

Kids Church

September 13, 2026
2nd-3rd Grades

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Theme This Week- “Reading God’s Word!”

Prayer Time- Father, place a burden in our hearts and souls to know Your Word and to know You better. Please help the truth to stand out like a neon sign when we hear it. Help us to be able to discern the truth from the chaos of this World and thirst for the Truth. Please remove anything that gets in our way of us growing in our understanding of You.

Challenge- Hula Hoop Balloon Challenge

Special Story- I hated reading until I found something interesting.
My favorite Bible stories.

Memory Verse – “My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.”
John 10:27

Songs- Free, Goodness of God, Jesus Loves Me

Devotion- Reading God’s Word
Matthew 6:11, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Small Group Time

Is It in the Bible?

What You Need:

- ☐ Floor tape
- ☐ Posterboard
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Create a line on the floor with tape.
- On one piece of posterboard write YES in large letters. On the other piece write NO in large letters.
- Tape the YES sign on one side of the line and the NO sign on the other.

During the Activity:

- Have the kids stand on the line.
- Explain that you are going to ask them if they think different kinds of stories are in the Bible.
- If they think the story is in the Bible, they should jump to the YES side. If not, they should jump to the NO side.
- Ask the following questions:
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about love?" (YES!)
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about a talking pickle?" (NO!)
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about strong warriors?" (YES!)
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about fast cars?" (NO!)
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about kings and queens?" (YES!)
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about a spaceship?" (NO!)
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about a talking donkey?" (YES!)
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about a man that lived inside a giant fish?" (YES!)
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about water that came from a rock?" (YES!)

- “Do you think there are stories in the Bible about a plant that grew from a rock?” (NO!)
- “Do you think there are stories in the Bible about Jesus turning water into milk?” (NO!)

What You Say:

“That was so fun! You are right—the Bible is filled with all kinds of amazing true stories! It has stories about love, and heroes, and kings and queens. All of those stories help us learn about God. The Bible is divided into 66 separate books, and we call the first 39 books the Old Testament. If you flip through toward the end of the Bible, you’ll find the section called the New Testament. There are 27 books in the New Testament. Each part of the Bible is like a puzzle piece that fits together with all the others to tell God’s one big story. You need all the pieces to get the full picture. Reading and listening is how **[Bottom Line] I can learn who God is from the Bible.**”

Take Time to Pray with your Kiddos!

Scripture Stack

What You Need:

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Plastic cups
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Write one word of the Memory Verse on each cup:
 - My
 - sheep
 - listen
 - to
 - my
 - voice;
 - I
 - know
 - them,
 - and
 - they
 - follow
 - me.
 - John
 - 10:27

- Stack cups in a single tower with words mixed up

During the Activity:

- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up John 10:27.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory Verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

Finding verses for 2nd-3rd graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. When they find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the correct chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Hold up the stack of cups. Say: "These cups have the words of our Memory Verse – but they're all mixed up! We're going to work together to stack them into a pyramid in the correct order. We'll start with five cups on the bottom, then four, then three, then two, and one on top."
- Unstack and spread cups out where kids can see all of them.
- Say: "Let's find the very first word of the verse. Does anyone think they might know which word is first?"
- Invite kids up one at a time as they recognize the right words. Allow kids to use their Bibles if they wish.
- Continue building left to right until five cups form the base.
- Say: "Great! Now let's build the next row with four cups."
- Invite kids to continue placing cups in order.
- Continue pattern. Say: "Let's keep building three on this row. Now two more. And one on top to finish it!"
- Keep reinforcing the verse as you go.
- Once finished, point from bottom to top. Say: "Let's read the whole verse together from the bottom to the top."

What You Say:

“You all worked together to stack our Memory Verse – and the more you practiced, the easier it became to put it in the right order. That’s how it works with the Bible too. The more you read it and hear it, the more familiar it becomes. And the more familiar it becomes, the easier it is to recognize what God is saying. God will never say something that goes against what we read in the Bible. So, when you know what is true, it helps you know when something you’re thinking or hearing matches who God is. Over time, reading the Bible helps you recognize God’s voice in everyday life – in your thoughts, your choices, and the way you treat others. So this week, keep practicing. Even a little time in the Bible can help you hear from God more clearly.

[Bottom Line] I can learn to know God through the Bible.”

Discussion Questions

1. How many of you like to read or be read to?
2. What is your favorite type of story?
3. What do you like about that kind of story?
4. Why do you think the Bible is important? It is God’s Word which tells us all about Him.
5. Is every book in the Bible about God? Yes
6. Is every book in the Bible about the same person like Moses? No, it is about hundreds of different people.
7. Does God want us to learn from the Bible? For sure.
8. Why do you think we try to memorize verses from the Bible? Because we know it is God’s Word and it helps us to know God and to know what He wants us to do.
9. Name things you know God wants you to do? Share, Help, Love, Be Kind, Say nice things, Forgive.
10. What is your favorite thing about God?
11. What’s your favorite story in the Bible?
12. What do you think your mom or dad’s favorite story is from the bible?
Maybe you should ask them?