



BE COURAGEOUS

The Bible Helps Us Live for God | May 15, 2022 | 3rd - 5th grade

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 Timothy 3

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What is the Bible? The Bible is God's Word that tells us what is true about God and ourselves.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Paul wrote to teach Timothy how to live for God. The Bible tells us about God's plan for people to have forgiveness through His Son, Jesus. Jesus obeyed God's Word perfectly. We can follow Jesus' example to read, believe, and obey the Bible as we live for God's glory.

BOTTOM LINE: True courage comes as I know and live God's Word.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

BIBLE PASSAGE CONTEXT

In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Paul points out that Scripture is enough for us. It is our source for godliness and our final authority in matters pertaining to doctrine. Why does this matter for kids? We need to teach our kids that even though the Bible may not mention everything in life, it mentions everything we need to know about God, His plan to save us, and how we can live a holy life to please Him.

What is important for us to remember and for kids to know about the Bible?

1. The Bible is how God speaks to us. The words of the Bible are not like any other document on earth. They are the way God chose to tell us what He is like.
2. The Bible is about God and for us. One common misunderstanding about the Bible is that the Bible is about us. As we are reminded each week in our Christ connection, the Bible is about Jesus, but it is for us. It is how we can understand, apply, and teach others what God is like.
3. The Bible is how we can know how to love God and live for God. God speaks to us through His Word, shows us what He is like, and tells us how life works best and how we can live for Him in the world He has made for us.

Take a moment to thank God for the Bible as you prepare to show your kids the beauty of Christ in the pages of Scripture. Paul told Timothy that all of the Bible is important for us to grow and to know. This is just as true for kids. The question is not what parts of the Bible we should teach kids but how we should teach all of the Bible to kids.

TAKEAWAYS

- The Bible comes from God. Each book in the Bible is inspired by God, which means God the Holy Spirit helped the human writers use the right words to record exactly what God wanted them to write.
- By reading God's Word, we can discover what is true and know everything we need to know to have a right relationship with God.
- We can follow Jesus' example to read, believe, and obey the Bible as we live for God's glory.
- We study and apply God's Word to our lives so that we will be more like Jesus.
- **Bottom Line:** True courage comes as I know and live God's Word.

Terms to Know

Sufficiency of Scripture: The Bible is all we need to equip us for a life of faith and service.

Small Group Prayer: “God, thank You for giving us Your Word so we can know You. Help us live wisely, trust in Jesus, and tell others about Your great love. Amen.”

SOCIAL ACTIVITY: Choose Your Own Game

What You Need: Socials Book, 3 pool noodles, masking tape, stopwatch/timer, score sheets, plastic cups, candy worms, lifesavers, paper clips, paper, bandaids, sticky tack/gum, scissors, stacks of books, 100 index cards, 50 pennies, scotch tape, measuring tape, 3 pool noodle circles, cones, I Spy activity pages, pencils

Objective: There are 5 activities in your Socials Book, kids will help decide the game of the day.

Winning: The goal is to get everyone in your group to participate in a game.

As kids are coming in, set up the game and ask kids to join you as you play the game. Games are a great way for kids to engage with each other and you as you get to know each other. Use this time to ask them questions about their week and any other important follow up questions to things you have talked about in the past.

What You Say: Ask this question: “What’s something that you’ve learned to do that took a lot of practice or required a teacher to show you how to do it? Maybe you’ve learned how to sing, fish, or dance. To learn a new skill, we often need someone to teach us and help us correct mistakes. Today we will talk about the ways God’s Word helps correct our mistakes so we can live for God.”

Play a Worship Song or 2 from your Worship DVD/Roku

Play the Bible teaching DVD/Roku

APPLICATION ACTIVITY: Scripture Search

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Form groups of two or three kids.
- Distribute Bibles to each group.
- Show kids how to use the table of contents if they don’t know where to find a book of the Bible.
- When kids are ready, call out a book of the Bible for the kids to find.
- Consider writing the title of the book on a dry erase board for reference.
- Assist or encourage nearby teams to help those who are struggling to find a book.
- Celebrate when each team finds the book.
- Continue calling out book names from the Old and New Testaments as time allows.

What You Say: We learned today in 2 Timothy 3 that all of Scripture is inspired by God. The Bible is God’s Word that tells us what is true about God and ourselves. Learning how to find books and stories in the Bible can help you as you read and study God’s Word. The more we read the Bible, the more we get to know God.”

TRANSITION ACTIVITY: Tool Charades

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Do:

- Invite kids to play a game of charades.
- Choose a volunteer to stand in front of the group and act out a task that requires a tool.
- Kids may perform their own ideas, or prepare suggestions on index cards.

- Dig a hole (shovel)
- Pick up leaves (rake)
- Clean carpet (vacuum)
- Cut wood (saw)
- Tighten a screw (screwdriver)
- Hit a baseball (bat)
- Play an instrument (piano, drums)

The group should guess both the task and the tool used to complete it. Allow other volunteers to act out tasks and tools as time allows.

What You Say “Completing a task often requires the right tool. You could dig a hole with your hands, but it’s much more effective to use a shovel. God created us and wants us to live for Him. Have you ever thought about what you need to do that? Let’s look at our discussion questions to help us think about ways we can use the Bible more.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Do we have to follow all the rules in the Old Testament?**
- **Why do you think God wants His followers to live a certain way?**
- **What are some ways we live foolishly when we don’t listen to God?** Guide kids to think of characteristics from Paul’s list in 2 Timothy 3:1-7. Remind kids that foolishness relies on self while wisdom relies on God. Encourage kids to think of practical ways they might disobey or act selfishly, like taking something from a sibling or talking back to an adult.
- **Why is it important to read the Bible and know what God says?** Remind kids that Scripture comes from God and tells us what is true. Invite kids to consider how the wisdom from the Bible goes against the selfish foolishness of those who don’t know the truth about God. Encourage kids that the Bible helps us know how to act in a way that pleases God.
- **Who can you tell about the importance of God’s Word?** Guide kids to think of friends or family members who might not know about Jesus. Encourage kids to tell those friends or family member about the Bible when they get a chance.

TRANSITION TO HOME: Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.