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Module 3 Book

Module 3

The Bible

Module Overview

Welcome to **Module 3** of the Children's Ministry Development Program.

In Module 2, you learned about Jesus Christ—who He is, why He came, the message of the Gospel, and how to introduce children to Him with love, compassion, and biblical truth. Jesus is the center of our faith, and the Bible is the primary way God reveals Himself to us.

In this module, we will focus on **God's Word—the Bible**.

The Bible is much more than an ancient book or a collection of inspiring stories. It is God's inspired Word to humanity. Through the Scriptures, we learn who God is, understand His plan of salvation, discover how to live according to His will, and grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

As Children's Ministry workers, we have a tremendous responsibility. Children trust us to teach them God's truth accurately and faithfully. Every Bible lesson we teach, every Scripture we memorize, and every question we answer should be grounded in God's Word—not our opinions or personal preferences.

Whether you have been reading the Bible for many years or are just beginning to learn about it, this module will help you better understand how the Bible is organized, why it can be trusted, and how to teach it in ways children can understand.

Our prayer is that this module will not only equip you to teach the Bible with confidence but will also inspire you to develop a deeper love for God's Word in your own life.

If you already have a regular habit of reading the Bible, we encourage you to continue growing in your understanding of Scripture.

If you are new to reading the Bible or still have questions about it, we are glad you are here. This module is designed to help you build a strong biblical foundation, and your ministry leader would be happy to answer your questions as you continue learning.

Above all, we pray that God's Word becomes more than something you teach—it becomes something that shapes your heart, strengthens your faith, and guides your daily life.

Module Learning Objectives

After completing this module, you will be able to:

- Explain why the Bible is God's inspired Word.
- Understand why the Bible is the foundation of everything we teach in Children's Ministry.
- Describe how the Bible is organized.
- Develop practical habits for studying and applying Scripture.
- Teach biblical truth accurately and in age-appropriate ways.
- Respond to children's questions using God's Word.
- Encourage children to develop a lifelong love for reading the Bible.
- Continue growing in your own knowledge and understanding of Scripture.

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for giving us Your Word. Thank You for revealing Yourself through the Scriptures and for providing everything we need to know You and follow You faithfully.

As I begin this module, open my heart and mind to understand Your Word more deeply. Help me not only to learn the Bible but also to live it each day. Give me wisdom as I teach children, and help me always communicate Your truth with love, humility, and faithfulness.

May Your Word continue transforming my life so I can faithfully help the next generation know You and follow Jesus.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Lessons Included in This Module

Lesson 1: What Is the Bible?

Lesson 2: Why We Can Trust the Bible

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Lesson 5: Teaching the Bible to Children

Lesson 6: Answering Children's Questions About the Bible

Lesson 7: Helping Children Build a Love for God's Word

Lesson 8: Living God's Word Every Day

Memory Verse for Module 3

Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

As you work through this module, remember that the goal is not simply to gain more knowledge about the Bible. The goal is to know God more deeply through His Word, allow Scripture to shape your daily life, and become better equipped to faithfully teach children the truth that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

Lesson 1

What Is the Bible?

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand what the Bible is and why it is unique.
 - Explain why the Bible is God's inspired Word.
 - Recognize the Bible as the foundation of the Christian faith.
 - Understand why God's Word is the foundation of Children's Ministry.
 - Reflect on the importance of reading and applying Scripture in your own life.
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Key Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NIV)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

The Bible is unlike any other book ever written. Christians believe it is God's inspired Word, given to teach us who He is, reveal His plan for humanity, and guide us in living lives that honor Him.

As Children's Ministry workers, the Bible is the foundation for everything we teach.

Why This Lesson Matters

Imagine trying to build a house without a foundation.

No matter how beautiful it looked on the outside, it would eventually collapse because it was not built on something solid.

Our faith works the same way.

Without God's Word, we have no dependable foundation for knowing who God is, understanding His will, or teaching others about Him.

Everything we believe about God, Jesus Christ, salvation, and Christian living comes from the Bible.

Before we can teach God's Word to children, we must first understand what the Bible is and why it matters.

Whether you have been reading the Bible for years or are opening it for the first time, this lesson is designed to strengthen your confidence in God's Word.

What Is the Bible?

The Bible is God's written revelation to humanity.

Through the Bible, God reveals:

- Who He is.
- His character.
- His love.
- His plan of salvation.
- His promises.
- His instructions for living.

The Bible tells one incredible story.

Although it contains many different books, written over many centuries by many different human authors, it has one central message:

God's plan to redeem humanity through Jesus Christ.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible points us toward Jesus.

Every major story, promise, prophecy, and teaching helps us better understand God's love and His desire for a relationship with us.

Who Wrote the Bible?

The Bible was written by approximately forty different human authors over a period of about 1,500 years.

These authors included:

- Shepherds
- Kings
- Prophets
- Fishermen
- Doctors
- Priests
- Government officials

Although many different people wrote the Bible, Christians believe God guided them through the Holy Spirit.

This is what we mean when we say the Bible is **inspired** by God.

The words were written by human authors, but the message comes from God.

What Does "Inspired" Mean?

When Christians say the Bible is inspired, we mean that God directed the human authors to faithfully record His truth.

The writers did not simply write down their own opinions.

God worked through their personalities, backgrounds, experiences, and writing styles while ensuring that His message was communicated accurately.

Because of this, we can trust the Bible as God's Word.

The Bible Tells One Story

At first glance, the Bible may appear to be a collection of unrelated stories.

In reality, it tells one continuous story.

It begins with creation.

It explains humanity's fall into sin.

It tells of God's covenant with His people.

It points toward the coming Messiah.

It reveals Jesus Christ.

It describes the growth of the early Church.

It ends with God's promise to make all things new.

Every part of Scripture fits into God's greater story of redemption.

Understanding this helps us teach children that the Bible is not simply a collection of moral lessons.

It is the story of God's love and His plan to restore people to Himself through Jesus Christ.

Why Is the Bible Important?

The Bible helps us:

- Know God personally.
- Understand God's love.
- Learn about Jesus.
- Discover God's plan for salvation.
- Grow spiritually.
- Make wise decisions.
- Find comfort during difficult times.
- Recognize truth.
- Learn how to love others.
- Become more like Christ.

As Children's Ministry workers, we should never rely only on our own opinions.

Everything we teach should be grounded in Scripture.

The Bible and Children's Ministry

Children deserve more than entertaining stories.

They deserve God's truth.

Every lesson we teach should come directly from Scripture.

Our responsibility is not to change God's message.

Our responsibility is to communicate God's message in ways children can understand.

Games...

Crafts...

Activities...

Music...

Memory verses...

Everything should support the biblical truth being taught.

The Bible—not our creativity—is the foundation of Children's Ministry.

Reading the Bible Personally

One of the best ways to become an effective Children's Ministry worker is to spend time in God's Word yourself.

