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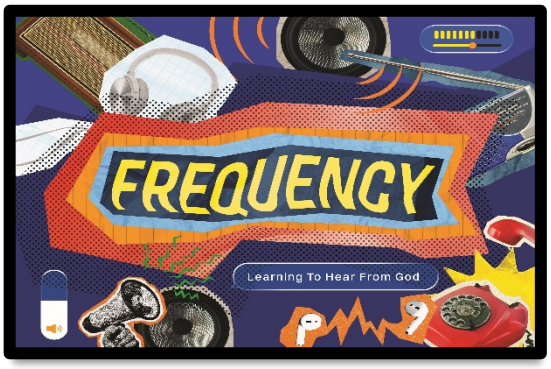

4th and 5th Grade

WEEK 2 - STARTER

Activity Name: Two Truths and a Mix-Up—Bible Edition

What You Need: none needed

What You Do:

- Invite kids to stand in a circle.
- Explain that you will read three statements about the Bible. Two are true, and one is a "mix-up." (the 'mix-up' is highlighted)
- Kids hold up one, two, or three fingers to vote for the mix-up.
- After everyone votes, reveal the answer and briefly explain it

Sample Rounds:

1. The Bible...
    1. Helps us know God.
    2. Was written only for pastors.
    3. Teaches us how to live.

2. Second Timothy 3:16-17 says the Bible...
    1. Is useful only when life is difficult.
    2. Comes from God.
    3. Helps correct and teach us.

3. When reading the Bible, you can...
    1. Ask what the passage teaches you about God.
    2. Ask questions when you're confused.
    3. Skip every part you don't understand.
4. The Bible contains...
    1. History, poetry, letters, and true stories.
    2. Instructions and wisdom.
    3. Only one kind of writing.

5. Reading the Bible can help you...
    1. Know God better.
    2. Know everything without learning or practicing.

3. Make wise choices.

What You Say:
Great job spotting the mix-ups! The Bible isn't only a book of facts. It is God's Word, and it helps us discover who God is and how He wants us to live. Today we'll practice some simple ways to read the Bible and learn to know God through it.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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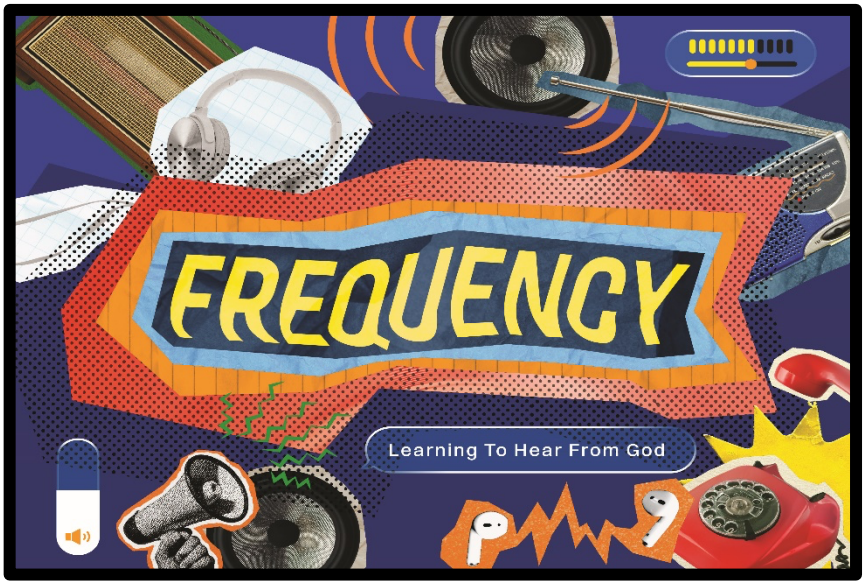
Small Group Week 2



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 NIrV*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ***[Conversation Starter]* What do you want to hear from the Bible?**
- Do you have a favorite Bible story or verse in the Bible? What does this story/passage communicate about God to you?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What do you think it means that "God has breathed life into all Scripture"? According to this verse, what are some things that Scripture (the Bible) is useful for?
- What are the names of the books that make up the Gospels? (*Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*). Why do you think God gave us four different books to tell about Jesus' life here on earth?
- What are some things you can do if you read a part of the Bible that seems confusing?

Activity Name: Bible Reading Plan

What You Need: ▢ Bibles ▢ Bible Fact sheet ▢ "My Bible Plan" activity page ▢ writing tools

What You Do:

- Look up Matthew 6:11 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Read or have a kid read the verses aloud.
- Review the Bible Fact sheet together.
- Give each kid a "My Bible Plan" Activity Page and something to write with.
- Guide kids to complete each section of the "My Bible Plan" Activity Page. Kids may choose to fill in blanks or create another option as part of their plan.

What You Say:
Many people have a wrong idea about the Bible—that it is a rule book, a list of do's and don'ts. As you take time to explore the Bible more and more, you'll discover that the Bible is *not* a rule book at all. While it does contain God's law, that is only a small part of the Bible. The Bible is made up of different types of books. The first thirty-nine books in the Old Testament tell the story of Creation, the Fall of Man, and God's great redemption plan to save His people and the world.

The twenty-seven books of the New Testament tell of Jesus' birth, ministry, ultimate payment for sin on the cross, and Resurrection...and that's just the first four books of the New Testament called the Gospels. The rest of the New Testament helps Christians to clearly know how to live for God, encourages believers to persevere, instructs them to share their faith with others, and shares some details about the future when Jesus will come back, and all things will be made new.

That's a whole lot right there! But if you read God's Word a little day-by-day, you can learn to know God through the Bible. I encourage you to follow the plan you have made to read the Bible this week. Ask your parents for help finding a devotional or Bible app reading plan (if you have access to a device). When we read the Bible, you and **I can learn to know God through the Bible.** Let's pray.

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray as well.