

Putting It All Together

The Bible
Lesson 4

Lesson Objectives

- The children will state that God's church uses the Bible as its foundation.
- The children will state one foundation from the Bible.
- The children will state one way they will base their lives on the Bible.

Lesson Text

Ephesians 2:20-22

Scripture Memory Verse

"Everyone who hears these things I say and obeys them is like a wise man. The wise man built his house on rock."

Matthew 7:24 (ICV)

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Living Stones

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: God's Building Blocks

Craft: Rock-Solid House

Scripture Memory: Like a Wise Man

NOTE: Allow time for a snack.



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Living Stones

The children will color and fold houses to be used later for their craft.

Materials

For each child:

- crayons

For the teacher:

- scissors

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the house pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page A.
NOTE: Be sure to cut along all the solid lines, especially at the tabs.
2. Make a sample to show the children.

Instructions

1. Greet the children as they arrive. Tell them that they will begin making a house today that they will put together during the Craft Center. Show the children your sample. Show them how to fold the tabs and parts of the house along the dashed lines. Make sure you help the children with each individual fold so that their houses get built properly.
2. Distribute the house pictures you prepared. Have the children make the folds along the dashed lines of their pictures.
3. Distribute the crayons and have them color their houses.
4. Have the children write their names on the back of the pictures.
5. Give all the completed pictures to the Craft teacher.

Teacher Tips

- Color your model with light colors so the children can see the folds lines clearly.
- Walk around the class and offer help with the folding portion of this craft. (If necessary, ask the Craft teacher to see the diagram of how the house fits together.)

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God's Building Blocks

The children will learn that the Bible is the foundation for God's church as they participate in this Bible building story.

Materials

For the teacher:

- 20 index cards, 4" x 7"
- tape
- marker
- banner paper, 3'
- scissors (optional)
- magazine pictures of people (optional)

Preparation

1. Neatly print one of the following phrases on each index card:

the gospel of Matthew	the gospel of John
the minor prophets	television
Jesus' words	the gospel of Mark
comic books	Bible class
feelings	Mickey Mouse
the gospel of Luke	the major prophets
New Testament	video games
being like Jesus	fortune cookies
the radio	the book of Acts
Old Testament	movies
2. On the back of each index card, draw or glue pictures of different faces.
3. On the banner paper, draw a building by tracing twelve index cards, three wide by four high. Beneath the building, write: "The church is God's building."

Introducing the Bible Story

Open your Bible to Ephesians 2:20-22. Remind the children that they have been learning about how God gave us the Bible. *Do you remember how God gave us the books we call the Old Testament?* (God spoke through the prophets.) *Do you remember how God gave us the books we call the New Testament?* (God spoke through apostles and prophets.) *Do you remember what people and events are in the Old Testament?* (things that happened before the time of

Jesus) *Do you remember what people and events are in the New Testament?* (things that happened during Jesus' life and the early church) Explain to the children that God had a plan to give us the Bible so that we could know him and know about him. Tell the children that the Bible is the Old Testament and the New Testament put together so that we can see the whole picture of God's word.

God's Building Blocks

Have the children sit in a semi-circle, facing you. *Today you are going to build God's church using special building blocks. We are going to read from the Bible what God wants us to use to build his church and where to find them. Listen to Ephesians 2:20-22:*

You are a building that is built on the apostles and prophets. They are the foundation. Christ Jesus himself is the most important stone in the building. The whole building is held together by him. It rises to become a holy temple because it belongs to the Lord.

And because you belong to him, you too are being built together. You are being made into a house where God lives through his Spirit. (NIRV)

In this verse, the Bible says that the people are a building. It is not talking about a building like a house. What is it talking about? (the church) And Jesus is the most important stone in the building. It says that this building is built on "the apostles and prophets." It means their words. Where do we find the words of the prophets? (The Old Testament) Tell the children to find the Old Testament in their Bibles. Where do we find the words of the apostles? (The New Testament) Tell the children to point to the New Testament in their Bibles. So if we put the Old Testament and the New Testament together, what do we have? (the Bible) So God wants his people in the church to base their lives on the Bible.

Explain to the children that there are many things that God teaches us in the Bible. Ask them to name some of these things. (Answers should include: being honest, caring about people, giving to the poor, forgiving others, saying sorry, etc.) Ask the children where they learn about the Bible. (Answers should include: Bible class, church, parents, other people who follow God, reading the Bible, etc.)

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Place the index cards that you prepared on the floor in front of the children with the words face down, so the children can see the faces. Tell the children that they are going to have fun thinking of ways to use the Bible to build God's church. Tell the children that they will take turns choosing a card. You will read it to them and if the card says something that God wants to use to build his church, then the children should show a "thumbs up" and they will use it to build the church. If not, they will show a "thumbs down" and they won't use it to build the church.