Teaching the Bible becomes much easier when you are regularly reading it.

You do not need to know everything.

God invites us to continue learning throughout our lives.

Begin by reading consistently.

Pray before you read.

Ask questions.

Take notes.

Apply what you learn.

The more time you spend in Scripture, the more confident you will become in teaching it.

If You Are New to the Bible

Perhaps you are reading this lesson and realize you have never really studied the Bible before.

That is perfectly okay.

Everyone starts somewhere.

The Bible may seem overwhelming at first, but you do not have to understand everything immediately.

Start by reading a little each day.

Ask questions.

Learn alongside your ministry leaders.

Allow God to teach you through His Word.

This Development Program is designed to help you grow, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey.

Think About It

How has the Bible influenced your life so far?

What do you hope to learn as you continue reading God's Word?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

- Read a passage of Scripture before serving.
- Pray that God will help you understand His Word.
- Look for how your Bible lesson points children to Jesus.
- Encourage children to bring their Bibles to church.
- Remember that God's Word—not our opinions—is our authority.
- Commit to reading the Bible consistently throughout this module.

Did You Know?

The Bible has been translated into thousands of languages, making it the most widely translated and distributed book in history. God's desire is for people of every nation, language, and culture to know Him through His Word.

Discussion Questions

1. What makes the Bible different from every other book?

2. What does it mean that the Bible is inspired by God?

3. Why should every Children's Ministry lesson be based on Scripture?

4. What is one step you can take this week to spend more time in God's Word?

Personal Notes

Use this space to record important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson Summary

The Bible is God's inspired Word and the foundation of everything we believe and teach. Through its pages, we discover God's character, understand His plan of salvation, and learn how to follow Jesus faithfully. As Children's Ministry workers, we are called to teach God's Word accurately, love it personally, and allow it to shape our own lives before we teach it to others. The more we know Scripture, the better equipped we are to help children build their lives on the unchanging truth of God's Word.

Memory Verse

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NIV)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Taking Your Next Step

This week, spend time reading the Bible before you serve in Children's Ministry. Ask God to help you understand His Word and to show you how each passage points to Jesus. As you continue through this module, remember that the goal is not simply to know more about the Bible, but to know God more deeply through His Word and faithfully share His truth with the children He has entrusted to your care.

Lesson 2

Why We Can Trust the Bible

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand why Christians believe the Bible is trustworthy.
 - Recognize the historical reliability of the Bible.
 - Explain why the Bible continues to be relevant today.
 - Answer common questions children may ask about the Bible.
 - Develop greater confidence in teaching God's Word.
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Key Scripture

Numbers 23:19 (NIV)

"God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?"

Everything God says is true.

Because the Bible is God's Word, we can trust that it is truthful, dependable, and faithful. Our confidence is not simply in an ancient book—it is in the God who gave it to us.

Why This Lesson Matters

Children naturally ask questions.

Some may ask:

- "How do we know the Bible is true?"
- "Did people make up the stories?"
- "Can we really trust what the Bible says?"

These are honest questions.

As Children's Ministry workers, we should not be afraid of questions.

Instead, we should be prepared to answer them with humility, confidence, and biblical truth.

This lesson is designed to help you understand why Christians place their confidence in God's Word.

We Trust the Bible Because We Trust God

Our confidence in the Bible begins with God Himself.

The Bible teaches that God is:

- Perfect.
- Holy.
- Faithful.
- All-knowing.
- Unchanging.
- Truthful.

If God cannot lie, then we can trust what He has revealed.

The Bible is trustworthy because its Author is trustworthy.

Long before we learn about archaeology, history, or fulfilled prophecy, we begin with God's character.

Because God is faithful, His Word is faithful.

The Bible Has Been Carefully Preserved

The Bible was originally written thousands of years ago.

Over many centuries, faithful scribes carefully copied the Scriptures by hand.

Today, thousands of ancient manuscripts allow scholars to compare copies and confirm that the Bible has been accurately preserved throughout history.

Although modern translations may use different wording to make the Bible easier to understand, the message remains the same.

God has faithfully preserved His Word for generation after generation.

The Bible Is Historically Reliable

The Bible is not simply a collection of stories.

It records real people...

Real places...

Real nations...

Real kings...

Real events.

Archaeological discoveries have repeatedly confirmed many of the people, cities, and events described in Scripture.

History continues to support what the Bible records.

While our faith is ultimately built on God rather than archaeology, historical evidence consistently supports the reliability of the biblical record.

The Bible Changes Lives

One of the greatest evidences of God's Word is its power to transform lives.

For thousands of years, people around the world have experienced God's forgiveness, peace, hope, and transformation through Jesus Christ after reading and believing the Bible.

God's Word has:

- Restored broken lives.
- Brought hope to hurting people.
- Guided families.
- Strengthened believers.
- Encouraged those facing hardship.
- Led countless people into a relationship with Jesus.

God continues changing lives through His Word today.

Scripture Study

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

The Bible is not simply a history book.

It is God's living Word.

Every time we read Scripture, God continues speaking to us through it.

The Bible Never Goes Out of Date

Although the Bible was written long ago, its message is timeless.

People still experience:

- Fear.
- Joy.
- Grief.
- Temptation.
- Hope.
- Doubt.
- Love.
- Forgiveness.

Because human nature has not changed, God's truth continues to speak to every generation.

Children today face challenges different from previous generations, but God's wisdom continues to guide them.

The Bible remains just as relevant today as when it was first written.

Helping Children Trust the Bible

Children do not need complicated explanations.

Help them understand simple truths like:

- God always tells the truth.
- God's Word can be trusted.
- The Bible teaches us how much God loves us.
- The Bible helps us know Jesus.
- God's promises never fail.

As children grow older, they will continue asking deeper questions.

Our responsibility is to build a strong biblical foundation that prepares them for those conversations.

What If Someone Asks a Difficult Question?

Sometimes children may ask questions like:

- "How do we know God is real?"
- "Who wrote the Bible?"
- "Can we trust miracles?"
- "Why are there different Bible translations?"

You do not have to know every answer.

It is perfectly acceptable to say:

"That's a great question. Let's learn about that together."

Then continue studying God's Word and seek guidance from your Children's Ministry Director or ministry leader.

Being honest builds trust.

If You Have Questions About the Bible

Perhaps you have questions about the Bible yourself.

That is completely normal.

Many faithful Christians have asked difficult questions while growing in their faith.

God is not threatened by honest questions.

Continue reading.

Continue learning.

Continue asking.

As you grow in your understanding of Scripture, your confidence will continue to grow as well.

Your ministry leader would be happy to discuss any questions you have during your scheduled meeting.

Think About It

What gives you confidence that the Bible is trustworthy?

How can your confidence in God's Word help you serve children more effectively?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

Spend time reading God's Word before serving.

