



WEEK ONE – AUGUST 2019

Bible Story: *I'll Remember (What Is the Bible?)* • Psalm 119:105

Bottom Line: *When you learn about God, it's easier to follow Him.*

Memory Verse: *"The way we show our love is to obey God's commands. He commands you to lead a life of love. That's what you have heard from the beginning."* – 2 John 6 (NirV)

Life App: *Obedience—trusting who's in charge by doing what you're asked to do.*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: We start the month by helping kids understand the importance of the Bible. In Psalm 119:105 we read that God's Word can guide us in the way we should go. The Bible is made up of 66 books that include history and wisdom, letters and parables, even poems and promises that make up God's One Big Story. When we dig into the Bible, we find out about God's plan to rescue the world through Jesus.

Bottom Line: *When you learn about God, it's easier to follow Him. Throughout the month, we'll help kids learn that obedience and trust go hand-in-hand. The more you know an adult, the more likely you'll do what they ask. The same is true about God. The more you know Him, the easier it is to do what God asks you to do. We'll help kids learn how they can discover more about God as they read the Bible.*

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"
shout out the name

1. Look! (Early Arriver Idea)

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: "Look!" Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Guide kids to gather around you.
- Show one of the “Look!” close-up images and encourage kids to guess what it is.
 - *Tip: Direct kids to give a silent, subtle signal (such as touching their nose) when they think they know the answer. This can help prevent outbursts and allow all kids a chance to think and guess.*
- When kids guess, unfold the page to reveal the full image.
- Continue through the remaining cards, ending with the “Bible.”

What You Say:

“What do you think the planets, the earth, the moon, astronauts, and the Bible have in common? (God made the planets and everything in space; the Bible tells us about everything God made.) Good thinking!

[Transition] Let’s go to Large Group and learn more.”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

*Bible Story – INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)
Worship SONGS*

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

2. Memory Verse Bookmarks

[Memory Verse Activity]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Bibles, cardstock strips, and markers

What You Do:

- Look up the month’s memory verse (2 John 6) together using the navigation tips below.
- Pass out a cardstock strip to each child.
 - **Leaders: help write the verse on each of the bookmark strips**
- Encourage them to write out the words of this month’s verse and decorate it to create a bookmark.

What You Say:

*“I hope you’ll use these bookmarks in your Bibles this week as a reminder that we show God we love Him when we obey Him and follow His commands. He wants us to trust that His way is the best way. He made you and loves you more than you could ever imagine. **[Bottom Line] When you learn about God, it’s easier to follow Him.”***

[Make It Personal] (Tell your few about something you've learned from Scripture that has helped you follow God in obedience. You can point to a specific story or favorite verse. Share how following that command has made your life better and helped you grow in your relationship with God.)

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: GodTime cards and Memory Verse bookmarks from previous activity

What You Do:

- Ask the kids to hold their GodTime cards and bookmarks as you lead them in prayer.

What You Say:

*"I have a little challenge for you this week. I want you to place this GodTime card and bookmark inside your Bible when you get home. But that's not the challenge! The challenge is to MOVE your bookmark as you complete Days Two, Three, and Four. Remember, **[Bottom Line]** when you learn about God, it's easier to follow Him.*

"Let's pray. Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us SO much that You sent Your only Son for us. Thank You for the Bible, where we can learn how to follow You. Help us to move our bookmarks and complete our GodTime cards this week as we spend time reading Your Word and applying what we've learned. We know that following You in obedience is the best way to show that we love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them their bookmarks and GodTime cards to complete with a Bible at home. If someone doesn't have a Bible, work with your church to have some on hand if possible. Also, don't forget to hand out this month's content overview to each parent!