As the children select the correct answers, have them tape the cards to the spaces on the banner paper. Fill the spaces from the bottom up. The building will be complete when all the correct answers are in place. (See the Answer Key on this page.)

Share and Tell

Ask the children what they love most about the church. Remind the children that God wants the church to be the most special place in the whole world. Ask them who they would like to invite to church this week. Close with a prayer for the children to see how special God's church is because it is built on the Bible.

Answer Key

Thumbs Up

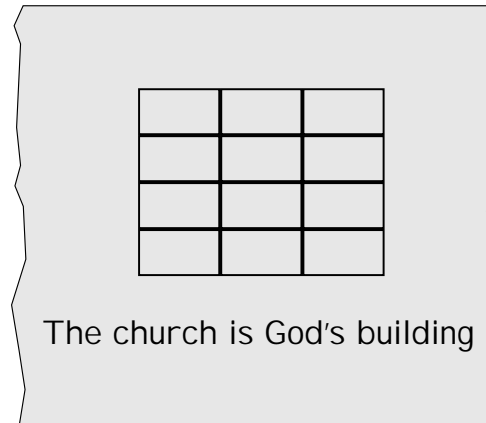
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3. the minor prophets
4. Jesus' words
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9. New Testament
10. being like Jesus
11. the book of Acts
12. Old Testament

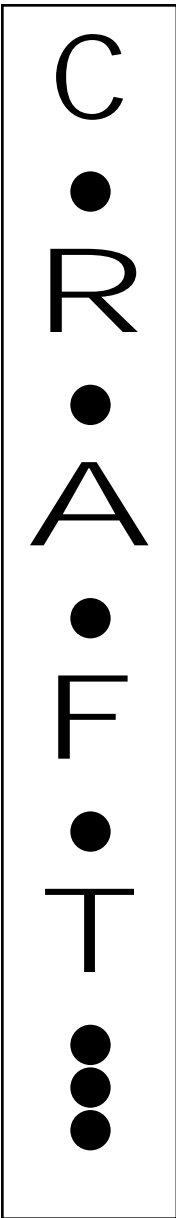
Thumbs Down

1. television
2. comic books
3. feelings
4. Mickey Mouse
5. video games
6. the radio
7. movies
8. fortune cookies

Teacher Tips

- Have fun with this activity. Look happy and excited when the children choose the correct answers; look confused or silly when they pick the wrong ones.





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Rock-Solid House

The children will build a "house on the rock," helping them to remember the importance of a Biblical foundation.

Materials

For each child:

- house from Preclass
- glue stick
- tape
- paper plate
- crayons or markers

For the teacher:

- scissors

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the rocks and the Scripture Memory Verses from the copies of Reproducible Page B.
2. Make two models of the craft. Make a model of the finished craft, and also make an in-process model of the house that is folded but not glued or taped. You will use this in class to demonstrate how to assemble and glue the house together.

Instructions

1. Introduce today's craft: *In today's lesson we are learning about God's church and the importance of building God's church on what we read in the Bible. Today we are going to make a house built on some of the important things we are learning from the Bible.* Show the children your model. Read the words written on the rocks.
2. Distribute the houses the children prepared in Preclass, glue sticks and tape. Instruct them to assemble and glue their houses as follows:

NOTE: Direct the children step-by-step through these directions using your in-process model.

- A. Have the children place their houses upside down, as shown in Figure A. Have them fold in the tabs.

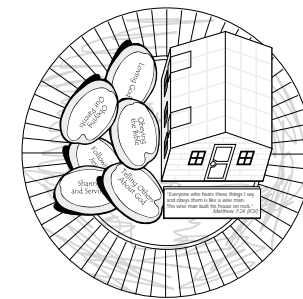
- B. Have them fold up the front wall of the house, as shown in Figure B.
 - C. Have them fold up the left side wall of the house. See Figure C. Have them glue the adjacent front wall tab to the side wall.
 - D. Have them fold up the back wall of the house, as shown in Figure D. Have them glue the adjacent back wall tab to the side wall.
 - E. Have them fold up the right side wall of the house, see Figure E. Have them glue the remaining two tabs to the side wall.
 - F. Have them fold the roof up and over the house, and then tape it to the left side wall. See Figure F.
3. Distribute the verses you prepared, paper plates, and the rocks to the children. Have them glue their verses and their rocks to their plates. Have them glue their houses to their plates. See Figure G.
 4. Give the children crayons, and have them write their names on their crafts. If time permits, have them color their plates.

Conclusion

Tell the children that this house represents the church and our lives that are built on what we learn from the Bible. Close with a prayer asking God to help the children read their Bibles.