- Remember that God's Word is your authority.
 - Encourage children to ask questions about the Bible.
 - Be honest when you do not know an answer.
 - Continue learning so you can teach with confidence.
 - Pray that God will strengthen your faith in His Word.
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Did You Know?

The Bible has been translated into more languages than any other book in history and continues to be read by millions of people every day. Across cultures and generations, God's Word continues to transform lives and point people to Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. Why can we trust the Bible?

2. Why is God's character the foundation for trusting His Word?

3. How would you answer a child who asks, "Can I really believe what the Bible says?"

4. What should you do if someone asks a question about the Bible that you cannot answer?

Lesson 3

Understanding the Bible

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand how the Bible is organized.
 - Become familiar with the Old and New Testaments.
 - Recognize the major divisions of the Bible.
 - Understand how every part of Scripture points to Jesus Christ.
 - Gain confidence in finding books, chapters, and verses.
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Key Scripture

Luke 24:27 (NIV)

"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."

After His resurrection, Jesus taught His disciples that all of Scripture ultimately points to Him. Although the Bible contains many books written by many different authors, it tells one unified story of God's plan to redeem humanity through Jesus Christ.

Why This Lesson Matters

Many people see the Bible as a collection of separate stories.

One week we read about Noah.

The next week we study David.

Another week we learn about Daniel or Paul.

While each story teaches important truths, they are all connected.

The Bible tells one continuous story.

When we understand how the Bible fits together, we become better teachers and better students of God's Word.

Children also benefit from seeing how every Bible story fits into God's greater plan of salvation.

The Bible Has Two Main Sections

The Bible is divided into two major sections:

The Old Testament

The New Testament

Together they tell God's complete story of creation, redemption, and restoration.

The Old Testament

The Old Testament contains **39 books**.

It begins with creation and records God's relationship with His people before the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Old Testament teaches us about:

- Creation
- Adam and Eve
- Noah
- Abraham
- Moses
- Joshua
- David
- Solomon
- The prophets
- God's promises
- The coming Messiah

Although Jesus had not yet come, the Old Testament continually points forward to Him through prophecy, promises, and symbols.

Major Divisions of the Old Testament

The Law (Genesis–Deuteronomy)

These books tell us about:

- Creation
- The Fall
- Noah
- Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Joseph
- Moses
- The Exodus
- God's Law

These books establish the foundation of God's relationship with His people.

History (Joshua–Esther)

These books record the history of Israel.

They include stories about:

- Joshua
- Ruth
- Samuel
- David
- Solomon
- Elijah
- Elisha
- Esther
- Ezra
- Nehemiah

These books show God's faithfulness throughout Israel's history.

Poetry and Wisdom (Job–Song of Solomon)

These books include:

- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon

They teach wisdom, worship, prayer, and practical Christian living.

Many of the verses children memorize come from Psalms and Proverbs.

The Prophets (Isaiah–Malachi)

The prophets called God's people to return to Him.

They warned against sin.

They offered hope.

Most importantly, they foretold the coming of Jesus Christ hundreds of years before His birth.

Many Christmas Bible lessons come from these prophetic books.

The New Testament

The New Testament contains **27 books**.

It begins with the birth of Jesus and continues through the early Church.

The New Testament teaches us about:

- The life of Jesus
- His miracles
- His death
- His resurrection
- The birth of the Church
- Christian living
- God's future promises

Everything in the Old Testament points toward Jesus.

Everything in the New Testament points back to Him.

Major Divisions of the New Testament

The Gospels (Matthew–John)

The first four books tell the story of Jesus' earthly ministry.

They record:

- His birth
- His teachings
- His miracles
- His death
- His resurrection

Although each Gospel has a unique perspective, together they present one complete picture of Jesus Christ.

History (Acts)

The Book of Acts tells the story of the early Church.

It records:

- The coming of the Holy Spirit.
- The growth of the Church.
- Missionary journeys.
- The spread of the Gospel.

Acts reminds us that God's work continues after Jesus returned to heaven.

Letters (Romans–Jude)

These letters were written to churches and individual believers.

They teach Christians how to:

- Grow spiritually.
- Live faithfully.
- Love others.

- Resolve problems.
- Remain strong in their faith.

Many of the practical teachings we use today come from these letters.

Prophecy (Revelation)

The final book of the Bible reminds us that Jesus will one day return.

It gives believers hope.

It reminds us that God wins.

One day God will make all things new.

This promise encourages us to remain faithful until Christ returns.

Understanding Chapters and Verses

The Bible is organized to help us find specific passages easily.

Each book is divided into:

- Chapters
- Verses

For example:

John 3:16

John = Book

3 = Chapter

16 = Verse

Learning to find Scripture quickly will help you teach children more confidently.

It also encourages children to begin navigating the Bible on their own.

Every Story Points to Jesus

One of the most important truths for Children's Ministry workers to remember is this:

The Bible is not simply a collection of heroes.

The Bible is ultimately about Jesus.

Noah points us toward God's salvation.

Abraham points us toward God's promises.

David points us toward the coming King.

Jonah reminds us of God's mercy.

The Passover points us toward Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Every story helps reveal God's plan of redemption.

As Children's Ministry workers, we should always ask:

"How does this lesson help children know Jesus better?"

Helping Children Navigate Their Bibles

One of the greatest gifts we can give children is teaching them how to use their own Bible.

Encourage children to:

- Bring their Bible to church.
- Learn the names of the books.
- Practice finding verses.
- Highlight important passages (if appropriate).
- Ask questions about what they read.
- Read the Bible at home with their family.

Helping children become comfortable using God's Word prepares them for a lifetime of studying Scripture.

If the Bible Feels Overwhelming

Perhaps you've opened the Bible before and felt unsure where to begin.

You're not alone.

The Bible can seem like a large and complex book.

Don't become discouraged.

Start with the Gospels.

Read a little each day.

Ask questions.

Pray before you read.

Remember that learning God's Word is a lifelong journey.

God is patient, and He delights in teaching those who sincerely seek Him.

Think About It

Which book of the Bible have you learned the most from so far?

What book of the Bible would you like to understand better?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

Practice finding today's Bible lesson before class begins.

- Encourage children to bring their Bibles.
 - Help children locate verses during class.
 - Explain how today's lesson points to Jesus.
 - Continue reading one chapter of the Bible each day.
 - Pray that God helps you understand His Word more deeply.
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Did You Know?

Although the Bible contains 66 books written over approximately 1,500 years by around 40 different authors, it tells one unified story of God's love and His plan to redeem humanity through Jesus Christ. This remarkable unity is one reason Christians have confidence in the Bible's divine inspiration.

