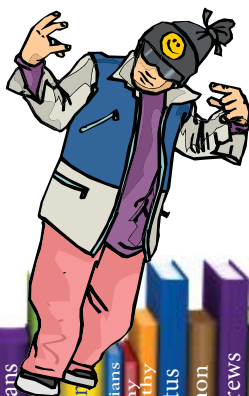
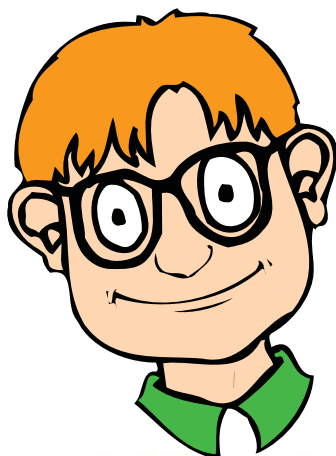




Bible

Activities



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Introduction

Did you know that the Bible is the most read and most translated book in the world? Now we can find an electronic Bible available in different versions, and it seems that our children prefer to not have a printed bible! In this workshop we have different options to explore the printed Bible with your students. They will learn the structure and important characters through crafts, riddles and games. We want to show you how to teach them in a creative, fun and blessed way.

In our ministry “Children are Important” we believe that the entire Bible is the Word of God, inspired by God and that men were moved by the Spirit of God to write it. The Bible has more than 40 authors who wrote hymns, prophecies, histories, promises and much more. Saying they were inspired means that God put the words in their minds and hearts and the authors wrote them by hand.

More information

Here is a typical Bible structure. Any group can have a separate way they organize the Scripture.



In the following sections are games, riddles, crafts and extra resources that you can use to help your students learn about the Bible.





Games

Here are fun games to play with your students, where the goal is to have fun while they learn and review.

To add incentives, have some chocolates or snacks that you can give individually to reward them.

Bags to remember the Bible's books

You need two gift bags or small cardboard boxes, 1 marker, one or two cards or colored paper, and scissors.

Write on one bag, Old Testament, and on the other, New Testament. Cut out 66 cards and write on them the names of the books of the Bible. Remember the goal of this game is for your children to learn the names of the Bible and whether they are in the Old or New Testament.



Variation:

You can get more bags and write in each of them Pentateuch, Pauline Letters, Poetic books, and thus give more flavor to the game. If you are familiar with the locations of the following, you can also change the names of the bags by marking them promises, beatitudes, commandments, psalms.

Match the character with the book

Prepare riddles before class of biblical or animal characters mentioned in the Bible. In a plastic container place labels with the names of the books of the Bible, but only select a maximum of 10.

Read aloud the riddle and the student who knows the answer goes to the front to take the card and put it in the plastic container where the character, animal or the name of the book of the Bible is mentioned.





Game “The Bible is incomplete”

You will need cardboard or colored sheets, markers, and scissors. Prepare cards with the names of the Bible and share them among the students. The leader says: This Bible is incomplete; the book of Amos is missing. The student who has the card with the book of Amos will answer, “The book of Amos is not missing, the missing book is Acts.” The game continues in this way, trying not to repeat the mentioned books.

Variation:

Make only section cards, for example, major and minor prophets.



At full speed

Each participant will need a Bible. In this game include all your students. The teacher will tell you to look for the book of Psalms. Then he/she will start reading the verses of a chapter without telling the students where it is. Help them, for example, by telling them, “The verses I am going to read are between chapters 33 and 40,” so it will be a little easier. The first student who locates the reading will win.

Tip:

To help your students read their bibles during the week, tell them that in the next class you will be choosing verses from the 1st Letter to Timothy. Encourage them to read during the week so they can locate the verses.





Fishing biblical books

Get some strainers, balloons, an indelible marker, a large plastic container, and water. Inflate the balloons about the size of a ping-pong ball. Write on them the names of books of the Old and New Testament. On the strainers write the names of the biblical sections such as Prophetic Books, Gospels, Pentateuch, and Poetic Books.



Divide your students into two teams. Have each team catch as many bible book “fishes” in one minute. The team that catches the most books correctly wins.

Riddles

Use these Bible riddles as contests. Divide your students into teams. Use a timer to see who guesses first, then faster.

Jesus gave him a new name, and sometimes he strongly admonished him. One time he preached, and three thousand souls were saved. Who is it?
Answer: Peter.

I loved praying to God. Some people did not want me to pray. They threw me into the lion's den, but God protected me.
Answer: Daniel.

My mom prayed so I was born. I was raised in the temple. When I was young God spoke to me. Who am I?
Answer: Samuel.





