

Sunday School - Junior Class

Lesson 1 - The Bible: God's Message to Man

Introduction to Sunday School

- **Attendance** –if you are not going to be here and you would like to stay up to date with the class you can read the lesson book and ask me to send you the homework sheet or special project.
- Need to bring **Bible/Binder** each week
- **Homework** will be collected and taken home to mark – every two weeks if all children have completed their homework, we will have hot chocolate in class
- **Memory Verses** –it takes time, *repetition is a teaching device* – repeating it every day for a little time will be much more helpful than trying to cram it in on Saturday night. I will print off cards with your memory verse on them, put it on your mirror/dresser in your room and when you wake up/go to bed practice it on your own. When we have a review week we will also review previous memory verses as well.
- Galatians 6:6-9 (**read**) When you sow to the flesh you lose a taste for spiritual things – people who eat at Macdonald's all the time can't appreciate the quality of eating at Sparkling Hills – Think of that spiritually – the more you put into your Sunday School homework (sowing) the more you will reap the benefits of God's wisdom -you'll see it at home with how you interact with you brother/sisters, you'll see it how you respond to your parents, you'll even see how it benefits your friendships.

Review (Checking prior knowledge)

- Unscramble the 66 books of the Bible together as a group (*have 66 books written out on pieces of paper*)
- Can they say one line about what the books are about? Why it was written?

Lesson (read 2 Timothy 3:14-17)

- What does the word Bible mean (*book*) and Holy (*separate*) – so right before we've even opened this book – we are being told it is special – it is different from any other book.
- It is an incredible book that can tell us history of the past, gives us practical help now in our times, prophecy of the future all in the same stories!
- What do we know about the Bible? (*make list on whiteboard of everything the children know and then fill in the rest - 39 books in OT, 27 books in the NT, compiled by many different authors but God's spirit moved the authors to write, written over a period of 1600 years, written from many different locations, Israel, Rome, Babylon, Egypt – and yet there is perfect harmony with one another.*)
- 2 Peter 1:19-21 Peter tells us clearly that although many different men wrote the Bible, it was the spirit of God that moved them. God is ultimately the author of the Bible.
- The Bible is how God has chosen to communicate with us – this is the still small voice of our time that has the power to change our hearts.
- *Isa 55:8* – naturally speaking we do not think like God. Every day the natural things of life crowd out spiritual thinking we have to apply ourselves to hiding God's word in our heart so that it comes when we are faced with sin in our lives- *Psalms 119:11*
- What does the Bible teach us about God? (*have the children look up the verses and tell you their answers – write down verse and answer on whiteboard for children to copy into their notebook*)
 1. 1 Timothy 6:16 – God is immortal and never dying

2. Deuteronomy 6:4 – there is only one God
 3. Isaiah 45:18 – He is the creator of all things
 4. Exodus 34:6-7 – He is patient and kind, will help and guide those who trust in Him. He is righteous and just and will punish the wicked who rebel against Him.
 5. Job 33:4 – the HS is God’s power by which he performs His mighty works
 6. Jeremiah 23:24 – He is everywhere by His HS
 7. Exodus 3:13-18 – He has a name - Yahweh
 8. Psalm 103:20 – the Angels are His immortal servants/messengers that do His will
 9. Psalm 103:13 – He views us as His children
 10. Numbers 14:21 – He has a purpose. God’s plan with the earth – to fill the earth with a people who want to be like him, and who have reflected his character in their lives.
 11. Romans 1:20 – What does nature teach us about God? He is creative, He is orderly and organized, He is thoughtful etc *(have the kids brainstorm)*
- If time remaining, read pg. 10 of Notes – Prophecy section.

Main Lessons for Us

- In the Bible we learn what God wants us to do. It is our responsibility to read the Bible and find out what God wants us to do.
- If we sow to the spirit we will reap everlasting life – if we sow to the flesh then we should not expect spiritual thoughts/responses to come out of us.

Bible Marking

Introduce Bible marking sheets; hand out children’s copies to go in their binders

Places (Orange)

Time (Green)

Women in the Beginning Journals 😊

Introduce idea, hand out journals, and start next week.

(see attachment for outline)

Project Book

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