Discussion Questions

1. What are the two main sections of the Bible?

2. Why is it helpful to understand how the Bible is organized?

3. How does the Old Testament point to Jesus?

4. What is one way you can help children become more comfortable using their Bibles?

Personal Notes

Use this space to record important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson Summary

The Bible is one unified story of God's love and redemption, revealed through 66 books that work together to point us to Jesus Christ. Understanding how the Bible is organized helps us read it with greater confidence and teach it more effectively. As Children's Ministry workers, our responsibility is not only to know God's Word but also to help children discover that every page of Scripture reveals God's faithful plan and His invitation to know Him through Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse

Luke 24:27 (NIV)

"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."

Taking Your Next Step

This week, spend time exploring the table of contents in your Bible and become more familiar with its books and organization. As you prepare your next Children's Ministry lesson, ask yourself, "**How does this passage point children to Jesus?**" The more you understand the Bible as one complete story, the more confidently you will be able to teach God's truth and help children build a lifelong love for His Word.

Lesson 4

Studying God's Word

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Develop healthy habits for studying the Bible.
 - Understand the difference between reading and studying Scripture.
 - Learn practical methods for understanding God's Word.
 - Recognize the importance of applying Scripture to your daily life.
 - Prepare yourself to teach the Bible with greater confidence.
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Key Scripture

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

God never intended for His Word to simply be read occasionally. He desires for us to know it, think about it, obey it, and allow it to shape every area of our lives.

As Children's Ministry workers, our ability to teach others begins with our willingness to study God's Word ourselves.

Why This Lesson Matters

Every week, children arrive expecting to learn something about God.

That means we have a responsibility to prepare ourselves before we step into the classroom.

Teaching the Bible isn't simply reading a lesson from a curriculum.

It begins with spending time in God's Word personally.

The more familiar we become with Scripture, the more naturally we can explain God's truth to children.

Children quickly recognize when God's Word is meaningful to the adults teaching them.

Our own relationship with Scripture becomes one of our greatest teaching tools.

Reading the Bible vs. Studying the Bible

Reading the Bible and studying the Bible are both important, but they are not exactly the same.

Reading helps us become familiar with God's Word.

We learn the stories.

We become familiar with the people.

We understand God's overall plan.

Studying goes deeper.

When we study the Bible, we ask questions like:

- What is happening?
- Who wrote this?
- Who was it written to?
- What does this teach me about God?
- What does this teach me about Jesus?
- How should this change the way I live?

Both reading and studying are important for spiritual growth.

Begin with Prayer

Before opening your Bible, ask God to help you understand His Word.

The Holy Spirit helps believers understand and apply Scripture.

A simple prayer might be:

"Lord, teach me through Your Word today. Help me understand what You want me to learn and give me wisdom to apply it to my life."

Approaching Scripture with humility prepares our hearts to receive God's truth.

Read Carefully

Avoid rushing through Scripture simply to complete a reading plan.

Instead:

Read slowly.

Pay attention.

Notice repeated words.

Notice important conversations.

Notice God's character.

Notice what Jesus says.

Sometimes reading fewer verses carefully is more valuable than reading many chapters without understanding them.

Quality is often more important than quantity.

Ask Good Questions

Good Bible study begins with good questions.

Ask yourself:

- What is happening?
- Who is speaking?
- Who is listening?
- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this teach about Jesus?
- Is there an example to follow?

- Is there a warning to remember?
- Is there a promise to trust?

Questions help us move beyond simply reading words to understanding God's message.

Apply What You Learn

Bible study is never complete until we apply what God teaches us.

James reminds us that we should not only hear God's Word—we should live it.

Ask yourself:

- What is God teaching me?
- Is there something I need to change?
- Is there someone I need to forgive?
- Is there a promise I need to trust?
- Is there an attitude I need to surrender?

God's Word transforms us when we obey it.

Scripture Study

James 1:22 (NIV)

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

Knowledge alone does not produce spiritual growth.

Obedience does.

God desires lives that are transformed by His Word.

Helpful Study Tools

As you continue growing, you may find these tools helpful:

- A study Bible

- A Bible dictionary
- Bible maps
- A notebook or journal
- Different Bible translations
- Trusted commentaries recommended by your ministry leaders

These resources can help deepen your understanding of Scripture.

However, always remember:

The Bible itself remains our primary authority.

Study tools should help us understand Scripture—not replace it.

Preparing to Teach Children

Before teaching any Bible lesson, ask yourself:

- Have I prayed?
- Have I read the passage myself?
- Do I understand the main point?
- How does this lesson point to Jesus?
- How can I explain this in language children will understand?
- How can children apply this lesson to their own lives?

Preparing spiritually is just as important as preparing the lesson itself.

Children benefit when their teachers first allow God's Word to speak to their own hearts.

If You Feel Inexperienced

Perhaps you are reading this lesson and thinking,

"I don't know enough about the Bible."

Remember:

Every experienced Bible teacher started exactly where you are.

No one knows everything.

Continue reading.

Continue learning.

Continue asking questions.

God honors humble hearts that desire to know Him.

As you faithfully spend time in His Word, your understanding and confidence will continue to grow.

Think About It

When do you usually spend time reading the Bible?

What is one change you could make to become more consistent in studying God's Word?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

- Pray before reading your Bible.
- Read your Children's Ministry lesson before Sunday.
- Ask questions as you study.
- Look for how the lesson points to Jesus.
- Write down one truth God teaches you personally.
- Look for one way to apply that truth during the week.

Did You Know?

Even many experienced pastors and Bible teachers continue studying the same passages throughout their lives. God's Word is so rich that we continue discovering new insights as we grow spiritually. The goal is not to know everything—it is to faithfully continue learning.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the difference between reading the Bible and studying the Bible?

2. Why should prayer be part of every Bible study?

3. Why is it important to apply what we learn from Scripture instead of simply gaining knowledge?

4. What is one practical step you will take to strengthen your personal Bible study this week?

Personal Notes

Use this space to record important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson 5

Teaching the Bible to Children

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand the responsibility of teaching God's Word to children.
 - Learn how to teach Scripture accurately and age-appropriately.
 - Recognize the difference between telling a Bible story and teaching biblical truth.
 - Identify practical ways to help children understand and apply Scripture.
 - Prepare Bible lessons that point children to Jesus.
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Key Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (NIV)

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children."

God has always cared about children knowing His Word. Teaching Scripture to the next generation is not only the responsibility of parents, pastors, or teachers. Everyone who serves children has an opportunity to help them understand God's truth and learn how to live according to His Word.

Why This Lesson Matters

Teaching the Bible to children is a sacred responsibility.

When we teach Scripture, we are not simply sharing good stories or moral lessons. We are helping children understand who God is, who Jesus is, what sin is, what salvation means, and how to live as followers of Christ.

Children are still forming their understanding of God, the Church, prayer, worship, and faith. The way we teach the Bible can shape their spiritual foundation for years to come.

Because of this, we must handle God's Word carefully.

