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The Bible Review



Introduction Activity (5 Minutes)

Option 1: Favorite Book

What You'll Need: Nothing

STEP 1: Ask volunteers to share books they have read at school. If kids cannot think of books, ask if they have read any of the following books:

Charlotte's Web

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Little House on the Prairie

Henry Huggins

(Suggest other popular kids' books titles your kids may have read.)

STEP 2: Ask the following questions:

- What do you think makes a book good?
- What do you think teachers look for in a good book?
- Why is it important to read good literature?

STEP 3: Share the following key concepts:

- It is important to read and study good literature. Books teach us much about society, culture, and how other people think and feel.
- The Bible is the very best book that has ever been written, because it was inspired by the Holy Spirit and everything in the Bible is true.
- The Bible is powerful and contains everything we need to know about God and His plan.

STEP 4: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of studying the Bible.

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Option 2: Favorite Bible Character

What You'll Need: Nothing

PREP: Ahead of time, ask a kid or leader to be prepared to share about their favorite Bible characters.

STEP 1: Introduce your interviewee to the group.

STEP 2: Ask the following questions:

- What is your favorite Bible character?
- What makes this character so special?
- Why do you think this character is in the Bible?
- What can we learn from this character's life?

STEP 3: Share these key concepts:

- The Bible is full of true stories and characters.
- By studying the 66 books of the Bible and the characters in them, we learn about God's plan for us, and how we can grow closer to him.

STEP 4: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of studying the Bible.

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Main Lesson Activity (10 Minutes)

Option 1: Summary Statements

What You'll Need: Summary Statements Handouts, masking tape

PREP: Print out all of the handouts. On the wall or other flat surface, tape the seven categories (Books of History, Books of Wisdom, Books of Prophecy, the Gospels, Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation)

STEP 1: Briefly review the seven categories of the Bible as you share these key concepts.

- God's Word was written by men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write down what He told them to write (2 Peter 1:21). These men from different walks of life, wrote the 66 books that make up the Bible.
- The Books of History give early world history and highlight the beginning of the Israelites and describe how they became a nation. The Books of History show us that God had a plan from the very beginning for His greatest creation, man. We can learn from the lives of key people in these books (Genesis 12:1-3).
- The writers of the Books of Wisdom share their thoughts and feelings with God and offer Him praise. They also teach us how to live a life that pleases God. Studying these books show us who God is and how we can get wisdom to make right choices (Proverbs 1:7).
- The Books of Prophecy were written by prophets to warn people about their sin and tell them God's messages. These books show us everything God says will happen will come true. We can also learn that God wants us to love and obey Him only (Ezekiel 38:23).
- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the Gospels and teach what Jesus Christ did while He was here on earth. When we study the Gospels, we learn key truths about Jesus' birth, ministry and life, death and resurrection (Luke 2:52).
- The Book of Acts tells us how the early church

began. We can learn from the early church how to share the good news and how to love and encourage other believers (Acts 2:41-42).

- The Epistles are letters written to believers and churches. They teach us about our salvation, about who we are in Christ, and about how we can live holy lives that please Christ (Romans 12:1-2)
- Revelation gives us the hope of an eternity with God and shows us that God keeps His promises (Revelation 21:1-4).

STEP 2: Ask for two volunteers to compete in a game. Invite them to the front of your space. Explain that you will read the Summary Statements, and ask your two contestants to identify which of the seven categories best fits the statement. When they know the right answer, they can run and grab the right category, and whoever grabs the right one first, wins that round.

Summary statements you can read:

- These books were written to the early church and believers.
- These books contain details of the Flood and other early world history events.
- The people who wrote these books were given special messages from God.
- This book promises what will happen for believers who accept Jesus as their Savior.
- These books share Jesus' birth, life and ministry, death and resurrection.
- These books show how we can worship God and have wisdom to live a life that pleases Him.
- This book gives the details of how the church began and shows us how we can go and tell others the good news of Jesus Christ.

STEP 3: The importance of studying God's Word is that it will help us know how to love, obey, and worship God more.

BOOKS OF HISTORY

BOOKS OF WISDOM

BOOKS OF PROPHECY

THE GOSPELS

ACTS

THE EPISTLES

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Main Lesson Activity (10 Minutes)

Option 2: Bible Books Timeline

What You'll Need: Summary Statements Handouts, markers or crayons, the kids' handbooks, Bibles

PREP: Print out all of the handouts.

STEP 1: Explain that you will be looking at the different sections of the Bible, and how they line up to give us a full picture of what God wants us to know. Divide your kids into equal groups, and give each a page from the handout.

STEP 2: Give kids five minutes to draw a picture that represents their categories. Encourage them to use their handbooks and Bibles as needed.

STEP 3: After five minutes, line up the groups in the correct order to display the seven category images (Books of History, Books of Wisdom, Books of Prophecy, the Gospels, Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation) and point to each one as you share the following key concepts:

- God's Word was written by men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write down what He told them to write (2 Peter 1:21). These men, from different walks of life, wrote the 66 books that make up the Bible.
- The Bible can be divided into seven categories: Books of History, Books of Wisdom, Books of Prophecy, the Gospels, Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation
- The Bible gives us everything we need to know about how to live a life that is pleasing to God (2 Timothy 3:16 and 17).
- All the books work together to reveal God's grand plans for man.
- Studying and memorizing God's Word will change your life and help you know and understand God better.

STEP 4: Lead the kids in prayer, thanking God for His Word and asking the Holy Spirit to help them understand the importance of studying God's Word.

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