Pharaoh had a dream about corn and another about cows. Nobody could explain it, but then God explained it to me. Who am I?

Answer: Joseph.

I'm divided into two sections, but I'm not a football game. I can be read, but I am not a newspaper. I contain verses, but I am not a song. I contain books, but I am not a library. I'm in a church, but I'm not a pastor.

Answer: Bible.

Instead of going to Nineveh, this person decided to escape. He was thrown overboard into the sea and was swallowed by a whale. Who is he?

Answer: Jonah,

My food is locusts and wild honey. I am a messenger and I serve God faithfully. Who am I?

Answer: John the Baptist.

One girl listened attentively, the other cooked. Who are they?

Answer: Martha and Mary.

I made my father sad. I made pigs happy. I made friends who really weren't friends. Who am I?

Answer: the prodigal son.

This is something you can read when you're sitting on a bench. It contains two testaments, one old and one new.

Answer: The Bible.





Crafts

These crafts are very practical for learning biblical content or text. You can also use them as contests or games.

Bible books with cereal boxes

Use empty cereal boxes, glue, colored paper, marker or pen, scissors, and the Bible.

Decorate the cereal boxes with the colored papers, but do not cover the top of the box in its entirety since it must remain free to open and close. Write on the wide side of the box the name of the book of the Bible you will use for the bible story. Inside the box you can put a visual aid-- some object related to the story. In this way it is not necessary that you must make all the books of the Bible at once.



Giant Candy

You need a balloon, tissue paper, two small pieces of ribbon about 10 cm each, candy, plate, and the Biblical text: Psalm 119: 103.

Inflate the balloon as round as possible, now cover the balloon with the tissue paper. Do not cut the ends of the paper but twist them to get what looks like a giant piece of candy. Take a ribbon and very close to the balloon, tie the ribbon. Take the other end and perform the same process. Make it look like a giant piece of candy wrapped in beautiful paper. Place the balloon candy on a plate and write the text of Psalm 119: 103 on it. Give a brief explanation to the children about this text. Then distribute the real candy.





Relate a Bible Reference with a Story

Get a cardboard box, 10 popsicle sticks, blank paper, scissors or cutter, colored wrapping paper, glue or tape, and an indelible marker.

Wrap the cardboard box. On the popsicle sticks write biblical references, for example, Matthew 28: 1-10, Genesis 1, Psalm 23, and so on, up to 10 Bible references.

Make small cuts of 5cm in the box using the cutter or scissors. You will use these cuts to insert the sticks. Leave a space of 3cm to 5cm between each cut depending on the size of the box. Cut out small 10 x 3 cm cards and write on them the stories related to the biblical references you chose. Example: The Resurrection of Jesus, Creation, The Lord is my shepherd, etc. You can use this as a game, having each child relate the biblical reference with the story.



Bible Symbols

Print or draw for each student a Bible, a lamp, a pot of honey, a sword, a mirror, and a hammer. Then on a separate sheet, write clues for the objects from the word of God. Read them aloud and each time your students guess, give them the drawing. At the end each child paints and decorates the symbols of the Bible. As a tip, you could tell a simple application for each symbol.





My Theater Bible

Color and cut out all shapes. Remove the central window in front of the theater and the small rectangles left over from the sides of the same piece. The top and bottom of the stage should not have anything that obstructs them. Now fold the two tabs on the side backwards and glue them to the backdrop, forming a box. Take all the pieces of the story and glue them to a skewer or wooden stick. These will be your puppets. They will go down from the top to the stage area. For the sand dune and the waves of the sea that are a little bigger, glue the stick horizontally but leave a space at each end without gluing. Insert them into slots that are on the side of the stage.



