

Unit 12 at a Glance

The Bible

Unit Overview

In this unit, the children will look at the beginnings of the Bible. They will learn that God spoke through apostles and prophets to give us the Old and New Testaments. They will see that God inspired the prophets to speak his laws and decrees, and helped first century apostles and prophets to remember and record Jesus' words for us today. Not only will the children see that God is a God who speaks, but he is also a God who listens. The children will be called to think of ways that they can use God's words in their lives every day.

Unit Goals

- The children will learn that God gave us the Bible.
- The children will understand that God spoke through apostles and prophets.
- The children will believe that the Bible is the word of God.

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Lesson 1 God Gave Us the Bible

Scripture Memory Verse 2 Timothy 3:16
All scripture is God-breathed.

Take a deep breath—and watch how God breathed the words of the Bible! In this lesson, the children will get an overview of the Bible as God's special gift to help us do what is right and be like him. They will see that God has a lot to say as they consider how they can listen to God.

Lesson 2 The Old Testament

Scripture Memory Verse Hebrews 1:1
(International Children's Version)

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets. He spoke to them many times and in many different ways.

There's lots of fun and "prophet" in this lesson about the Old Testament. The children will learn that God spoke at many times and in many ways to the prophets to teach and encourage us. Ultimately, the children will consider the power of God's words and ways they can pay attention to them.

Lesson 3 The New Testament

Scripture Memory Verse John 14:26
(International Children's Version)
"But the Helper will teach you everything. He will cause you to remember all the things I told you."

From the Old Testament to the New Testament, God does not change—but the writers do. The children will learn that God spoke through first century apostles and prophets to give us the words of Jesus. Not only will the children realize that the New Testament can help people to be like Jesus, but they will also think of things they can do with Jesus' words.

Lesson 4 Putting It All Together

Scripture Memory Verse Matthew 7:24
(International Children's Version)
"Everyone who hears these words of mine and obeys them is like a wise man. The wise man built his house on rock."

"Solid as a rock" is the central idea in this lesson in which the children will consider the strength of a life built on God's word. The children will learn that the Bible is the foundation of the church and of each disciple's life. Ultimately, they will consider how they can build their lives on the Bible.



Dear Parent,

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On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Have a family devotional on Hebrews 1:1-3. Using the Old Testament, make a list of the "many times and various ways" that God spoke to his prophets (e.g., burning bushes, dreams, visions, etc.) Talk together about how it would have felt to be one of the people to whom God spoke. Try to act out some of these situations in a fun game of charades.
- Place a small, inexpensive Bible in a mailer. Address it to each member of your family with no return address, disguising your handwriting so that no one will recognize the source. Mail the package. When it arrives, talk together about what might be inside and from whom it might have come. Open it carefully and look surprised. Before removing the Bible exclaim, "It's from God!" Then take out the Bible. Talk about the fact that God sent us the Bible because he wants to tell us all about his love and how to be happy. Follow up this activity by writing a letter to God as a family thanking him for his special "letter" to your family. Make a copy of this letter to keep for the future.
- Have a "Bible Fest" with your family. Choose a day or weekend to play Bible games, even making up some games of your own. Have contests for who can recite the books of the Bible fastest, find books of the Bible in the shortest time, spell Bible names, etc. Have a Bible Bowl or play Bible Baseball—games that use Bible trivia in a team competition. Have each contestant enter his or her Bible in a contest for the "most used" Bible. Play Christian music, make theme snacks and have a great time. Make up Bible songs, poems, tongue twisters, scavenger hunts, etc. Invite your friends or families from your ministry and help everyone to leave a winner—and more excited about God's word.
- As a family, invite a disciple to your home who has received advanced Bible training from a college or seminary. Talk with your guest about the amount of time they have spent studying the Bible and why. Ask them what they love most about God's word and what advice they would have for your own personal studies.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,



Your child's teachers