Teacher Tips

- Practice making this craft to be comfortable leading this activity.



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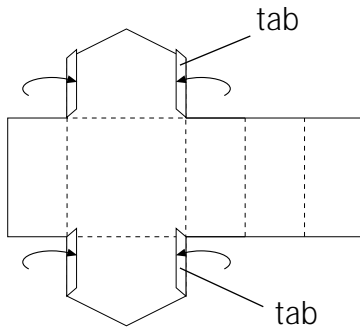


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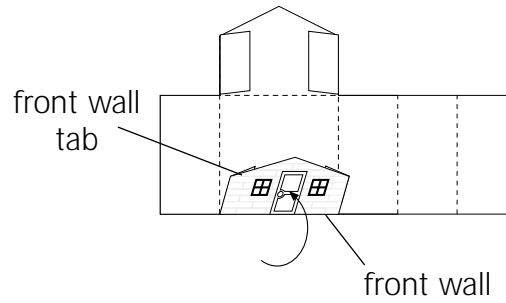


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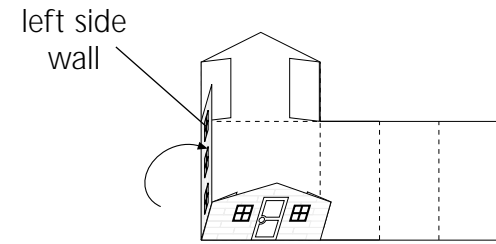


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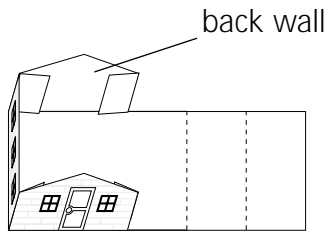


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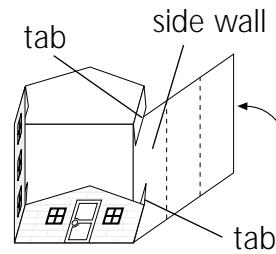


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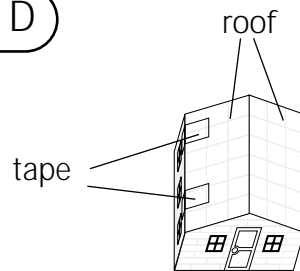


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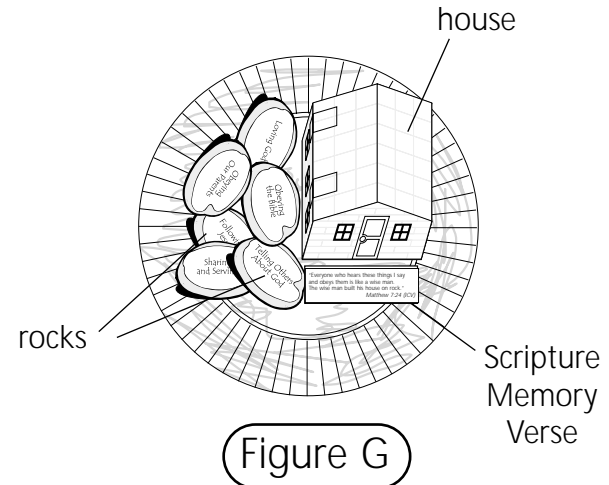


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Like a Wise Man

The children will learn and memorize today's Scripture Memory Verse as they participate in this activity.

Scripture Memory Verse

"Everyone who hears these things I say and obeys them is like a wise man. The wise man built his house on rock."

Matthew 7:24 (ICV)

Materials

For the teacher:

- large black marker
- 7 large boxes

Preparation

On the blank sides of the boxes, neatly print one of the following phrases below:

"Everyone who hears
these things I say
and obeys them
is like a wise man.
The wise man built
his house on rock."
Matthew 7:24 (ICV)

Instructions

1. Introduce today's activity: *Today you have been learning how God has put the Old and New Testaments together to give us a foundation for his church. The Bible is full of good things for us to know and use every day with our families, friendships and relationships. In our Scripture Memory Verse today, God tells us that a person who bases his life on the Bible will have a life that is strong and solid—just like a house built on a rock.*
2. Show the children the Scripture Memory Verse on the back of this Lesson Card. Say it to the children three times, pointing to each word as you say it. Ask the children to say it together with you three more times.
3. Show the children the boxes you prepared. Divide the children into seven pairs or groups of three. Give each pair a box to hold.

Tell them to look at the words on their boxes. Say the verse slowly and have the children line themselves and the boxes up in the correct order of the verse.

