



# Bible BASICS

## Discovering my Bible

### LESSON OVERVIEW

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. Opening Activities

- A. Welcome Children
- B. Remind of classroom rules and hand out clothes pegs for coming  
Listen - Love - Learn - Have FUN!
- C. First Time Visitors (Give a "Mystery Person" Paper,)
- D. Mystery Person – Read one mystery person profile and see if the children can guess which one of their friends the paper is describing this week.
- E. Attendance
- F. Announcements –
  1. Birthdays \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Upcoming church events \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Sunday school events / contests \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Receive Offering next week: \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Ushers/Greeters next week: \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Receive Offering (child chosen to do so the previous week)
- H. Review Last week's lesson–
  1. Bible story Review Questions
  2. Memory Verse
  3. Books of the Bible
- I. Songs: pertaining to today's lesson \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

#### II. New Bible Story

The Bible – God's Letter to ME!

#### III. Bible Story Review Game

Game: Word Building

#### IV. New Memory Verse (Game)

Game: \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. Books of the Bible Memory

Game: \_\_\_\_\_

Books to learn this week - Genesis - Exodus

#### VI. Activity

This week's Activity Game: Alphabet Travel Game

#### VII. Supplementary Lesson

This week's Supplementary Lesson Story: The Letter

#### VIII. Closing

#### IX. Take Home Paper



## LESSON PLAN

**I. Opening Activities** (Use planning space in Lesson Overview Page 1)

**II. Bible Story**

**Title:** The Bible, God's Letter to Me!

**Scriptures to Study:** 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 2:2

**Central Truth:** The Bible is true. The Bible is God's letter to me. The Word of God helps my spirit grow.

**Visual Aids:** A letter, fruit, vegetables, dustbin with trash inside, bottle of cleaning chemical like Handy Andy or Vim

### **The Bible, God's Letter to Me!**

**1. The Bible contains truth; real stories.**

The stories we read in the Bible are real, real stories. Some stories are make believe or pretend, like Cinderella or like the movie, Finding Nemo. But when we read in the Bible about Moses crossing through with several million people through a river, it really happened! There are actually parts of the original Bible that have been found in other parts of the world. God has made sure we have the truth about Himself written down for all to have access to.

**2. The Bible is God's letter to me (wants me to know what he is like and truth that will help me in my life.)**

How many of you have ever received a letter in the mail? It's exciting, isn't it? It usually contains information about friends or family; maybe a visitor. God wrote a letter to us, He is not far away and hiding Himself from us. He wants to help us and He wants us to know what He is like. There is truth in the Bible that will help us in our lives. For example, the Bible teaches us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. It's a good thing the Bible teaches us that, because I would think it's better to keep and take than it is to give. But because the Bible says it's better to give, we can be blessed! It's like if you buy a bicycle that isn't put together yet. Would it be easy to know how it fits together if you don't look at the instructions? No! You would probably have to put it together several times before you got it right! The Word of God helps us get our lives right the first time!

**3. The Bible is the Word of God and it helps my spirit grow.**

Our bodies need food to be strong. What are some healthy foods we can eat? (fruit, vegetables, meat, etc.) What are some foods we eat that are not very healthy? (sweets, chips). And can you think of some things a person could eat that would be dangerous? (cleaning chemicals, eating out of a rubbish bin, dirt or rocks.)

All of this can be like the kind of "food" we give our spirit man. Can you think of some healthy things we can feed our spirit? (the Word, good music, preaching at church or Bible study, talking with friends about Jesus). Can you think of some things that could be unhealthy or even dangerous for our spirit? (talking bad with friends, watching bad movies, looking at bad magazines or listening to non-Christian music.)

The Word of God is so important and I'm so thankful that I have this "instruction manual" for my life. It tells me how much God cares for me and how I can grow up to be a strong Christian.



