



THE GOSPEL PROJECT SR: What is the Bible?

Date: Sunday September 13, 2026 **Teachers:** Vicky W (**lead**), Liam H (**co-lead**)

Key Passage: 2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

Props: at home: books of different variety see below (Vicky), each teacher write out their favourite verse and bring if kids want to copy it down on their bookmark

At centre: book marks pre-made, stickers, markers, ribbon for decorating

REVIEW RULES:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Speak Kind words like our God three in ONE!

INTRO BIBLE STORY: “What is the Bible?” **materials:** (recipe book, fiction book, how to manual, travel book) Vicky

The Bible is a collection of stories that all make up one large story about God’s world and His love for it.

It’s not like a recipe book (instruction with ingredients on how to make a meal) though the Bible does give us instruction.

It’s not like a fiction book that tells a fantastic tale, but it’s not true. The Bible is telling a story, but it is the truest story ever told! The Bible is not *just history*, but pointing to TRUTH itself.

It’s not like a “how to Manual”: detailed instructions for building or fixing things. The Bible does give us information, but it’s not a how to live manual.

It’s not like a travel book: it tells us all sorts of things about places far from here or places from history. The Bible tells us about places and cultures not like ours, but it’s not a book about travel.

It is not a **history book**, though it speaks about History.

The Bible is a very unique book, it’s the number one selling book of all time, and it’s not like any other. The Bible is more than a book. It is God’s wisdom uniquely written to a people that God called His own, and we find our story in their story and how God brought the Redeemer through this story to rescue the world.

Like a Library: Many different kinds of books, styles, genres.

Not like a Library: all the books and styles are a part of the Big story, all telling one story.

BIBLE STORY VIDEO: Bible Story Overview

Vicky

SHOW THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE VIDEO:

DISMISS JR. KIDS (Cara & Meg)

KEY PASSAGE VERSE:

Liam

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

2 Timothy 3:16

Bible Quiz : (ask kids first if they know the answer)

Liam

The Bible contains how many books? 66 books

Written over a period of: over 1000 years

Authors: 44 authors

Written in how many languages? 3 languages, Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek

The Bible is a unified Story that points to Jesus.

TEACHING: *"The Bible is..."*

Vicky

materials: *(Write these titles on cards and have kids come up and draw a card and read it, and ask them/anyone if they know what it means.)*

The Bible is a unified Story that points to Jesus.

Messianic Literature

The story of the Bible and all of its main themes come to their fulfillment in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and the gift of the Spirit.

Communal Literature

The Bible was designed to be read and studied within a community that is learning to live within its story.

Human and Divine Literature

The Bible is the result of a creative collaboration between humans and God's Spirit. By exploring its humanity, we discover its divinity. By confessing its divinity, it transforms our humanity.

Ancient Literature

The Bible was written in another time and culture, and we need to honor that ancient historical context as we come to understand it better.

Unified Literature

The Bible has many authors, literary styles, and themes, but it tells one story about God's creation and rescue of humanity to become his partners in overseeing the world.

Wisdom Literature

The Bible invites its readers to not simply learn new ideas, but to go on a journey of character transformation that leads to wise living.

Meditation Literature

As ancient Jewish literature, the Bible is artistically designed to reveal its meaning over a lifetime of re-reading and reflection.

ACTIVITY: Make book marks (pre cut book marks with "The Bible is a Unified Story that leads to Jesus" printed on it and a hole punched for ribbon).

Write out some favourite verses and ask the kids to either write their favourite verse or choose one to write on the book mark/ ribbon for putting through the hole.