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# The Bible Is ... Review



## Introduction Activity (5 Minutes)

### Option 1: Famous Stories

**What You'll Need:** Children's books, Bible, map, heart

**PREP:** Choose two or three popular kids' books and items that symbolize each book (e.g., *Charlotte's Web*—pig and a spider; *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*—a diary and a stick figure). Draw the symbol(s) for each book on a sheet of paper.

**STEP 1:** Hold up or pass around the pictures from each book and see if kids can guess what book they are from. Give hints as needed. After three guesses, hold up the book.

**STEP 2:** Ask the following questions:

- What makes a story popular?
- How do you feel when you read a good book?
- What lessons can you learn from a good book?

**STEP 3:** Hold up the map and the heart and see if kids can guess what book these symbols represent. Give hints as needed. After three guesses, hold up the Bible.

Share these key concepts:

- Every part of the Bible is true, and every event and person mentioned in the Bible is a real part of history.
- The Bible is God's very words to us. It tells the story of God's love for us.
- The Bible is like a map. When we read and study God's Word, we get to know God better and learn how we can obey Him. The Holy Spirit helps us apply God's Word to our lives so that we can make good choices and become good workers for God's glory.

**STEP 4:** Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of studying God's Word and allowing it to change our lives.

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### Option 2: Useful Tools

**What You'll Need:** Paper, pens or pencils

**Step 1:** Give each kid a sheet of paper and a pen or pencil. Give kids 60 seconds to write down as many tools that they use every day (e.g., toothbrush, fork).

**Step 2:** After 60 seconds, have the kid with the longest list read their list aloud.

Ask the following questions:

- What makes a tool useful?
- How do useful tools make your life better?

**Step 3:** Share these key concepts:

- God's Word is the most useful tool for us. When we read and study God's Word, we get to know God better and learn how we can obey Him.
- The Holy Spirit helps us apply God's Word to our lives so that we can make good choices and become good workers for God's glory.
- God gave us a living and active tool that will benefit us not only for the rest of this life, but will also impact us FOREVER!

**Step 4:** Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of studying God's Word and allowing it to change our lives.

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## The Bible Is Our Guide



### Main Lesson (10 Minutes)

#### Option 1: Kids as Teachers

**What You'll Need:** Bibles, paper, pens or pencils, *Grace in Action* student handbooks (*Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.*)

**Step 1:** Have kids work in pair or groups, and assign one of the lessons to each group. Encourage kids to use their handbooks to review their lesson and verse and be ready to give a summary of the lesson and present a creative way to teach the verse (e.g., using a simple game, adding motions).

**STEP 2:** After five minutes, give each group one or two minutes to summarize their lesson and present their verse.

Share the key concepts:

Group One: The Bible Is True and Without Error

- Every event in the Bible really happened, and each person in the Bible really lived (Psalm 119:160). Archaeologists have found places mentioned in the Bible, and many of the writers of the Bible were eyewitnesses of key events mentioned in God's Word.
- Other people besides the writers saw the same things as the writers or believed the writers were telling the truth (John 20:30-31).

Group Two: The Bible Helps Us Know God

- There is a difference between knowing about God and knowing God.
- We get to know God through His Word, the Bible. When we explore Scripture, we learn who God is (Psalm 145:8-9). Having a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ is the most important thing He wants us to learn from the Bible (John 20:31).

Group Three: The Bible Should Be Studied Carefully

- To rightly (correctly) handle God's Word, we must be IN the Word, reading as much as we can. God's Word teaches us who God is and what He has done.
- We must be careful to study, memorize, and teach God's Word exactly as it says. When we study and teach His Word correctly, we learn how God wants us to live, and we show we are approved by Him (1 Timothy 4:13, 15-16; 2 Timothy 2:15).

Group Four: The Bible Teaches Us About History

- The people from the Bible really lived. Studying their stories encourage us and offer us hope (Proverbs 30:5, Romans 15:4).
- The same God who helped the people in biblical history is the same God who loves us and promises to always be with us. Our faith grows stronger as we read and believe His Word (Romans 10:17).

