



OLD TESTAMENT: THE BIBLE

lesson 1

BIG IDEA

The bible is God’s Holy Word written over many centuries by God’s chosen men and collected into one book. It contains 66 smaller books and is divided into two major sections. This lesson is an introduction to the bible.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 8 and/or Hebrews 4:12

KEY VERSES

Hebrews 4:12

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON: SKIT

- Cast: TL wearing baseball cap. Bear wearing bear ears.
- No props
- *EM provides baseball cap and bear ears.*

CRAFT - NAME TAGS

- 3x5 blank index cards
- Clear contact paper pre-cut 4 x 6 inches
- Sturdy ½ inch wide ribbon, pre-cut in 24 inch lengths.
One per child.
- Stickers for decoration
- Markers
- ribbon or cord (24” per child)
- beads

GAME - THE NAME GAME

- no materials needed

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Work Sheet (1 per child)

EM PROVIDES

- Scissors
- Hole Punches



Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(extend hands to sides)

You have set your glory in the heavens.



(extend hands high)

Through the praise of children and infants you have



("stop" hand)

established a stronghold against your enemies,

To silence the foe and the avenger.



(index finger over lips)

(wiggle fingers both hands)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,



The moon and the stars which you have set in place,



(point to moon and stars)

What is mankind that you are mindful of them,



(shrug shoulders)

Human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels



(flat hand at waist)

And crowned them with glory and honor.



(make crown with hands)

You have made them rulers over the works of your

hands;



(open hands)

You put everything under their feet:



(stomp feet)

All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,



(hands like claws)

The birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim

the paths of the seas.



(hands together wiggle like fish)

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(arms up as if cheering)



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CAST

TL wearing a baseball cap
Bear wearing bear ears

SCRIPT

Bear (Comes onto the stage with a magnifying glass bent low to the ground, studying)

TL Hey there Bear. What are you up to?

Bear Oh, hi TL. I'm researching. You know how I like to collect treasures?

TL Sure. You collect things like old shoe laces, soda pop tabs, unusual rocks. Right?

Bear Yep. But recently, my mom said I have too much stuff and I can't bring home any more big items.

TL But you're still looking, what are you looking for?

Bear Tiny things! I figure tiny treasures are just as valuable as big ones. Look here! (Hold up miniscule "item")

TL (Squint) I can't see anything.

Bear It's a tiny piece of broken dial from a watch. That's gotta be worth at least two bottle caps!

TL Wow, that's going to be an amazing, tiny collection. You know, I've been doing some research too.

Bear What kinds of things were you researching?

TL It was so neat, I looked way back in history at stories that took place at the very beginning of time!

Bear You mean like when my mom and dad were little? Cuz that was a real long time ago.

TL (Chuckle) No. I mean even farther back. Way back when there was nothing, not a person, not an animal, not an earth, not even a sun!



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Bear Oh, I know all about this! I learned it in school, you mean the big bang. When suddenly there was this ginormous bang and poof, there was a bunch of planets and little amoeba type things that eventually turned into animals and stuff.

TL You know Bear, I did a whole bunch of research and the Bible also tells a story about the beginning of life. (Hold up the bible)

Bear The bible tells stories? I thought it only had good verses about how to know right and wrong.

TL Would you believe the bible is full of stories?

Bear I love stories! Could you tell me some of the stories?

TL I'd love to. Maybe tomorrow I could tell you the very first story, about how God created everything out of nothing.

Bear Yah, that sounds like a good one.

TL I'm thinking it will make a lot more sense if I tell you a bit about the book though because it's different than most books.

Bear Is it one of those really old books with hard tricky words?

TL It was written a long, long time ago, but it was actually written by quite a few different people over several thousand years.

Bear (Shakes head. Wiggles ear.) Did I hear you right? Do you say thousands of year?

TL That's right. But it's even cooler than that. There is a verse that says, "all scripture is God breathed." That means that God actually helped each person write his section of the bible during the time that man was living.

Bear Seriously? That's amazing!

TL It gets even better than that. Not only did God help men to write the stories at different time in history, he also made it hold together and stay true all the way to today. And he will keep it together and true until the end of time.

Bear So (scratches head) does that mean that one guy a super long time ago started writing stories and then he gave to book to someone else who added more stories and they kept passing it on until God said stop?

TL Well, not exactly. Most of the men who wrote parts of the bible, they didn't even know each



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other. And some of them wrote on different materials, like a special paper scroll made out of papyrus leaves. In fact, some of the books started out as letters that men wrote and sent to people they cared about.

Bear Gee. That boggles my mind.

TL It is pretty awesome. Let me show you something else. The bible actually has two parts. The first part is full of stories about how God made the world, and how people made bad choices, and how God chose special people to bless, and how he had a plan to save people from the consequences of their bad choices. That part is called the Old Testament.

Bear Old Testament? Let me guess, the other part is called the NEW Testament...ha ha...get it?

TL (Laughs with him) Your totally right!

Bear Seriously?

TL Yep, we call the second part the New Testament. It's full of stories about a baby who would save people from the consequences of their bad choices, and how people got excited about the truth and met in groups called churches, and even about God's plan for the end of the world.

Bear Wow, it sounds like a thriller to me! I can't wait to hear the first story.

TL Then let's meet back here tomorrow and I'll tell you the first story, about how God created the world.

Bear Terrific. I'll see you tomorrow.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What do you know about the bible?
- Do you own a bible?
- How many books are in the bible?
- How many in the Old Testament?
- How many in the New Testament?
- Have you ever memorized verses from the bible?
- Why should you read the bible?



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CRAFT

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NAME TAGS

Objective: Kids will make durable name tags that they can use every day that they come to Kids Club (Experience Mission staff collect name tags and hand out each day)

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors
- Hole Punch

DIRECTIONS

- Pass out one index card to each child
- Help them write their first names on both sides of the card in neat, large, dark letters
- Allow kids to decorate card with stickers
- Cover both sides of card with clear contact paper
- Trim edges
- Punch a hole in the top center of the card
- Run a ribbon through the hole and add beads

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

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EXAMPLE





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OBJECTIVE: THE NAME GAME

Kids and leaders get to know each other's names in a silly way.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- None

DIRECTIONS

- This game can be played in a large group or in smaller groups.
- Participants (including leaders!) sit in a circle.
- A leader starts by stating his name with an alliterative adjective before it, (ie. Silly Sam).
- The next person points to Sam and says "Silly Sam" then points to herself and says her own alliterative name (ie. Marvelous Margaret).
- Keep going around the circle adding names.
- Have fun with it, laugh when there are mistakes and help correct them.
- No one gets "out" in this game.
- For added fun and activity all players swap places with someone else when a mistake is made!



