

Preschool Fall
Lesson 1:
The Bible is God's Word

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Understand that the Bible is a book from God and that He wrote His words inside
- 2) We can learn about the Bible on Sunday at church services

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- Use lots of visuals and actions to keep children's attention.
- Allow them to color a page while you read the story if they are unable to stay focused for very long
- Break up the lesson if needed by singing songs or doing an "active" game in a different order if they need to get up and move around
- Help students stay focused by going through sheets in order and helping them follow by pointing to your page where they should be focused.
- Sit beside children who are fidgety to help them stay focused.
- Learn their names – the best way to get someone back on track is to call them by name
- Remember to say "Please" and "Thank you" this is important for them to learn and see.

Supplies: Check with coordinator to ensure supplies are ready.

All sheets, templates, and booklets will be on CD.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Bibles to share (make sure each child has access to a small Bible to use)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Chart Parking Lot – one per student on construction paper
- Attendance Chart Cars – 10 per page, 5 per student printed on construction paper and cars cut out before class
- Zip-to-close bag or paper lunch bag – one per student
- Marker to write name of student on bag – one to share
- Tape to share
- Songs for Fall Quarter – printed out one set for class
- Bible Book Cover Template – one per student printed on light colored construction paper and cut out according to directions before class
- Pictures for Bible Book – cut out before class – one set per student
- Stapler – to share or if unavailable, tape to put Bible book together
- Stickers, scrap colored paper, sequins, or ribbon to decorate Bibles
- Glue sticks to share
- I Can Worship God Take Home Chart – one per student

Depending on time choose some optional activities to do and gather supplies

- Bible and Church Activity Game Templates – one set per class to share
- Tape to put up Activity Game Templates
- Dolls of family – enough for each child to get some to play with
- Bibles – one per child (either make paper Bibles using Bible Book Cover Template, or gather real Bibles enough for each child to look through one)
- Ball – one per class to share
- Snack – Bible Book shaped snack such as rectangle shaped cheese or crackers – enough so each child gets some along with a napkin and a glass of water

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Share with students, **"My name is _____ and I will be your teacher this quarter. Here is _____ my assistant to help. This quarter we are going to learn about the Bible (show a Bible). We are going to see that the Bible is special because it is God's Word! In the Bible we learn that God loves us and wants us to obey Him that includes coming to church services on Sunday!"** Hold up the Bible.

Let's sing some songs to get us started!

God Loves

God loves _____, Yes He does!

God loves _____, Yes He does!

God loves _____, just this way

And He loves (him/her) everyday!

*Fill in name of each child in the room one at a time.

The B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, yes that's the book for me.

I stand alone on the Word of God,

The B-I-B-L-E.

Chorus

Oh the Bible will never fail, never fail, never fail.

The Bible will never fail – no, no, no!

The B-I-B-L-E, yes that's the book for me.

I read and pray, trust and obey,

The B-I-B-L-E.

(Chorus)

Hand out one Bible to each child (if needed, use the "Bibles" that you pre-cut and put together from craft below). Say to students. **Today we will learn the Bible is VERY special. Do you know why? Because it is God's! God made the Bible for us and the Bible has all of God's Words that He wants us to read and they are put in the Bible. Isn't that wonderful? God made the Bible for each and every one of us! God loves us very much and wanted each one of us to have a Bible to read, to use and to study His wonderful words.**

Let's all say **"Thank you God for our Bibles!"** Have students say it together. **Good job! We will spend more time talking about the Bible and how special it is, but for now, let's put our Bibles down and get ready to make a craft.**

2) Attendance Chart Craft

10-15 minutes

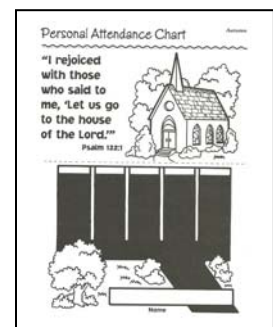
How did you get to church today.....? (Insert child's name here)

Go through each child seeing how they got to church today. Say **"Thank you for sharing."** When they share their answer.

Today we are going to make a special attendance chart so that each week when you come, we will be able to keep track of how many times you came! (Show picture of church parking lot and cars) Today we are going to decorate and color a church building (show the church building).

Some people come to worship God on Sunday's in a car, truck, or van.

Today we are going to decorate 5 cars each and each week, you will get to pick one of your cars and put a car in the parking lot in front of the church building. I will tape the car down, when we use up all 5 cars we will remove them and start again until the end of the quarter, ok?



