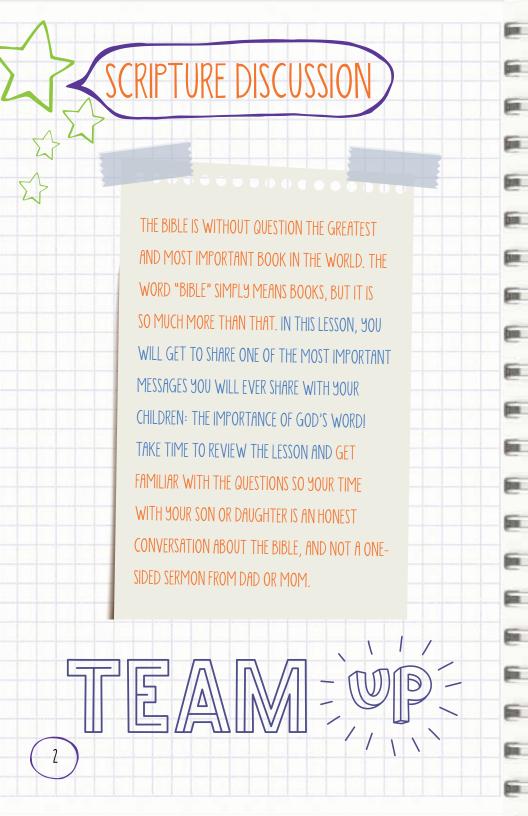


BIBLE PRESENTATION PARENT GUIDE

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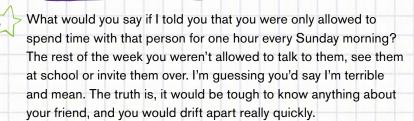






Who is your best friend?

SAY SOMETHING LIKE



Just like you need to spend time with your friends in order to have a strong relationship with them, you also need to spend time with God. When you spend time with God daily, you learn about Him, grow closer to Him, and begin to trust Him in your decisions.

ASK



How do you think God talks to us? (God can speak to us in many ways, but a few of the most common are through the Holy Spirit, through other people and especially through His Word, the Bible.)



What do you think are some benefits you would gain from reading God's Word each day? (We can hear about how He loves us, encourages us, instructs us on how to live, and what His purposes and plans are for us.)



Where do you think the Bible came from? (Look up 2 Timothy 3:16-17 or page 1.)

SAY SOMETHING LIKE



The Bible is a collection of 66 books written by more than 40 different authors. The Bible was written in three different languages over a span of 1,400 to 1,800 years. Wow, that's a long time! What's amazing is the Bible was written over that many years, with that many different authors who didn't know each other or even speak the same language, yet all the books of the Bible fit together to tell one story without any errors. This is because God inspired each of the authors to write what they wrote. This is just one way we know the Bible is absolute truth. The Bible is our most important book because it is God's Word to us.

ASK



Look again at 2 Timothy 3:16-17 or on page 1. Can you find some things we use the Bible for?



Some people view the Bible as a rule book. Why do you think people view it that way?



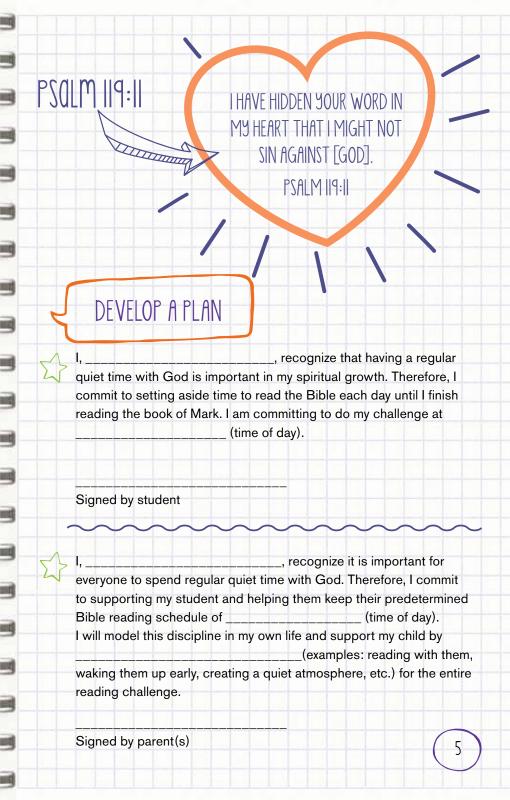
Some people view the Bible as a love letter. Can you see why people look at it that way?



Others view the Bible like a road map/GPS. How could the Bible be like a road map?

SAY SOMETHING LIKE

You are reaching an age where I really want you to start to hide God's Word in your heart. This simply means knowing God's Word so well that you remember it throughout your day (read Psalm 119:11). The best way to do that is to read God's Word every day. Over the next few weeks, I want to make it our goal that we will read the Bible each night. First, let's make it a goal to read the entire book of Mark.



SAY SOMETHING LIKE

To start off reading your Bible, I want us to read the gospel of Mark together. The word "gospel" means "good news." In this book, Mark is writing to share the good news of Jesus Christ. The purpose of this book was to encourage the Christians in Rome and to share with them God's purpose and plan for Jesus Christ. So let's start this tonight.

WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD PROCESS WHAT THEY READ EACH DAY:

- I) YOUR CHILD SHOULDN'T READ TOO MUCH EACH DAY.
 READING THE BIBLE IS NOT SUPPOSED TO FEEL LIKE
 HOMEWORK OR BE FRUSTRATING. SET A REALISITIC GOAL:
 WE RECOMMEND 5-10 MINUTES A DAY AT BEDTIME.
- 2) YOUR CHILD SHOULD IDENTIFY ONE VERSE THAT STUCK OUT TO THEM IN THE PASSAGE THEY READ. IT'S GOOD TO DICUSS ONE VERSE TOGETHER SO YOU CAN ADD MEANING TO WHAT THEY JUST READ.
- 3) ASK YOUR CHILD IF THEY CAN FIND ANY WAY TO APPLY WHAT THEY READ TO THEIR LIFE TODAY.
- 4) FINISH BY PRAYING TOGETHER. THANK GOD FOR LETTING US KNOW HIM THROUGH HIS WORD, AND ASK GOD TO TEACH YOU WHAT HE WANTS YOU TO LEARN.