We should never treat Bible lessons as something casual or unimportant. Every lesson is an opportunity to plant truth in a child's heart.

More Than Telling Bible Stories

Bible stories are important, but our goal is not only for children to know what happened.

Our goal is for children to understand what God is teaching.

For example, when teaching about David and Goliath, the lesson is not simply:

“David was brave.”

A stronger biblical lesson is:

“David trusted God, and God showed His power.”

When teaching about Noah, the lesson is not simply:

“Noah built a big boat.”

A stronger biblical lesson is:

“Noah obeyed God, and God provided a way of rescue.”

When teaching about Jesus calming the storm, the lesson is not simply:

“Jesus stopped the wind and waves.”

A stronger biblical lesson is:

“Jesus has power over creation, and we can trust Him when we are afraid.”

Bible stories should always lead children toward biblical truth.

Teach Accurately

Children deserve to hear God's Word taught faithfully.

This means we should:

- Read the Bible passage before teaching.
- Understand the main point of the lesson.
- Avoid adding details that are not in Scripture.
- Avoid changing the meaning to make the story more exciting.
- Teach what the passage actually says.
- Ask for help if we are unsure how to explain something.

Creativity is helpful, but accuracy is more important.

Games, crafts, skits, videos, and activities should support the Bible lesson, not replace it.

The Bible should always remain the center of the teaching time.

Teach Age-Appropriately

Children at different ages understand things differently.

Younger children often need:

- Simple words.
- Short explanations.
- Repetition.
- Pictures.
- Movement.
- Hands-on activities.
- Clear examples.

Older children may be ready for:

- Deeper questions.
- Group discussion.
- Bible reading practice.
- Personal application.
- Memory verse challenges.
- More detailed explanations.

Age-appropriate teaching does not mean watering down Scripture.

It means explaining God's truth in a way children can understand.

A good teacher asks:

“How can I explain this truth clearly to the children in front of me?”

Keep Jesus at the Center

Every Bible lesson should help children understand God's plan and point them toward Jesus.

The Bible is not mainly about human heroes.

It is about God's faithfulness and His plan of salvation through Jesus Christ.

When teaching, ask:

- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this passage teach about people?
- How does this passage point to Jesus?
- What truth should children remember?
- How can children apply this truth?

Keeping Jesus at the center prevents us from turning Bible lessons into simple behavior lessons.

Our goal is not just better behavior.

Our goal is transformed hearts.

Help Children Apply Scripture

Children need to know that the Bible applies to their daily lives.

After teaching a Bible lesson, help children answer:

“What does this mean for me?”

Application helps children connect God's Word to real life.

For example:

- If God forgives us, we should forgive others.
- If Jesus cares for people, we should show kindness.
- If God hears prayer, we can pray when we are afraid.
- If the Bible teaches honesty, we should tell the truth.
- If Jesus served others, we can serve too.

Application should be simple, clear, and practical.

Children should leave class knowing one truth they can live out during the week.

Use Repetition

Children learn through repetition.

Do not be afraid to repeat important truths often.

A child may need to hear the same truth many times before it becomes part of their understanding.

Repeat key ideas such as:

- God loves me.
- Jesus died and rose again.
- The Bible is God's Word.
- I can pray to God.
- God hears me.
- I can trust Jesus.
- I can obey God's Word.

Repetition builds spiritual confidence.

Make Learning Engaging

Children learn best when they are actively involved.

Effective teaching may include:

- Reading Scripture aloud.
- Asking questions.
- Showing pictures.
- Acting out parts of the story.
- Using object lessons.
- Singing songs connected to the lesson.
- Practicing the memory verse.
- Completing a craft that reinforces the truth.
- Discussing real-life examples.

Engaging lessons help children remember biblical truth.

However, activity should always have a purpose.

Fun is helpful, but truth is the goal.

Be Prepared

Preparation communicates value.

Before teaching, take time to:

- Pray.
- Read the Scripture passage.
- Review the lesson.
- Gather supplies.
- Prepare activities.
- Think through possible questions.
- Ask how the lesson points to Jesus.
- Plan the main takeaway.

Prepared teachers are more confident, calm, and effective.

Children can often tell when a teacher is prepared.

Preparation helps create a peaceful and organized classroom where children can focus on learning God's Word.

If You Are Still Learning the Bible

You do not need to know everything about the Bible before you can serve.

Every ministry worker is still learning.

What matters is that you remain humble, teachable, and committed to growing.

If you do not understand a passage, ask your ministry leader for help.

If a child asks a question you cannot answer, be honest.

You can say:

“That is a great question. I want to make sure I answer it correctly, so I am going to ask a ministry leader and get back to you.”

Honesty builds trust.

Think About It

What Bible story had an impact on you when you were younger?

Why do you think that story stayed with you?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

- Read the Bible passage before teaching.
 - Identify the main truth of the lesson.
 - Ask how the lesson points to Jesus.
 - Prepare one simple application for the children.
 - Use one activity that helps reinforce the lesson.
 - Pray that God’s Word will take root in each child’s heart.
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Did You Know?

Children often remember biblical truth more clearly when it is connected to action, repetition, and relationship. A lesson taught with love, clarity, and consistency can help a child remember God's Word for many years.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the difference between telling a Bible story and teaching biblical truth?

2. Why is it important to teach Scripture accurately?

3. How can you make a Bible lesson age-appropriate without changing the truth of Scripture?

4. Why should every Bible lesson point children toward Jesus?

Personal Notes

Use this space to record important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson Summary

Teaching the Bible to children is a holy responsibility. Our goal is not simply to tell stories, entertain children, or help them behave better. Our goal is to faithfully teach God's Word in a way children can understand, remember, and apply. As we prepare carefully, teach accurately, keep Jesus at the center, and help children connect Scripture to daily life, we help build a strong spiritual foundation that can guide them for the rest of their lives.

Memory Verse

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV)

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children."

Taking Your Next Step

This week, review the Bible lesson before you serve and ask yourself three questions: What does this passage teach about God? How does this passage point to Jesus? What is one truth children can apply this week? Pray that God will help you teach His Word with accuracy, love, and confidence.

Lesson 6

Answering Children's Questions About the Bible

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand why children ask questions about the Bible.
 - Respond to Bible questions with patience, honesty, and biblical truth.
 - Know what to do when you do not know the answer.
 - Help children feel safe asking questions about Scripture.
 - Encourage children to continue learning God's Word.
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Key Scripture

Proverbs 2:6 (NIV)

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."

God is the source of all true wisdom. When children ask questions about the Bible, we have the opportunity to guide them toward God's truth with humility, patience, and love.

Why This Lesson Matters

Children are naturally curious.

They want to know why things happened, what words mean, how Bible stories connect, and how God's Word applies to their lives.

Sometimes children ask simple questions.

Other times they ask deep questions that adults may find difficult to answer.