Group Five: The Bible Teaches Us How to Live

- God's plan is for you to have a relationship with Him. This can only happen if you trust Jesus as your Savior (Acts 16:31). If we follow God's instructions in the Bible, we will make good choices to obey Him and stay away from sin (Psalm 119:9-10).
- Reading, studying, and memorizing the Bible will keep your way pure (Psalm 119:11).

Group Six: The Bible Is Powerful and Active

- Even though the Holy Spirit helped men write the Bible long ago, the Bible is still true and helpful for us today (2 Timothy 3:16). As we read His words, He will show us that He knows what's inside our hearts and our minds, even the secret thoughts and sins we may struggle with (Hebrews 4:12).
- The Bible will help us with every situation we face if we take time to read it. God's Word will comfort us when we struggle and give wisdom for the choices we face each day (Hebrews 4:12).

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## **Main Lesson (10 Minutes)**

Group Seven: The Bible Is Our Guide

- 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).
- 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 (Psalm 119:105).

**STEP 3:** Remind kids that the best way for them to learn about the Bible is to study it for themselves. Encourage kids to pray silently and ask God to help them read, study, and apply God's Word to their lives. After a minute, close in prayer.

**STEP 4:** Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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## Main Lesson (10 Minutes)

### Option 2: Graffiti Wall

**What You'll Need:** Roll of bulletin board paper, markers, container, masking tape, paper and pens or pencils, *Grace in Action* handbooks  
(Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.)

**PREP:** Hang a 6 foot (1.8-meter) section of bulletin board paper on one wall in the classroom. Write on the top of the paper, "What I Know About the Bible." Place a container of markers nearby.

**STEP 1:** Direct kids' attention to the bulletin board paper. Encourage kids to write or draw several key facts that they have learned about the Bible throughout this unit. Encourage them to review through their handbooks for ideas.

**STEP 2:** After kids have had an opportunity to participate, distribute paper and pens to kids. Encourage kids to write on the top of their papers, "What God's Word means to me." Explain that as you talk through highlights of the lesson, kids can doodle thoughts and key phrases about God's Word on their papers.

Share these concepts:

- God is perfect and doesn't lie. He has told us that all His words are true and that the Holy Spirit told the Bible writers exactly what to write. Every event in the Bible really happened and each person in the Bible really lived. Bible writers saw or heard about the true events they wrote about in the Bible, and many of the prophecies they wrote about have already come true. We know that the rest will come true someday.
- We get to know God and learn how to have a relationship with Him through His Word, the Bible. The more we read and study God's Word, the better we will know God and what He wants us to do.

- We should be faithful to study and memorize God's Word because this kind of work pleases God. We must be careful to study and teach God's Word EXACTLY as it says—without adding or subtracting anything from it.
- Faith means trusting in God's Word, even if circumstances are hard. The stories of people in the Bible teach us, encourage us, and offer us hope when we study them and apply those lessons to our lives.
- The Bible is where believers find God's instructions for living. If we follow God's instructions in the Bible, we will make good choices to obey Him and stay away from sin. We need to keep reading, studying, and memorizing the Bible so God's instructions will be stored (hid) in our hearts. This will help us stay away from sin.
- God knows everything about us, and as we read His words, He will show us that He knows what's inside our hearts and minds, even the secret thoughts and sins with which we may struggle. God's Word is living and active to help us with every situation we face if we take time to read it.
- God gave us the Bible to help us know how to live for Him. It's like a light because it guides us to make good decisions. In order for the Bible to guide us, we need to read it each day, learn what it says, and ask God to help us obey it.

**STEP 3:** Remind kids that the best way for them to learn about the Bible is to study it for themselves. Encourage kids to pray silently and ask God to help them read, study, and apply God's Word to their lives. After a minute, close in prayer.

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