## III. Bible Story Review Questions and Game

Game: \_\_\_\_\_

Review Questions:

1. What kind of stories are in the Bible? (true or not make-believe)
2. The Bible is like an \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives (instruction manual)
3. List examples of healthy "food" for our spirit.

## IV. New Memory Verse

New Scripture Memory Passage

2 Timothy 3:16 - 17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Game: \_\_\_\_\_

## V. Books of the Bible Memory

Genesis - Exodus

Game: \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. Activity

Name of activity: Through the Bible (from activity booklet)

Supplies needed: kids!

Instructions: Tell the kids that we are taking a trip through the Bible but will never leave our seats. Begin by saying "I took a trip through the Bible and found "Abraham". The next child will repeat what the teacher said and then add something they found that begins with the next letter in the alphabet and so on. So the second child says "I took a trip through the Bible and found Abraham and Beersheba". The third child says "I took a trip through the Bible and found Abraham, Baal and Canaan". Play continues for the whole alphabet.

*Teacher: This game will help you have an understanding of where your children are at in their knowledge of the Bible. This curriculum series ("Bible Basics") is designed to give children an overview of the Bible, its contents and the people in it. .*

## VII. Supplementary Lesson

### A Letter for Me!

Michael opened the note from his football coach. They had an important game that weekend and he wanted to see what the coach had to say about it.

"Eat well; no junk food, get to bed early, and be sure to..."

Michael's sister Marcie was looking over her brother's shoulder as he read the letter.

"Who's this from, anyway?" she asked.

"It's from my coach. He sent letter to everyone on the team. He wants us to stay healthy so we can play our best this weekend. It's good advice for everyone, don't you think?"

Well, it's your letter, so the advice is for you," was her smug reply. "I sure wouldn't want to miss the sweets and cakes and biscuits at youth group tonight, though!"

Just then, their mother came home from town. "Hi, kids! How was your day?"



Michael reported on the letter from the coach and Marcie told her mother about a youth party that night.

“Marcie, how are you doing on your scripture memory contest for youth? Do you have some time to work on that before youth tonight?”

Marcie replied, “Oh, I haven’t worked on it too much this week, but I don’t feel like studying the Bible right now. Mom, I saw some mail in your hand. Is there anything for me?”

“Oh, yes, there is! We got a letter from Neo and Mpho.”

“Can I open it? Maybe they’re coming to visit us!”

“Well, it’s only a letter from our friends. I think we can wait to read it. Maybe we’ll read it tomorrow or the next day.” Was her mother’s strange reply.

“Later? Why later? We should read it now!”

Her mother continued, “I just don’t feel like reading it right now.”

Marcie looked at her mother and then she understood. “You’re making a point to me, aren’t you, Mom? The Bible is God’s letter to me and I should be interested in reading it just like a letter from a dear friend. I think I’ll go read a while before youth tonight!”

“I think you understand very clearly!” Her mother said with a grin.

Marcie went to youth that night. Their pastor led a Bible study time and he asked, “How many of you like to get mail?” Every hand went up. “What do you do when you get mail?” “Open it and read it!” the youth shouted together.

The pastor held up his Bible. “This is God’s letter to YOU! Do you open it and read it as though you were reading someone else’s mail or do you take it personally for yourself?”

His sister was busy thinking. When she read the letter from Michael’s track coach, she didn’t think much about the advice it contained. She decided she would be careful to read the Bible carefully, as a personal letter to her from now on.

...and their family friends, Neo and Mpho did come for a whole week visit!

