

Big Point: His Word Rocks

God's Word: Quiet Time (Psalms 1:1-3)

Memory verse: Never stop reading this Book of the Law. Day and night you must think about what it says. Make sure you do everything written in it. Then things will go well with you. And you will have great success. (Joshua 1:8)

Life question: How to make quiet time (spending time with God) our spiritual habit?

Kids spot

Intro

Welcome children and start by asking children if they remember what they learnt on Sunday. (Give hint: make a book action by holding out two open palms)

That's right, It's about the bible! (Be sure to praise the kid who said the right answer and hold out physical bible.)

What do you do with the bible? Do you just bring it with you to make your bag heavy on Sundays? (Puts bible in bag and pretend to carry and act that its heavy) Ans: No!

Do you just put it at home to show that it is a Christian home and family? (Prop up on table or something) Ans: No!

What do you do with the bible? Ans: You read it! That's right!

Discussion

Alright, that makes sense because a book is meant to be read. BUT WHY do you read the bible? Anyone remembers what you learnt last Sunday?

(Allow children to share, if it's quiet and kids are not willing to talk/share, just give time and encourage that there is no right or wrong answer. Do praise kids when they express out what

they remember from Sunday.)

For older kids who has no problem writing their own sentences - give a piece of paper and allow them to write their reason after sharing.

Okay, there are no wrong answers, (Validate accordingly! E.g. Because it's God's Word, yes. Because parents say must read, yes we should obey our parents. Because I like the stories, GREAT. Because I love Jesus, yes, that's very lovely! Because it's to know God's heart! YES) and those are great answers!

Okay, the bible is a very special book because it's actually a collection of 66 books, all in one! That's why it seems so thick and the words inside are so small! (Open the bible to let kids see). But what makes it even more special is that, it is written by God through man. So God gave the ideas to some people who have a very close friendship with Him to write out the bible and they obeyed.

So if God was the one who gave the ideas, whose words are the bible? Ans: God's! That's right!

Okay, I have a friend here, his/her name is (any name, try to make it funny, e.g. Jojo). (Bring out soft toy)

Let's pretend, Jojo REALLY likes to read stories and watch shows that are very violent, and people are mean to each other and selfish, and steal and do terrible terrible stuff.

What do you think are the kind of thoughts that Jojo will have? (Pause) Will Jojo's thoughts be on what she has read and watched? Yes, isn't it? What we read, and what we watch, it will stay in our minds, in our thoughts and in our heart. And when she acts, do you think she will be gentle and kind? (Pause)

Hmm... maybe not so. Because all the things she put in herself are not-so-good stuff.

But what if Jojo, reads the bible? Now, whose words are in the bible? Yes, they are all God's Words!

So if she reads God's Word and good stories, what are the kind of thoughts which will be in Jojo's mind, thoughts and heart? (Pause)

They will be good thoughts and God thoughts. When she acts, will she do good acts that God will be pleased with? Yes!

Do you think she will be close to God? Yes, she will, because God can always speak to you and teach you things through the bible!

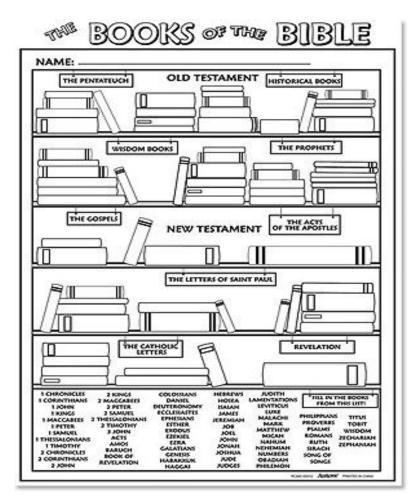
So to conclude, if you want to be close to God, you need to know what He says and what He thinks. And how do you do that? Through reading the bible everyday in your own time with God. It's called Quiet Time . :)

Songs:

Read your bible pray everyday: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYRyJxs9CG4</u>

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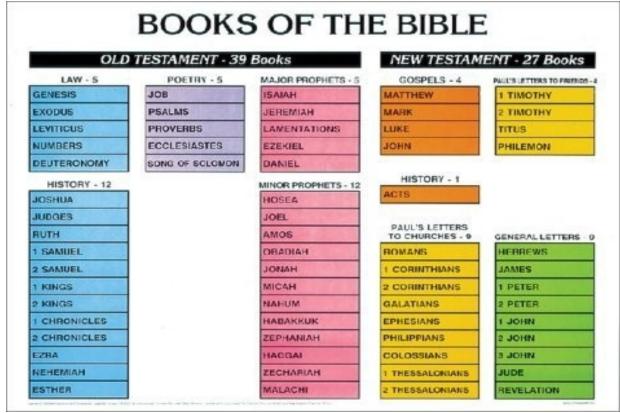
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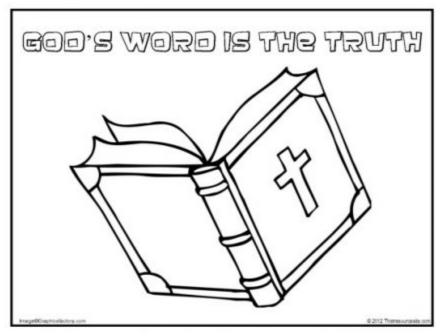
Craft 2: Books in the bible

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Reflection

Now, the older children, I want you to turn your piece of paper the other way. You can reflect and think of the following questions:

- 1. Is there anything new that you learnt today?
- 2. Why do we read the bible? Is there a change in your thinking?

The younger children can have a piece of paper and answer in drawing or words, why do you read the bible?

Prayer

Dear God, we thank You for Your bible. We pray that we can be just like the people who wrote the bible, people who are close to you and know your thoughts and obey You. Amen in Jesus' name.

Alright, before we end, we can watch this video together! <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51zIRCRvQEc</u>