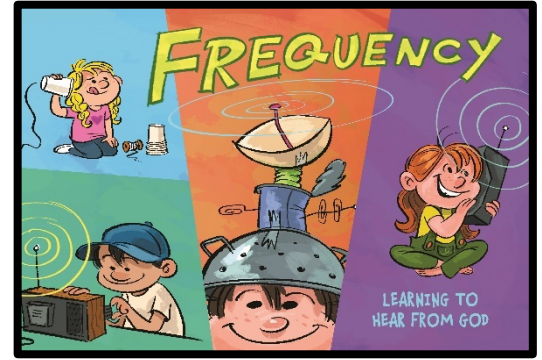




2nd & 3rd Grade

WEEK 2 - STARTER



Activity Name: Is it in the Bible?

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Have the kids stand on the line.
- Say: The Bible is full of lots of different kinds of stories that fit together to show us one big, amazing picture of who God is.
- Explain that you are going to ask them if they think different kinds of stories are in the Bible.
- If they think the story is in the Bible, they should jump to the YES side. If not, they should jump to the NO side.
- Ask the following questions:
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about love?" **(YES!)**
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about a talking pickle?" **(NO!)**
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about strong warriors?" **(YES!)**
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about fast cars?" **(NO!)**
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about kings and queens?" **(YES!)**
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about a spaceship?" **(NO!)**
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about a talking donkey?" **(YES!)**
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about a man that lived inside a giant fish?" **(YES!)**
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about water that came from a rock?" **(YES!)**
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about a plant that grew from a rock?" **(NO!)**
 - "Do you think there are stories in the Bible about Jesus turning water into milk?" **(NO!)**

What You Say:

That was so fun! You are right—the Bible has so many parts, but they all work together to tell us God’s big story. We don’t have to be afraid to open it. It’s not just a rulebook; it’s a book full of God’s love for us. It’s the best place where **[Bottom Line]** I can learn who God is from the Bible. Let’s go learn more!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



Bible Story: How to Read the Bible • Matthew 6:11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Bottom Line: I can learn to know God through the Bible.

Monthly Memory Verse: *My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.* • John 10:27
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **What Bible story do you like?**
- What does the Bible tell us about God?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16. Who gave us the Bible?
- What are the names of the four books about Jesus? (*Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*)
- What can you do when the Bible is hard to understand?

Activity Name: Scripture Stack

What You Need: ☐ Bibles ☐ Prepared plastic cups

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up John 10:27.
- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Hold up the stack of cups. Say: “These cups have the words of our Memory Verse – but they’re all mixed up! We’re going to work together to stack them into a pyramid in the correct order. We’ll start with five cups on the bottom, then four, then three, then two, and one on top.”
- Unstack and spread cups out where kids can see all of them.
- Say: “Let’s find the very first word of the verse. Does anyone think they might know which word is first?”
- Invite kids up one at a time as they recognize the right words. Allow kids to use their Bibles if they wish.
- Continue building left to right until five cups form the base.
- Say: “Great! Now let’s build the next row with four cups.”
- Invite kids to continue placing cups in order.
- Continue pattern. Say: “Let’s keep building three on this row. Now two more. And one on top to finish it!”
- Keep reinforcing the verse as you go.
- Once finished, point from bottom to top. Say: “Let’s read the whole verse together from the bottom to the top.”

What You Say:

You all worked together to stack our Memory Verse – and the more you practiced, the easier it became to put it in the right order. That’s how it works with the Bible too. The more you read it and hear it, the more familiar it becomes. And the more familiar it becomes, the easier it is to recognize what God is saying. God will never say something that goes against what we read in the Bible. So, when you know what is true, it helps you know when something you’re thinking or hearing matches who God is. Over time, reading the Bible helps you recognize God’s voice in everyday life – in your thoughts, your choices, and the way you treat others. So this week, keep practicing. Even a little time in the Bible can help you hear from God more clearly. ***[Bottom Line]* I can learn to know God through the Bible.**

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray as well.