Questions like:

- Who wrote the Bible?
- Why are there so many books in the Bible?
- How do we know the Bible is true?
- Why did God ask people to obey certain rules?
- Why did bad things happen in Bible stories?
- Does the Bible still matter today?
- What does this verse mean?

These questions are not problems.

They are opportunities for discipleship.

When children ask sincere questions, they are showing that they are thinking about God's Word.

Questions Help Children Grow

A child who asks questions is often a child who is trying to understand.

Questions help children:

- Think deeply.
- Build confidence.
- Understand Scripture.
- Connect Bible truth to real life.
- Develop personal faith.
- Learn how to seek answers from God's Word.

We should never make children feel embarrassed for asking questions.

Instead, we should encourage curiosity and guide them toward biblical truth.

A safe classroom is one where children know they can ask honest questions.

Listen First

Before answering, listen carefully.

Sometimes a child may ask one question, but they are really wondering about something deeper.

For example, a child may ask:

"Why did God let that happen?"

They may not only be asking about a Bible story.

They may also be thinking about something difficult in their own life.

Instead of answering too quickly, ask gentle follow-up questions:

- "What made you think about that?"
- "Can you tell me more about your question?"
- "What part of the story are you wondering about?"
- "How did that make you feel?"

Listening shows children that their thoughts matter.

Answer with Truth and Kindness

When answering questions about the Bible, our goal is to be both truthful and kind.

We should not avoid difficult truths, but we should explain them with wisdom.

Children need answers that are:

- Biblical.
- Clear.
- Age-appropriate.
- Gentle.
- Honest.

For younger children, answers should be short and simple.

For older children, answers may include more explanation, discussion, and Scripture reading.

Always remember that the goal is not to win an argument.

The goal is to help a child understand God's truth and grow in faith.

Keep the Bible as the Foundation

When children ask Bible questions, begin with Scripture whenever possible.

You might say:

- "Let's see what the Bible says."
- "That reminds me of a verse."
- "God's Word helps us understand this."
- "The Bible teaches us that..."

This helps children learn that the Bible is our authority.

It also teaches them where to go when they have questions.

Over time, children begin to understand that God's Word gives wisdom for life.

When You Do Not Know the Answer

You will not know the answer to every question.

That is okay.

No ministry worker knows everything.

When you do not know the answer, be honest.

You can say:

"That is a really good question. I do not know the answer right now, but I want to find out."

Or:

"I want to make sure I answer that correctly. Let me ask a ministry leader and get back to you."

This kind of honesty builds trust.

It also models humility.

Never make up an answer.

Never guess about Scripture.

Never pretend to know something you do not know.

A humble answer is better than an inaccurate answer.

Avoid Personal Opinions as Final Answers

Sometimes children's questions involve things the Bible does not fully explain.

When Scripture is clear, we teach Scripture clearly.

When Scripture does not give every detail, we should be careful not to present our opinions as biblical fact.

You can say:

"The Bible does not tell us every detail about that, but it does tell us this..."

This teaches children an important lesson:

God's Word is our authority, and we should handle it carefully.

Common Bible Questions Children May Ask

Here are a few examples of common questions and simple responses.

Question: Who wrote the Bible?

Possible answer:

"Many different people wrote the Bible, but God guided them through the Holy Spirit. That is why we call the Bible God's Word."

Question: Why are there so many books in the Bible?

Possible answer:

"The Bible has many books because God used different people at different times to tell one big story about His love and His plan to save us through Jesus."

Question: Is the Bible true?

Possible answer:

"Yes. We believe the Bible is true because it is God's Word, and God always tells the truth."

Question: Why do some Bible stories have sad or difficult parts?

Possible answer:

"The Bible tells the truth about the world. It shows that sin causes pain, but it also shows that God is good, faithful, and able to bring hope."

Question: Why should I read the Bible?

Possible answer:

"The Bible helps us know God, learn about Jesus, and understand how to live in a way that pleases Him."

Encourage Children to Keep Learning

A single answer may not fully satisfy every question.

That is okay.

Spiritual growth happens over time.

Encourage children to:

- Keep asking questions.
- Read the Bible with their family.
- Pray for understanding.
- Talk with trusted leaders.
- Keep learning as they grow.

Questions are part of discipleship.

Children who learn how to seek answers from God's Word are building habits that can strengthen their faith for life.

Partner with Parents

When children ask meaningful or sensitive questions, it may be helpful to involve parents or guardians.

Parents are the primary spiritual influence in a child's life.

If a child asks a question about salvation, baptism, heaven, death, family issues, or other sensitive matters, notify the Children's Ministry Director or ministry leader so the conversation can be handled wisely.

Whenever appropriate, encourage the child to talk with their parents at home.

Church and family should work together to help children grow spiritually.

Think About It

What Bible question have you wondered about personally?

How can your own questions help you become more patient with children who are learning?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

- Welcome questions during class.
- Listen carefully before answering.
- Use the Bible as your foundation.
- Answer with kindness and patience.

- Be honest when you do not know the answer.
 - Follow up with your ministry leader when needed.
 - Encourage children to keep learning God's Word.
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Did You Know?

Children who feel safe asking questions are more likely to stay engaged in learning. When adults respond with patience and honesty, children learn that faith is not afraid of questions and that God's Word is worth studying deeply.

Discussion Questions

1. Why should children's questions be viewed as opportunities rather than interruptions?

2. Why is it important to listen carefully before answering a child's question?

3. What should you do if a child asks a Bible question you cannot answer?

4. How can we help children learn to look to the Bible for answers?

Personal Notes

Use this space to record important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson Summary

Children's questions about the Bible are valuable opportunities for discipleship. As Children's Ministry workers, we should respond with patience, honesty, humility, and biblical truth. We do not need to know every answer, but we should always point children back to God's Word and continue learning alongside them. By creating a classroom where questions are welcomed, we help children develop confidence in Scripture and a lifelong desire to know God more deeply.

Memory Verse

Proverbs 2:6 (NIV)

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."

Taking Your Next Step

This week, pray for wisdom as you serve. Ask God to help you listen carefully, answer gently, and guide children toward His Word. If you have your own questions about the Bible, write them down and bring them to your meeting with your ministry leader. Growing in God's Word is a lifelong journey, and every question can become an opportunity to know Him more deeply.

Lesson 7

Helping Children Build a Love for God's Word

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand why children need more than Bible knowledge.
 - Recognize the importance of helping children love God's Word.
 - Identify practical ways to make Scripture meaningful and engaging.
 - Encourage children to read, remember, and apply the Bible.
 - Partner with families in helping children grow in God's Word.
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Key Scripture

Psalm 119:11 (NIV)

"I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You."

God's Word is not meant to remain only on a page. It is meant to be received, remembered, treasured, and lived. When children learn to love God's Word, they begin building a foundation that can guide them throughout their entire lives.

