



Life of Christ

Jesus reads in church

Luke 4:14-22

Younger Verse

I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

Older Verse

I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

Lesson Goals

To understand the importance of reading and memorizing the Bible
To see that learning and knowing the Bible helps us be like Jesus

Welcome Time

Have you ever come to Bible study and not really listened to the lesson? Maybe you came to get snacks or see some of your friends. Some people may hear the Bible lesson, but they don't do anything about it. Today's lesson helps us see what Jesus wants us to do.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

We have been talking about the Bible for several weeks. We talked about how God helped people write the books of the Bible. Do you remember what the books were first written on? (leaves and animal skins) Does anyone remember what language the Bible was in? (Hebrew and Greek)

We can know all kinds of information about the Bible. But more importantly, God wants us to learn and use the Bible as a guide for how to live our life. He doesn't want us to tune it out and live our way during the rest of the week. Jesus knows best and if we ask Him for help and guidance, He will help us. That doesn't mean that we will always have an easy life—He didn't promise that.

Here's an example—in school we have spelling tests and other tests that we have to take. Many times we remember the information just for the test. After the test, we forget it because it is not important to us. God says—Hey, the Bible is important stuff. Don't forget it. He wants us to know more and more about it so that we will live His way.

When Jesus lived, many people just went to church because it was the thing to do. They didn't really understand who God was and they didn't know that Jesus was God's Son.

One church day, Jesus went back to His hometown. He stood up to read from the scrolls (remember what they were?) The scroll of Isaiah (in the Old Testament) was given to Him. He read Isaiah 61:1-2. (Let's look it up quickly) Jesus knew the Bible so well that He knew that these verses were talking about Him. He wanted to share them so that others would understand that God sent Him for a very special purpose.

After Jesus shared these words, He sat down. This made everyone so curious. They wondered what He was going to say. Jesus told them that that verse in Isaiah was coming true today. He was telling them that He was the one who would help free people.

The people still didn't understand what Jesus meant. Do you know what Jesus is talking about? The freedom He talks about is the freedom to go to Heaven because of what Jesus did for us. Jesus knew that there was no way we could go to Heaven by ourselves. So, He died for all our wrongs so that we could be "free" and go to Heaven if we trust Him. Some people read the Bible or go to church all their lives and never understand that Jesus is the only way to Heaven. It's true! Believing Jesus is the only way for all people to go to Heaven. If you would like to learn more, talk to me about it.

What have you learned today? (listen for answers—if the kids did not understand the lesson, teach it so they will know it. Don't worry that you may run over the time. It is important for the children to learn and apply the lesson.) We can learn that Jesus knew the Bible and learned lessons from it. He also shared it with others. And we can see that we need to listen and learn from the Bible too. What are some things we can do this week to learn and know the Bible? (encourage each response and challenge the group to do it this week)

Learning Activities

Practice learning the books of the Bible. Share activities that will help them apply today's lesson to their lives.

Memory Verse Activities

The verse today tells us that we should memorize God's Word, the Bible. Ask the kids things that they know for memory. They will probably say things like phone numbers, addresses, words to songs, etc. Share how this verse asks us to memorize verses from the Bible. Encourage them to learn this verse for memory.

Prayer Time

Thank God for the Bible and that we live in a country where we can go to church easily and own a Bible. Thank Him for our minds and ask Him to help us understand and remember the Bible.

Snack Time/CleanUp

During snack time, ask the kids about what they learned and how Jesus can make a difference in their lives.

Planning for July 7th
Why do some people believe differently?
Pharisees versus Jesus
Matthew 15:1-11; 22:15-22

Preschool Lesson
For
Jesus reads in Church

One church day, Jesus went back to the town that He lived in when He was a boy. He stood up to read from the scrolls. Do you remember what scrolls are? They are big pieces of paper on which the Bible was written a long time ago.

The scroll from the book of Isaiah (in the Old Testament) was given to Him. He read Isaiah 61:1-2.

Jesus read in the Bible that someone would go and tell people about God, heal broken hearts, and give people new lives.

Jesus knew the Bible so well that He knew that these verses were talking about Him. He wanted to share them so that others would understand that God sent Him for a very special purpose.

After Jesus shared these words, He sat down. This made everyone so curious. They wondered what He was going to say. Everyone stared at Jesus to see what He was going to say.

Jesus told them something amazing. He told them that that verse in Isaiah was coming true today. He was telling them that He was the one who would help them.

The people did not understand who Jesus was. Do you? Jesus is God's Son. He loves us and cares for us.

Sing the song to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell."

Jesus went to church
Jesus went to church
He told people who He was
And helped heal their hurts.

Hands-On Activities
For
Jesus reads in Church

Try to help the kids learn the Books of the Bible. We have been studying about the Bible for 6 weeks. Hopefully the kids are learning the importance of reading their Bibles and learning verses. Talk about it with the kids. Share how Bible verses have helped you in hard time and have encouraged you also. Help them see that God's Word is living and active!

Play a Bible freeze tag game. If someone is tagged, they must freeze. To get unfrozen, someone must tap them and say a book of the Bible.

Cut out the feet patterns and write a book of the Bible on each footprint. (You may want to do just Old Testament or New Testament). Tape them to the floor and let the kids follow the path in order of the books. (You may want to put several footprints close together as a challenge.) If they step on a foot in the wrong order, they must begin at the beginning again. Make it fun. Remember that starting over helps them remember the books even better!

Make a scroll out of paper and write the verse on it!

Roll fruit roll-ups like a scroll and eat them!