define the Old Testament as a record of God's interactions with humanity BEFORE Jesus

TEACHES US ABOUT BEGINNINGS

Creation (Genesis 1)

Where sin came from (Genesis 3)

God's plan to overcome sin through Jesus (Genesis 3, Isaiah 53)

The nation of Israel, God's chosen people (Genesis 12 - end)

TEACHES US ABOUT HUMANITY

In the Old Testament we see that our own, humans are hopelessly sinful.

- Ex: Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Abraham and Hagar, David and Bathsheba

But with God's help, humans can live well and be victorious

- Ex: Moses, Daniel, Ruth, Elijah

TEACHES US ABOUT GOD

The stories show God's character (Exodus 34:5-7)

The prophecies show that God predictions always comes true! (Abraham and Isaac)

Thinking that the Old Testament isn't important anymore because of the New Testament, thinking the Old Testament is so ancient that it doesn't apply to us today, thinking that God changes from the Old Testament to the New Testament

Explore the Old Testament and see how it applies to your life (i.e. teachings about wisdom, faith, God's promises and predictions, etc.)

What can we learn about God from reading the Old Testament?

What can we learn about humanity from reading the Old Testament?

What would the Bible be like if we didn't have the Old Testament?

What is your favorite story from the Old Testament? Why?

Who is your favorite person from the Old Testament? Why?

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OUBLECK STRESS BALL

Today we learned that the Old Testament teaches us about God's creation of humanity in the very beginning. Today we'll be creative, too! We're creating stress ball friends.

Balloons (2 per stress ball), water bottle, water, flour, corn starch, sharpie marker, cup, spoon or popsicle stick for stirring

1. Mix a cup of water with two cups of cornstarch. Stir until goopy. You should feel resistance when stirring quickly, and no resistance when stirring slowly. This is because the oobleck mixture is a non-newtonian fluid and turns solid when pressure or force is applied.
2. Pour the oobleck mixture into the water bottle.
3. Attach the opening of the balloon to the top of the water bottle. Flip over and squeeze the contents into the balloon until full.
4. Taking care not to let any air bubbles get into the balloon, take the balloon off and tie it in a knot.
5. Take another balloon and cut the end off. Wrap this over the filled balloon to cover up the knot and add more durability.





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Lesson 3: What is the New Testament?

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JOHN 14:6; ROMANS 8:1, 15-16; 1 JOHN 4:11; MATTHEW 28:18-20

Main Point

The New Testament teaches us about Jesus, a new way of relating with God, and a new way of relating with others

Intro

Last week we learned that the Old Testament teaches us about beginnings, God, and humanity. Together, the Old Testament and New Testament tell us ONE story: God's love for humanity.

Supporting Points

NOTE: Define the New Testament as a record of God's interactions with humanity AFTER Jesus

TEACHES US ABOUT JESUS

The gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are about Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In John 14:6 Jesus explains why he came to earth. He says, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

TEACHES US A NEW WAY OF RELATING WITH GOD

Once Jesus pays for our sins (we accept Him), we can relate with God in a new way!

- With the assurance that we are going to heaven (Romans 8:1)
- Viewing God as our "Abba" (father)

TEACHES US A NEW WAY OF RELATING WITH OTHERS

Christians are called to give away the love that we have received from God (1 John 4:11)

Christians are called to share the message of Jesus with people who don't know it

- This is the mission of the New Testament! (Matthew 28:18-20)

Antithesis

The New Testament doesn't fit with the Old Testament, the New Testament doesn't apply to my life, God is different in the New Testament (Although God shows us a new way of relating to him in the New Testament, God Himself does not change)

Application

Explore the New Testament and see how it applies to your life (i.e. teachings about eternal life, God's love, Christian friendships, etc.)

Discussion

What similarities/differences do you notice about the Old/New Testaments?

What would the Bible be like without the New Testament?

What do you know about Jesus? Who was He, and what did He do?

What is the new way of relating with God that we learned? Why might this way be better?

What is one way you could show the love that you've received from God to someone?



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COMIC STRIP

The New Testament is full of cool stories about Jesus and his followers. Pick your favorite story and draw it out in comic form!

Comic strip worksheet, markers and colored pencils, a Bible

Read one of these stories (or any story in the New Testament) and draw a comic strip about it!

- Jesus feeds the 5,000 (John 6)
- Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11)
- Paul and Silas in prison (Acts 11)



Passage: _____

Name: _____