Why This Lesson Matters

It is possible for children to know Bible facts without truly loving God's Word.

They may know the names of Bible characters.

They may remember stories.

They may answer questions correctly.

But our goal is deeper than information.

We want children to understand that the Bible is God's Word and that it matters for their daily lives.

A child who loves God's Word will be more likely to turn to Scripture for wisdom, comfort, correction, encouragement, and truth as they grow older.

Children's Ministry should help children see the Bible as a gift from God, not just another book they hear about at church.

Loving God's Word Begins with Us

Children often imitate what they see.

If we want children to value Scripture, they should see that we value Scripture too.

When ministry workers are excited about God's Word, children notice.

When we open the Bible with reverence, children notice.

When we explain Scripture with joy, children notice.

When we apply God's Word to our own lives, children notice.

We cannot force children to love the Bible, but we can model what it looks like to treasure God's Word.

Before asking children to love Scripture, we should ask ourselves:

"Do I love God's Word?"

"Do I make time for Scripture in my own life?"

"Do I allow the Bible to shape my decisions?"

Our personal relationship with God's Word influences the way we teach it.

Make Scripture Understandable

Children are more likely to love the Bible when they understand it.

This does not mean every passage must be simplified until it loses meaning.

It means we should explain biblical truth clearly.

Helpful ways to make Scripture understandable include:

- Use age-appropriate words.
- Explain unfamiliar Bible terms.
- Give simple examples.
- Ask children what they think a verse means.
- Connect Scripture to everyday life.
- Repeat the main truth more than once.
- Use visuals when helpful.

For example, if teaching Psalm 119:105, you might say:

"The Bible is like a light that helps us know where to go. Just like a flashlight helps you see in the dark, God's Word helps us make wise choices."

Simple explanations help children see that Scripture is meaningful.

Make Scripture Memorable

Children remember what they repeat, practice, and experience.

Memory verses are an important part of Children's Ministry because they help children carry God's Word with them.

To help children memorize Scripture, you can:

- Read the verse aloud together.
- Break the verse into small parts.
- Add hand motions.
- Use a song or rhythm.
- Repeat the verse during class.
- Review the verse in future weeks.
- Explain what the verse means.
- Encourage children to practice at home.

The goal is not simply for children to recite words.

The goal is for God's Word to take root in their hearts.

A memorized verse may come back to a child years later when they need encouragement, wisdom, or strength.

Make Scripture Personal

Children need to know that the Bible is not only about people who lived long ago.

God's Word speaks to their lives today.

Help children apply Scripture by asking questions like:

- What does this verse teach us about God?
- What does this verse teach us about Jesus?
- What does this verse teach us about how to treat others?
- How can we obey this verse at home?
- How can we live this truth at school?
- What should we remember when we feel afraid?
- How can this verse help us make wise choices?

Application helps children understand that the Bible belongs in everyday life.

Celebrate Bible Engagement

Children are encouraged when adults celebrate their growth.

Celebrate when children:

- Bring their Bible.
- Find a verse.
- Ask a thoughtful question.
- Memorize Scripture.
- Share something they learned.
- Apply a Bible truth.
- Pray using Scripture.
- Encourage another child with God's Word.

Celebration does not need to be complicated.

A simple statement can make a difference:

"I love how you found that verse."

"That was a great question."

"You remembered God's Word!"

"That is a wonderful way to apply the Bible."

Encouragement helps children feel confident as they grow.

Avoid Making the Bible Feel Like Punishment

Children should never feel that the Bible is only used to scold them.

While God's Word does correct us, it also teaches, encourages, comforts, guides, and reveals God's love.

Avoid using Scripture only when correcting behavior.

Instead, use Scripture to:

- Encourage.
- Teach.
- Comfort.
- Celebrate.
- Guide.
- Strengthen faith.
- Point children to Jesus.

If children only hear Bible verses when they are in trouble, they may begin to associate Scripture with shame.

We want children to associate God's Word with truth, hope, love, wisdom, and life.

Partnering with Parents

Parents and guardians play the most important role in helping children develop a love for God's Word.

Children's Ministry supports families by encouraging Bible engagement at home.

You can help parents by:

- Sharing the weekly memory verse.
- Telling parents what the lesson was about.
- Encouraging family Bible reading.
- Suggesting simple discussion questions.
- Celebrating a child's spiritual growth with the parent.
- Encouraging children to talk about the lesson at home.

Even a short conversation at pickup can help extend discipleship into the home.

For example:

"Today we learned that God's Word is like a light for our path. You might ask your child this week how the Bible helps us make wise choices."

Small connections can make a big difference.

If You Are Still Learning to Love God's Word

Maybe you are still developing your own habit of reading the Bible.

That is okay.

Loving God's Word grows over time.

Start small.

Read a few verses each day.

Ask God to help you understand.

Write down one thing you learned.

Talk with your ministry leader about questions you have.

The more you spend time in God's Word, the more you will begin to see its value in your life.

God's Word is not only for the children you serve.

It is for you too.

Think About It

What is one Bible verse that has encouraged you?

How can you help children see the Bible as something valuable and meaningful?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

- Bring your Bible to class.
- Read the weekly memory verse before serving.
- Help children understand what the verse means.
- Encourage children to repeat and remember Scripture.
- Celebrate one child's effort to engage with God's Word.
- Share the lesson focus with a parent or guardian.
- Ask God to help children love His Word.

Did You Know?

Children often develop lifelong habits through repeated experiences. When children regularly hear Scripture, memorize verses, ask questions, and see adults value God's Word, they are more likely to develop a lasting appreciation for the Bible.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important for children to love God's Word, not just know Bible facts?

2. How can adults model a love for Scripture?

3. What are some creative ways to help children memorize Bible verses?

4. How can Children's Ministry support parents in helping children read the Bible at home?

Personal Notes

Use this space to record important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson Summary

Helping children build a love for God's Word is one of the most important goals of Children's Ministry. Bible knowledge is valuable, but we want children to go beyond knowing facts—we want them to treasure Scripture, understand it, remember it, and apply it to everyday life. As we model love for God's Word, teach it clearly, encourage Scripture memory, and partner with families, we help children develop a foundation that can guide their faith for years to come.

Memory Verse

Psalm 119:11 (NIV)

"I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You."

Taking Your Next Step

This week, choose one Bible verse to read, memorize, and reflect on personally. Then think about how you could help a child understand that same verse in a simple and meaningful way. Ask God to deepen your own love for His Word so that you can help children discover the joy of knowing and living by Scripture.

Lesson 8

Living God's Word Every Day

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand that God's Word is meant to be lived, not only studied.
 - Recognize the connection between Bible knowledge and obedience.
 - Identify practical ways Scripture should shape daily choices.
 - Encourage children to apply God's Word at home, school, and church.
 - Reflect on how God's Word is shaping your own life.
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Key Scripture

James 1:22 (NIV)

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

God's Word was never meant to remain only in our minds. Scripture is meant to shape our hearts, guide our decisions, and change the way we live. As Children's Ministry workers, we should not only teach the Bible—we should seek to live it.

