



GLOSSARY

ASK: Ask a question that will help them to think about how this information makes a difference in the life.

SHARE: Talk about your own experience as a disciple of Jesus.

EXPLAIN: This is a piece of information that will help to explain the topic.

How Can I Read The Bible?

Everything in the Scripture is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live.
2 Timothy 3:15 (CEV)

NOTE FOR MENTOR: If you are interested in digital Bibles 'The Bible App for Kids' is great for younger children and 'YouVersion' is helpful for older children. 'The Jesus Story Book', or a CEV or NLT translation are good options for hard copies as they are easier for children to understand. You might also like to check out Bible DVDs, the Lego Bible, Bible story songs and lots of other types of Bibles. Free online resources like LifeKids.tv are also available, to help children of all ages learn Bible truths.

Chat

EXPLAIN: God has given us the Bible as a way of helping us learn about Him and learn about how he wants us to live. But it is a BIG book and can sometimes be a bit confusing. God tells us that the Bible is important and that reading it will help us know Him better and learn how He wants us to live. But exactly HOW can we do this?

ASK: Do you have a Bible that you read? Have you ever found it hard to understand what it is about?

SHARE: Share about a time when you were confused by something you read in the Bible.

EXPLAIN: God tells us that the Bible is helpful for a lot of different things, like teaching us, helping us, and showing us the right way to live. But sometimes the words that are used can be confusing.

ASK: Did you know that there are a lot of different versions of the Bible that use different types of words and pictures? There are even digital Bibles, for your iPad or computer. Do you know of any of these? Do you

have any of these?

EXPLAIN: Finding the Bible that is right for you is an important first step. A grown-up could help you choose one or a friend might have a great Bible that would be right for you as well. There are books as well as online bibles and apps available.

SHARE: Share about a time when you have found different translations (or online resources) helpful. How did you find the one that worked well for you? Do you use more than one translation in your own regular Bible reading? Choose one of the resources mentioned in the Leaders Note and explore this together.

ASK: What do you usually do when you read the Bible?

EXPLAIN: Sometimes it is hard to know what to read in the Bible and what to do after we have read it. Some people like to use a plan to read their Bible. We call these a **devotional guide**. These include questions and activities to help us understand the meaning of what God has said in the Bible.

SHARE: Share about your own devotional guide and how this has helped you.

EXPLAIN: There isn't really a wrong way of reading the Bible, and sometimes it's interesting to read over the parts that you really love. God can even teach us new things about the same part of the Bible when we read it more than once.

SHARE: Share about a time when you have gained a fresh understanding of a passage of Scripture that you already knew well.

ASK: Do you have a favourite story or part of the Bible?

EXPLAIN: It can be really helpful to talk to other people about what you are reading in the Bible and ask questions about anything you don't understand. God's word can say different things to different people, and we can learn from each other in this way.

ASK: Who are some people you could ask for help or talk to about the Bible?

Activity

There are lots of different ways to help you learn the Bible and understand what it means. Let's try one now.

5 Finger Bookmark. Trace around your hand onto a piece of paper or cardboard. On each finger write (or draw) the following words:

READ (we can read the words ourselves),

HEAR (we can hear what others say about what they are reading),

THINK (we can spend time thinking about what we have read),

REMEMBER (we can memorise parts of the bible that we love or that give us encouragement),

PRAY (we can pray for God to give us understanding of what the Bible is saying).

You could cut this out and use it as a bookmark for your Bible, or stick it up in your room to help you when you are reading the Bible.

Application

When you read your Bible this week, look to see what God's special message is. Use your 5 fingers to help you understand what it means. Talk to a friend or grown-up and see if God says the same thing to them.

Prayer

What would you like to talk to Jesus about?

What are you happy about?

Is there anything that is making you feel sad?

What can you thank Jesus for?

Is there anything that you are sorry about?

Is there something you would like Jesus to help you with?

What would you like to pray for?

Prayer

Dear God, Thank you that you knew we would need something to help us learn about you and for giving us the special gift of the Bible. Thankyou for all the different types of Bibles that you have given us, and thankyou for people who can help me understand what they say. Please help me to learn more about you and the way you want me to live, by reading my Bible. Amen

Journal

Read a passage from your Bible. Write (or draw a picture) about what it means. Think and pray about what it might mean to you personally. Pray a prayer thanking God for what you have learned.

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Draw some pictures or write words to answer these questions:

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Who would you like to pray for?

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