

5th Grade

Unit 1: The Bible

Truth 4: The Bible is all about Jesus

INTRODUCTIONS/ WEEKLY TRUTH:

- **Worksheet:** Write today's truth: "The Bible is all about Jesus."

MEMORY WORK: Lead the group in a discussion about why memorization is important when it comes to scripture and other important works of faith. See if they remember the following points:

1. Verses from the Bible can help us as we live our lives. They give us perspective and keep our focus on God.
2. When you memorize something it is always there. Think about a song that keeps running through your head. Wouldn't it be better if that was the Word of God?
3. If you have a problem, you can remember what the Bible says to give you guidance or comfort.
4. When someone asks you a question about the Bible or Jesus you can answer it reliably with Scripture.

- **Worksheet:** Have kids write the unit Bible verse: *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. ~ 2 Timothy 3:16*
- **Game:** Reinforce the verse for today by using one of the activities in the Memory Verse Activity Box.

BIBLE TRIVIA

- **Worksheet:** Have kids fill in the blanks for the following Bible trivia and then go over the answers as a class.
 3. The books in the Bible are separated into two sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament.
 4. The Old Testament was written before Jesus was born and is full of clues about His future coming.
 5. The New Testament records Jesus' life and after Jesus' life.
 6. There are 39 books in the Old Testament.

APOSTLE'S CREED: Recite the Apostles' Creed together explaining that it is a summary of what Christians believe. How do we know this creed is true? We know because the Bible tells us each of these things.

DISCUSSION: Last week we discussed how the Bible is enough for us to know what God wants us to believe and for us to be saved. We don't need any other authority or tradition for salvation. Today we'll take a look at how the entire Bible is really one big book about Jesus.

Read Genesis 3:15

After Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, God punished the snake. Who is Eve's offspring who will bruise/ strike/ crush (alternate translations) the serpent's head? (God indicated that a Savior would eventually arrive from the offspring of Eve. Jesus would bruise the serpent's head, in other words, defeat our enemy, while the serpent will bruise Jesus's heel.)

When was this actually accomplished? (on the cross)

Does knowing that God had a plan to save us from the beginning provide comfort to you? How does it make you feel about Jesus? (Encourage discussion.)

Read 1 Chronicles 17:11-14

In this verse God talks about how the offspring of David will build a house for God and his throne will be established forever. What is the house that Jesus will build and where will his throne be? (Jesus would be the son of David who will establish the church and His kingdom will last forever. His throne is at the right hand of God the Father.)

Read Luke 24:26-27

What does Jesus say about himself? (Jesus explained how his death and resurrection fulfilled all that was said of him in Scripture. He showed his disciples how he was always central in God's plan to save his people from sin and death.)

Extended Discussion: There are many people in the Bible that give us a glimpse of Jesus hundreds of years before he came. Think about the similarities between the following people in the Bible and how Jesus was better.

Write down the phrase: Jesus is ... at the top of the page and write the following phrases below it as you discuss how each person mentioned below reflects the coming savior.

- the better Adam
- the better Noah
- the better Moses
- the better David

Summary: Someone once said, "If you're wrong about Jesus, it doesn't matter what you're right about." Jesus is the central figure of the Bible; not only that, he's the central figure of all of creation. We all live our lives in this reality. What we believe about Jesus becomes a part of this grand story and determines what happens in our own stories. Do we believe Jesus is the Son of God? Do we believe he is the only way to be reconciled to God? Do we have faith in him as our Savior? These are the most important questions we will ever answer. I pray you will believe, as John 3:16 teaches: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

PRAYER: Ask kids if they have any prayer requests. Lead the kids in reciting the **Lord's Prayer** together, then pray as you feel led.

SNACK AND COMMUNITY TIME: Pass out snacks and water if needed. Spend the rest of the time in fellowship or consider doing a communal game from the list if kids are getting antsy and need more structure.

- **Memory Challenges:** Allow any kids who want to attempt one of the memory challenges to do so.

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Truth

Bible Verse

Bible Trivia

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Discussion Activity

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Family Discussion Questions:

- Threaded throughout the Bible are references to Jesus. Why is this important?
- How is Jesus the better Adam? Noah? Moses? David?
- What would you say to someone who believed that the Messiah hadn't yet come?