## **VIII. Closing**

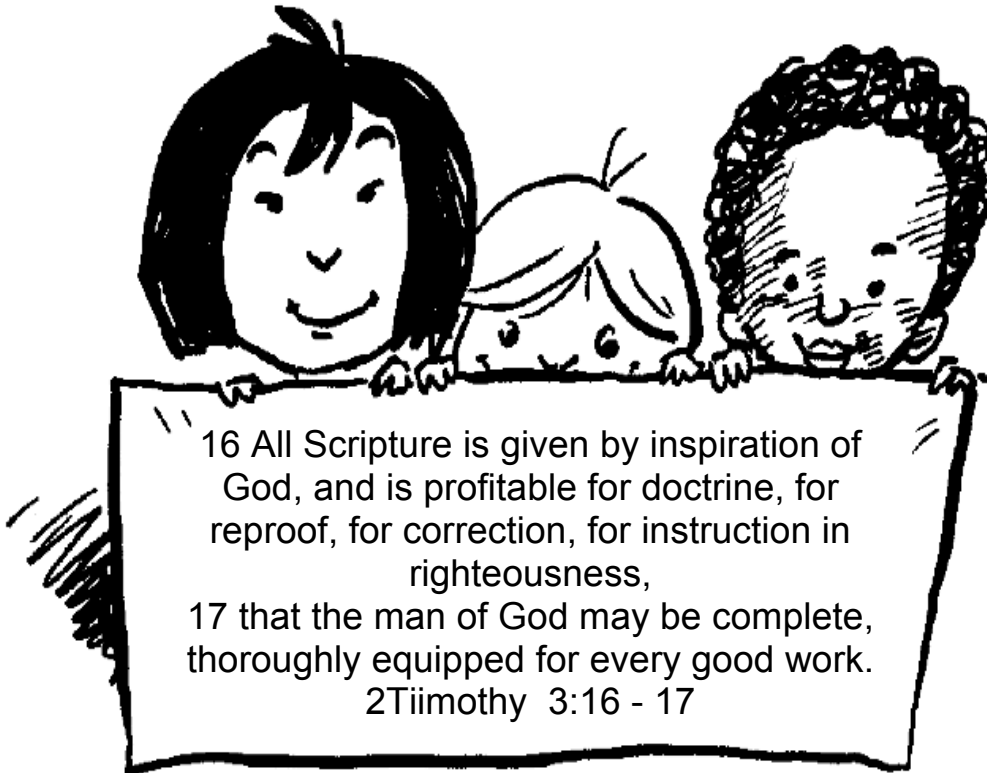
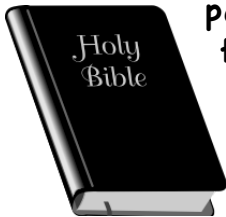
Reiterate the importance of reading the Bible every day. Give children an opportunity to receive Jesus as their Saviour

# Bible Basics Curriculum - Discovering My Bible



Hi, Kids!

Remember to spend sometime reading your Bible this week... A good place to start is in the book of John in the New Testament. Write special verses on a piece of paper and also any questions you may have. You can ask your parents, or pastor or Sunday school teacher about your questions later. Remember... The Word of God is TRUE - It is the INSTRUCTION MANUAL for our life - And it is FOOD for our spirit!



16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,  
17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.  
2 Timothy 3:16 - 17

Here are some FUN FACTS about the Bible... Use the words and numbers at the side to fill in the blanks then check your answers - but FINISH FIRST!:

1. The Bible has \_\_\_\_\_ books in it.
2. The Old Testament has \_\_\_\_\_ books and the
3. New Testament has \_\_\_\_\_
4. There are \_\_\_\_\_ verses in the whole Bible.
5. The longest verse is \_\_\_\_\_ and the
6. shortest verse is \_\_\_\_\_
7. The longest chapter is \_\_\_\_\_ and it has
8. \_\_\_\_\_ verses!

FUNNY !  
HA! HA!! HA!!!

Here's some medicine that is easy to swallow! Read Proverbs 19:22



Knock knock  
Who's there?  
Dozen  
Dozen who?  
Dozen anyone want to let me in?

Psalm 119  
27  
John 11:35  
150  
66  
Esther 8:9  
39  
31,102

Answers:

1. 66;
2. 2. 39
3. 3. 27
4. 31,102
5. Esther 8:9
6. John 11:35
7. Psalm 119
8. 150