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The Bible Is Our Guide



Introduction Activity (5 Minutes)

Option 1: Puzzle Problems

What You'll Need: Puzzles, tables, timer

PREP: Collect 50-piece puzzles, one puzzle for every four to five kids.

Spread puzzles on tables or in separate areas on the floor. Put several pieces of each puzzle back into their original boxes, and place the boxes out of sight. Place the timer nearby.

STEP 1: Divide kids into groups of four or five and assign a puzzle to each group. Give groups three minutes to complete as much of the puzzle as possible.

STEP 2: After three minutes, check the progress of the groups.

Ask the following questions:

- What strategy did your group use to complete the puzzle?
- What problems did you face?

STEP 3: Share these key concepts:

- We will all face different challenges or puzzles in our lives.
- God's Word is a light to show us what is right, and God gave us His Word to be our guide.
- When we read and study God's Word each day, we learn what He wants us to do. The Bible is our guide to making good decisions for our lives.

STEP 4: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance that the Bible is our guide.

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Option 2: All Kinds of Lights

What You'll Need: Flashlights, lightbulbs, lamps, lanterns, matches, candles, table

Prep: Set up a display table in front of the classroom. Place various forms of light on the table.

STEP 1: Direct kids' attention to the items on the table.

Ask the following questions:

- What do each of these items have in common?
- When are these items useful?
- How could a light protect you or keep you safe?

STEP 2: Share these key concepts:

- Just like these lights help us see in the dark, God's Word helps us in a world that is dark with sin where people do not know what is right or wrong.
- God's Word is a light to show us what is right, and God gave us His Word to be our guide.
- When we read and study God's Word each day, we learn what He wants us to do. The Bible is our guide to making good decisions for our lives.

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Main Lesson (10 Minutes)

Option 1: Key Words

What You'll Need: Bible, paper, markers, tape, pens or pencils (optional: CD and CD player or iPad, iPod, and speaker) *(Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.)*

PREP: Bookmark a Bible to Psalm 119:105. Write each of the following words on a sheet of paper: Lamp, Feet, Light, Path. Tape one sheet to each wall in the classroom.

STEP 1: Read or recite this week's memory verse, Psalm 119:105. Repeat the verse a second time, pausing after each phrase.

Share these key concepts:

- The Bible is like a light or a lamp.
- When we study God's Word, it guides us to make good decisions when we face challenges in our lives.

STEP 2: Play the following game to help kids memorize their verse. Have kids stand in the middle of the room. Call out one of the key words of the verse, and instruct kids to run to the wall where that word is taped. Continue the activity, calling out the words in random order and getting faster and faster as you say each word.

STEP 3: Share these concepts:

- The Bible contains the words of God. They give us everything we need to know so that we can please God (1 Thessalonians 2:13).
- Each time we read and study God's Word, we learn something new about Him or about how He wants us to live, and the Holy Spirit will help us make choices that please God (Joshua 1:8a).

STEP 4: Distribute a sheet of paper and a pen or pencil to each kid. Give kids five minutes to write or draw a picture of one area in which God's Word can help them make wise choices in their lives. Optional: Play a worship song about God's Word (e.g., "Ancient Words," "Word of God Speak," "Thy Word," "Every Promise").

STEP 5: After five minutes, ask kids to share what they wrote or drew. Then pray and ask God to help your kids understand the importance of allowing God's Word to guide their lives.

STEP 6: Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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Main Lesson Activity (10 Minutes)

Option 2: The Big Picture

What You'll Need: Bible, puzzles, marker 3 x 5 cards, pens or pencils, *T&T Grace in Action* handbooks (*Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.*)

PREP: Purchase three inexpensive 25-to 30-piece puzzles. Put the puzzles together and then carefully turn them over. On each puzzle, write one of the following references: Joshua 1:8a, Psalm 119:9, 1 Thessalonians 2:13. Take the puzzles apart and put them back in their boxes.

STEP 1: Read or recite this week's memory verse, Psalm 119:105. Repeat the verse a second time, pausing after each phrase.

Share these key concepts:

- The Bible is like a light or a lamp.
- When we study God's Word, it guides us to make good decisions when we face challenges in our lives.

STEP 2: Divide kids into three groups. Give each group one of the prepared puzzles. Give groups two minutes to put the puzzles together and then turn them over to read the verses. Encourage kids to discuss the following questions together:

- What are the benefits of studying God's Word?
- How can reading and memorizing God's Word help a kid your age?

STEP 3: Share these key concepts:

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- Each time we read and study God's Word, we learn something new about Him or about how He wants us to live, and the Holy Spirit will help us make choices that please God (Joshua 1:8a).

STEP 4: Give each kid a 3 x 5 card and a pen or pencil. Challenge kids to read the Bible every day this next week. (Consider recommending that they look up and read seven of their memory verses from their handbooks.) If kids want to take the challenge, ask them to write their names on the top of their cards and to number their cards from 1 to 7. Have them put the cards in their Bibles or handbooks, and encourage them to write down the reference of the verse they read for each day.

STEP 5: Close in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help the kids understand the importance of allowing God's Word to guide their lives.

STEP 6: Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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