

Parenting with PURPOSE



Start Zone Section 2: Bible Basics

The Bible is God's message to us. There is no other book like the Bible and it is a gift from God that helps us in many ways. The most important message of the Bible is the good news about Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: Romans 10:17

Lesson Objectives:

- Understand that the Bible is God's message to us and the written words are just as important as if He said them out loud.
- Recite the amazing Bible facts, which show that the Bible is a very unique book.
- Know that the big message of the Bible is the good news about Jesus Christ.
- Explain what 2 Timothy 3:16 means when it says the Bible is given by inspiration of God.

Talk about it:

- What does the Bible tell us about God?
- What does the Bible tell us about Jesus?
- What does the Bible tell us about ourselves?
- Why do you think these three things are important for us to know?



Encouragement for you:

God's Word is special for you as a parent too! It is the one source of pure and unfiltered truth for you. God intends to use the Bible to instruct you and increase your faith in Him. That's why Romans 10:17 says that hearing (understanding) what the Bible says gives us faith. See if you can find a time this week to hear from God by reading the Bible!

T&T Announcements

Family Activity: Note Exchange

What You'll Need:

Pencils or pens, small sheets of paper, container for notes, Bible

STEP 1: Direct everyone to write their name and a short note on a piece of paper sharing something about themselves or something they think is very important for someone else to know or remember, such as advice they want to give related to the topic of school, family, friends, sports, T&T club or their faith. It can be funny or serious.

STEP 2: Fold the note and write "From: followed by their name." Collect all the notes and place them in a container. The parents can pull out the notes from the container, one at a time.

STEP 3: The parents can read the note to themselves, then out loud to everyone.

STEP 4: Explain that sometimes we talk to each other with our mouths and other times we talk by writing words on a paper. Receiving a note from someone is just as important as what the person says to you out loud, but you might remember the words more if they are written down because you can read them over and over again.

STEP 5: Hold up your Bible and have your children think of the Bible as a very long note from God to us. Then share these key concepts:

- A. In the Bible, God tells us who He is and why He created us. He tells us about ourselves and what the punishment is for our sin. He tells us about His Son, Jesus Christ, who took the punishment for our sin so we could live forever with God.
- B. God's words in the Bible are just as important as if He said them out loud and right to our face. We need to listen to them and obey!
- C. We can read His words to us over and over again so we remember them always.

STEP 6: Spend some time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you and your family into a deeper love for God and His Word.