Let's start by coloring our 5 cars! Hand out crayons and help students hold the cars and color them. Make sure you write the child's name on the back of each car so they don't get them confused with other students'. Encourage them to talk about getting ready for church services, taking the time to drive or walk to fellowship with the church and how wonderful it is that they all came to worship God today!

Once they are done coloring their cars. Write their name under each of the 5 cars and put them each in a zip-to-close or paper lunch bag with their name written on that so that each week, they can choose a car and tape it in the next slot of the parking lot. Have them color the church building and then as they work on that, ask each student to choose a car to put in the first stall of the parking lot for this week's attendance and tape it in the right spot! Label each parking lot stall – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Now that we are done, let's all help clean up by putting our cars in the bags and putting our crayons away! Thank those students who choose to help and praise them for helping to encourage other students to want to help as well.

Clean Up Song

Clean up, clean up
Everybody everywhere!
Clean up, clean up
Everybody do your share!
Repeat

I Love to Hear the Bible

Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie

Oh, I love to hear the Bible,
the Bible, the Bible.
Oh, I love to hear the Bible,
for I know it's true.
And in God's Word the Bible,
the Bible, the Bible
And in God's Word the Bible
I learn what to do!

3) Action Rhyme and Songs

5 minutes

Now that we made our attendance chart. Let's do some action rhymes about the Bible!

Action Play – The Bible Says

The Bible says, "Pray" I will obey.

(Fold hands and bow head)

The Bible says, "Listen" I will obey.

(Cup hand to ear)

The Bible says, "Give" I will obey.

(Pretend to drop money in basket)

The Bible says, "Go to church" I will obey.

(Walk fingers along arm or step feet up and
down)

The Bible says, "Sing" I will obey.

(Start to sing another song – like I Love to Hear
the Bible)

I Love to Hear the Bible

Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie

Oh, I love to hear the Bible,
the Bible, the Bible.
Oh, I love to hear the Bible,
for I know it's true.
And in God's Word the Bible,
the Bible, the Bible
And in God's Word the Bible
I learn what to do!

Action Rhyme – Here is the Bible

Here is the Bible (hold hands out with palms together like a book)

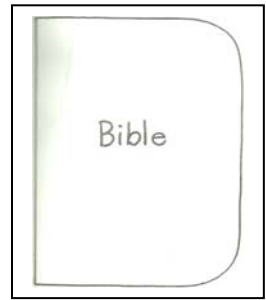
Let's open it wide (hold hands like an open book)

God speaks to us (point upward)

On the pages inside (hold hands like an open book)

4) Bible Book Cover and Pictures Craft**20-30 minutes**

Have the students now come to the table to sit, have the teacher assistant hand out one pre-cut Bible cover to each child along with crayons. Write their names on the back of each of their Bibles. Then hand out the four pictures that go in the Bible that were printed and cut before class. Have students color each page. Make sure you read each page aloud and talk about what is going on in the picture and how it relates to God's Word – the Bible. After each child colors a page, hand out one "Bible" sticker with glue so each child can put a picture of a Bible on their page. Then go to the next page and repeat reading the words aloud and handing out a sticker to glue to the page. When students are done, assemble their "Bibles" by putting the 4 pictures together and stapling or taping them inside their Bible covers. If time, allow the students to add stickers, decorations and such to their Bible.



Explain to the children, **"The Bible is very special. It is God's Word. The Bible tells us we need to worship God – that is why you are here today! The Bible tells us to listen and read the words inside. That is what you are going to do today! You are following the Bible when you read and obey what it says!"**

Read from **2 Timothy 3:16** this simple paraphrased version: **"The Bible is God's...."**

Ask students to help clean up before moving on to the next optional activities if there is time.

5) Optional: Bible Action Game**1-2 minutes****Best Book of All – Rhyme**

Books, books, big and small;
What's the very best book of all?

THE BIBLE!

(Repeat several times and hold up the Bible each time)

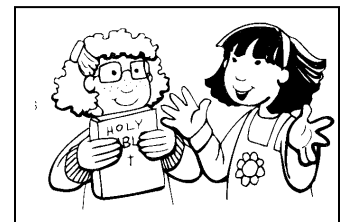
6) Take Home Chart – I Can Worship God Too!**5 minutes**

To help us remember today that God wants us to worship Him on Sunday. We are going to take home a chart to work on with our moms or dads. You will fill this chart in with your mom and/or dad, each time you come to worship God at church services on Sunday. When you sit with mom/dad during services you will checkmark each time you pray, give, listen and sing! Make sure you remember to give this to your mom or dad and have them read it with you aloud so you can all know what to do!

7) Optional Activity – Bible and Worship Activity Action Game**5-10 minutes**

Cut out the Bible, Church building, and Children templates from the C.D or binder and with tape, tape them in an open area on three different walls. Make sure the area is safe for students to run in.