Why This Lesson Matters

It is possible to know Bible verses and still not live according to God's Word.

Children need to understand that the Bible is not just something we read at church.

God's Word teaches us how to live every day.

It helps us know:

- How to love others.
- How to forgive.
- How to tell the truth.
- How to obey God.

- How to respond when we are afraid.
- How to treat people with kindness.
- How to make wise choices.
- How to follow Jesus.

When children learn that Scripture applies to their daily lives, the Bible becomes more than a book they hear about on Sunday.

It becomes a guide for life.

Hearing and Doing

James 1:22 teaches us that we should not only listen to God's Word.

We should obey it.

This matters because Bible knowledge alone does not produce spiritual maturity.

A child may know that Jesus said to love others, but the lesson becomes meaningful when they choose kindness on the playground.

A child may memorize a verse about forgiveness, but the lesson becomes real when they forgive a sibling or friend.

A child may learn that God hears prayer, but the truth becomes personal when they pray during a difficult moment.

God's Word becomes powerful in our lives when we obey it.

Helping Children Apply Scripture

Every Bible lesson should include application.

Application answers the question:

"What should I do with what I learned?"

Children need simple, practical examples.

For example:

If the lesson is about forgiveness, ask:

"Who can you forgive this week?"

If the lesson is about prayer, ask:

"What is something you can talk to God about today?"

If the lesson is about kindness, ask:

"How can you show kindness at school?"

If the lesson is about trusting God, ask:

"What can you do when you feel afraid?"

Application helps children connect God's Word to real life.

Living God's Word at Home

Children spend more time at home than they do at church.

Because of this, we should encourage children to practice God's Word with their families.

Children can live God's Word at home by:

- Honoring their parents or guardians.
- Speaking kindly to siblings.
- Helping without being asked.
- Praying with family members.
- Telling the truth.
- Practicing forgiveness.
- Showing gratitude.
- Reading the Bible with their family.

Even small acts of obedience help children grow spiritually.

Living God's Word at School

Children also need to know that following Jesus matters at school.

They can live God's Word at school by:

- Being honest.
- Showing kindness to classmates.
- Including someone who feels left out.
- Respecting teachers.
- Refusing to bully others.
- Asking God for help when they feel nervous.
- Making wise choices.
- Being a light for Jesus.

Children should understand that their faith is not limited to church.

They can follow Jesus wherever they are.

Living God's Word at Church

Children also practice God's Word inside the church.

They can live God's Word at church by:

- Participating in worship.
- Listening during Bible lessons.
- Respecting teachers and volunteers.
- Helping younger children.
- Encouraging friends.
- Praying for others.
- Serving with joy.
- Treating the church as God's house.

Children's Ministry gives children a safe place to practice following Jesus in community.

Modeling Obedience

Children learn obedience by watching adults.

If we want children to live God's Word, they should see us living it too.

This means we should:

- Speak kindly.
- Forgive quickly.
- Serve humbly.
- Tell the truth.
- Pray consistently.
- Treat others with respect.
- Admit when we are wrong.
- Follow God's Word in our own lives.

Our example gives children a picture of what it looks like to follow Jesus.

We do not need to be perfect.

But we should be sincere, humble, and willing to grow.

When Obedience Is Difficult

Living God's Word is not always easy.

Sometimes obedience requires courage.

Sometimes it means choosing what is right when others do not.

Sometimes it means forgiving someone who hurt us.

Sometimes it means telling the truth even when it is hard.

Children need to know that God helps us obey Him.

We do not follow God's Word in our own strength.

The Holy Spirit helps us live in a way that honors God.

Encouraging Progress, Not Perfection

Children are still learning.

They will make mistakes.

They will forget.

They will need reminders.

Our goal is not to demand perfection.

Our goal is to encourage growth.

When children make mistakes, we can gently guide them back to God's Word.

Instead of only saying:

"Stop doing that."

We can say:

"Remember, God's Word teaches us to speak kindly. Let's try that again."

Correction becomes discipleship when it points children back to Scripture with love.

If You Are Still Learning to Live God's Word

Every Christian is still learning to obey God's Word.

Maybe you know what the Bible says but find it difficult to apply it.

Maybe you are still learning what it means to follow Jesus.

Maybe you have questions about certain parts of Scripture.

That is okay.

Spiritual growth is a journey.

God is patient with us as we learn.

Continue reading His Word.

Continue asking questions.

Continue praying for help.

Continue meeting with your ministry leader.

As God's Word shapes your life, you will become better equipped to help children live it too.

Think About It

What is one area of your life where God's Word has helped you grow?

What is one area where you still want God's Word to shape you more?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

- Ask how the Bible lesson applies to a child's daily life.
 - Prepare one practical application question for your class.
 - Share a simple example of living God's Word at home or school.
 - Encourage children to practice one biblical truth during the week.
 - Model obedience to God's Word through your own attitude and actions.
 - Pray that children will not only hear God's Word but live it.
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Did You Know?

Children are more likely to remember biblical truth when they are given a practical way to apply it. A simple action step, such as praying when afraid, forgiving a sibling, or showing kindness at school, helps children connect Scripture to everyday life.

Lesson Summary

God's Word is meant to be lived every day. As Children's Ministry workers, we teach children that the Bible is not only for Sunday lessons but for every part of life. When children learn to apply Scripture at home, at school, at church, and in their relationships, they begin building a life on God's truth. As we model obedience, encourage growth, and point children back to Scripture, we help them become disciples who not only know God's Word but live it.

Memory Verse

James 1:22 (NIV)

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

Module 3 Reflection Assignment

In two well-developed paragraphs, reflect on what you learned about the Bible in this module.

In your reflection:

- Explain why the Bible is important for Children's Ministry.
- Describe how God's Word should shape both what we teach and how we live.
- Share one way you want to grow personally in reading, studying, or applying Scripture.
- Explain how you can help children develop a love for God's Word.

Please write your reflection in your own words.

Assignment Submission

Email your completed reflection to:

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Subject Line:

Children's Ministry Development Program – Module 3 Assignment – [Your Full Name]

Your assignment will be reviewed by a ministry leader before you continue to the next module.

Next Step

Congratulations! You have completed Module 3: The Bible.

After submitting your assignment:

1. Return to the Children's Ministry Development Program main page.
2. Click "Schedule Meeting with Ministry Leader."
3. Meet with your ministry leader to:
 - Review your reflection.
 - Ask questions about this module.
 - Discuss how to study and teach God's Word more effectively.
 - Pray together before moving forward.

Once your assignment has been reviewed and your meeting has been completed, you may begin Module 4: Prayer.