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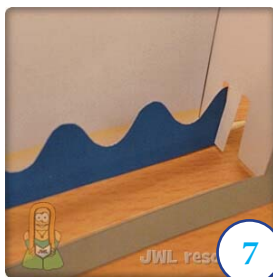
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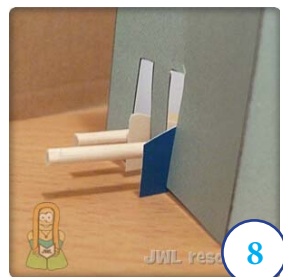
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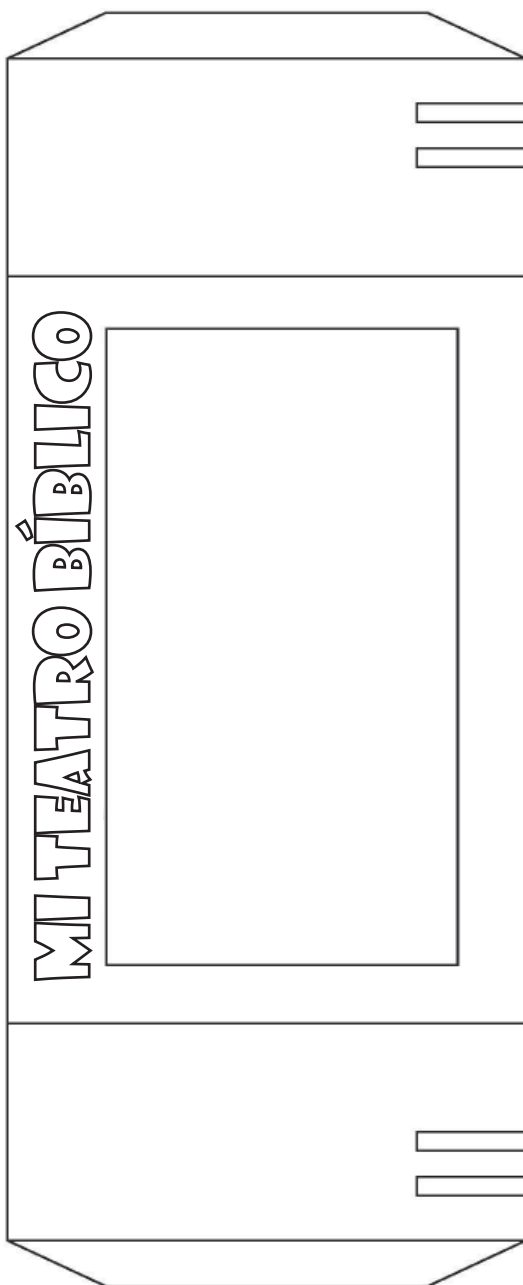
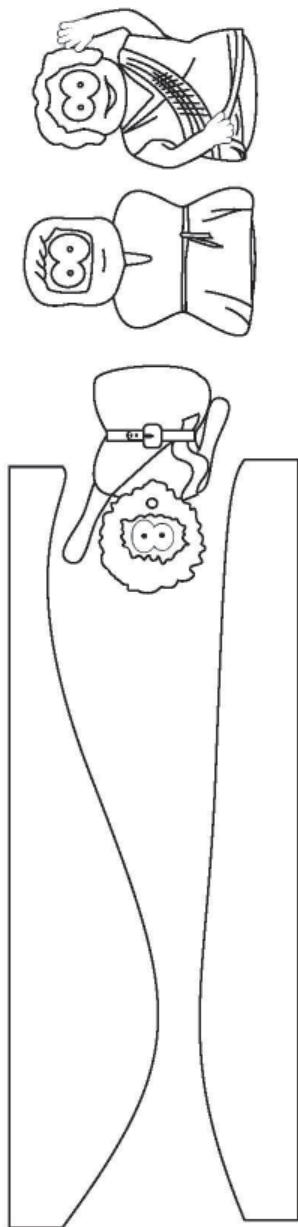


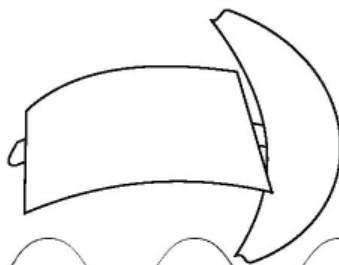
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Conclusion

We believe that all Christians should live for Christ and not for themselves. Through obedience to the Word of God and daily surrender to the Spirit of God, every believer should mature and be formed towards the image of Christ.

That's why we want to invite you and motivate you and your students to practice the word of God. Knowledge without practice is useless. Just knowing a lot about the Bible makes me no more holy or a better Christian than others. The Bible leads us to a change in our lifestyle. Go ahead, leader, in teaching of the word of God.

Digital Resources

Here is a biblical riddle book written by Nohemí Medrano.

<https://www.amazon.com/adivinanzas-b%C3%ADblicas-Spanish-Nohem%C3%AD-Medrano/dp/1938310071>

If you need an app with animated Bible stories, YouVersion in partnership with OneHope: The Bible App for children is an excellent choice. Available in several languages.

<https://www.bible.com/es/kids>

De los tales is a page in Spanish, English and Portuguese, where resources are available and are very funny and fabulous.

<http://delostales.blogspot.mx/p/recursos-gratuitos.html>

This page, although it is in English, has free ideas with drawings to work with Bible stories, including many drawings that work without language.

<http://www.jesus-without-language.net/>



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