If you are doing this activity outside on a sidewalk you can use sidewalk chalk and draw a Bible, church building and children instead in different areas of the sidewalk.



Gather children around and tell them that one at a time they are going to take turns, when you call the child by name – you will then say either “Bible” “Church” or “Children”

That child will then run to the picture of the word you said. If they run to the right spot praise them, if not, show them the right place to go. Have them return to the end of the line so the next child can go. Let each child take a turn and then if time and if they are having fun – play the game again. If they are able ask them to say as they run – The Bible is God’s Word!

8) Optional: Dolls and Bibles – We Can Pretend to Worship 10-15 minutes

Pass around dolls and Bibles and/or other things that will help children remember what they learned - that the Bible is God’s Word.

Say, **“The Bible is from God. As we pretend with these Bibles and dolls let’s remember that God gave us the Bible and in the Bible it says we need to worship Him. That is why we are all here today at services - to worship God! Let’s share our dolls and Bibles and pretend that our dolls are going to church services to read the Bible and learn about God. Let’s practice all the things we do on Sunday using our dolls.** (Pretend they go to Sunday school class. Pretend they go to worship and sit, pray, read their Bibles, give and listen.) Talk about how happy God is when we read from His Word the Bible. Talk about how happy our family is when we come to Sunday school and sit, listen and obey the teacher and read from the Bible. Ask students what things they remember people doing every Sunday when they are at church services.

Then while they play, open your Bible and turn to **2 Timothy 3:16** ask students to look and listen while you read from the Bible this paraphrased version: **All the Words in the Bible are from God.** Then say to students, **“The Bible is God’s Word!”**

Do the following rhyme with your Bible:

Best Book of All – Rhyme
Books, books, big and small;
What’s the very best book of all?
THE BIBLE!

(Repeat several times and hold up the Bible each time)

Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.

9) Optional: Roll the Ball Game 5 minutes

Tell the students, **“Let’s all sit on the floor in a circle. While we are in the circle we are going to pass the ball to one another, as you pass the ball gently to a person, I want you to say, “The Bible is God’s Word!” You can only pass the ball to someone who hasn’t had a turn yet, if someone catches the ball that already had a turn, you must give it to someone who hasn’t so we call get a chance to play, ok? ”**

Another phrase you can use is **“Thank You God for Your Bible!”**

Make sure each child gets a turn before doing another round. Praise students who can recite the verse.

10) Optional: Snack – Bible shaped snack 5-10 minutes

“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning about God’s Word – the Bible. To help us remember, we are going to have a snack in the shape of the Bible.” Hand out a book-shaped snack to each child, like a piece of cheese in a rectangle shape, a piece of bread or crackers and glass of milk or water to each child. Explain, **“The snack today looks like a book – today we learned that the Bible is God’s special book that He made for each and every one of us. Let’s think about how wonderful God is for giving us the Bible as we enjoy our book/Bible snacks! Enjoy!”** Talk about

where we have Bibles today – in our homes, at the church building, when we go to Bible studies, etc. After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

11) Sing

5-10 minutes

Have children sing songs with you, you can sing from the Fall Quarter Songs provided as well as for today since it is about the Bible, sing:

I Love to Hear the Bible

Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie

Oh, I love to hear the Bible,
the Bible, the Bible.
Oh, I love to hear the Bible,
for I know it's true.
And in God's Word the Bible,
the Bible, the Bible
And in God's Word the Bible
I learn what to do!

The Bible is God's Book

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

The Bible is God's Book,
His words are there, you see.
It is the way He talks to you,
The way He talks to me.

12) Close in prayer

Tell students that **we are going to pray, to pray we need to put down everything and fold our hands and bow our heads like this** (show students). **This way we can hear and listen to the prayer and when we sit quietly and focus on God – it makes God happy! We learn this in God's Word the Bible.**

First: Ask if there are prayer requests that kids want to share. Make a list. Then give the list to the assistant or read yourself.

Second: Remind students to fold hands and bow heads then: Thank God that He created the world and gave us the Bible. Thank you God that we can know what God wants us to do by reading His special Words – the Bible. Help us to remember to make God happy by coming to worship Him every Sunday. Thank God for everyone here today and for those that couldn't be. In Jesus' name, Amen.

13) Remind students

To take home their "Bibles" and "Take Home Charts". Thank them for coming and ask them to help clean up before they leave.

14) Greet Parents at door – Hand out take home chart to each parent

Ensure all students go to parents or if some students remain have teacher assistant help you take them to their parents. Make sure each child's parent or guardian gets a take home chart.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!