4. Have the children exchange boxes with each other. Repeat Step 3.
5. Choose seven children to each hold one box. Tell them to put the boxes in order from memory. Encourage the other children to offer help. Do this again with seven more children.
6. Mix up the boxes again. Ask for volunteers to come and place the boxes in order by themselves.

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For a more challenging version, do this activity with shoeboxes. Get as many as possible and write the corresponding number of words on each one. Have the children do the above activity using more boxes. You may also want to time the children to see how quickly they can place the boxes in order.

This activity could also be done with big blocks. Write the words of the Scripture Memory Verse on masking tape and place on the blocks and do the above activity.

Conclusion

Ask the children to state one thing from the Bible that is important for people to live by. (Answers may include: honesty, unselfishness, forgiveness, loving others, etc.) Close with a prayer thanking God for ways the Bible can help us every day.

Teacher Tips

- If the boxes have writing on all sides, then cover one side with plain paper and write the words on it.
- You may like to sing "The Wise Man Built His House Upon a Rock" at some point during this center.

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ACTIVITY

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Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Bible Blocks

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Life Application: Back to Basics

Game: Building Up the Kingdom

Bible Skills: Let's Go Fishing

NOTE: Allow time for a snack.

Bible Blocks

The children will review the Bible Story as they complete a word search.

Materials

For each child:

- pencil

For the teacher:

- interlocking blocks (i.e., Legos, Duplos or similar)

Reproducible Pages:

- Page C, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

Complete the activity on your copy of Reproducible Page C.

Instructions

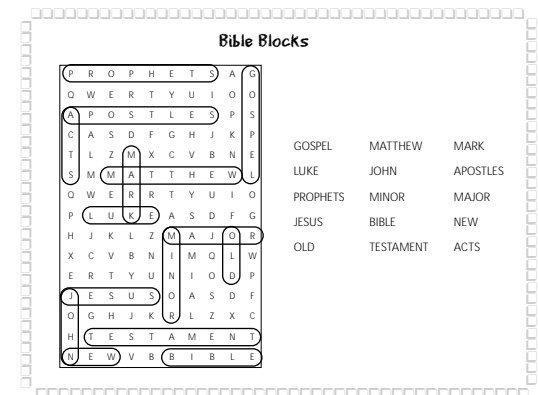
1. Greet the children as they arrive. Remind them they are learning that God wants the Bible to be the foundation—or base—

of his church. Explain that this activity is a word search where they will look for the words that describe the building blocks of God's church.

2. Distribute the copies of Reproducible Page C and pencils. Help each child to find a partner. Have the children who did not hear this week's Bible Story work together with those who did.
3. Walk among the children to offer help and encouragement. Be aware of young or struggling readers.
4. When the children finish their word search, have them build with the blocks. Talk to them about how the blocks work together to build a large building—just like God uses the different teachings in the Bible to build a foundation or base for the church.

Teacher Tips

- If your facility permits, play a tape with Bible songs during this activity.



LIFE APPLI CATION

Back to Basics

The children will review this week's Bible Story as they think of ways they can base their lives on the Bible.

Materials

For the teacher:

- interlocking blocks (i.e., Legos, Duplos or similar)
- marker

Reproducible Pages:

- Page D, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

Practice leading this activity.

Reviewing the Bible Story

This week in your Bible Story you learned that God wants his church to use the Bible as its foundation. God spoke through the prophets to write the books we call the Old Testament. God spoke through apostles and prophets to write the books we call the New Testament. Together, the Old and New Testament make the Bible. God wants the people in his church to base their lives on the Bible.

- *Who can tell me one way that Jesus wants us to treat each other?* (Take responses. For each correct answer, give a block.)
- *Who can tell me one way that Jesus wants us to speak to each other?* (Take responses. For each correct answer, give a block.)
- *Who can tell me one thing that God does not want us to do to each other?* (Take responses. For each correct answer, give a block.)

This is what it means to base our lives on the Bible: to treat and speak to each other in ways that God and Jesus want us to. God wants people in the church treating each other the way that Jesus would treat others. If God's people do not follow the Bible, then they are not really God's people.

Back to Basics

Tell the children that the Bible is like their blocks—they will help them build a good foundation—or base—for their lives. Now, they will take turns saying one way that they can base their lives on the Bible. Their answers may be something they want to do, or something

they don't want to do. For example: I want to share with others. I don't want to be selfish. (See the Answer Guide for more examples.)

Begin by giving the first answer and put down your block. Ask the next child to give an answer. As he adds his block to yours, write his name and answer on a copy of Reproducible Page D and give it to him. If some children are unable to think of a way, encourage the other children to help them. Help each child to give an answer and put down a block.

Answer Guide

Share with others.

Don't be selfish.

Tell the truth.

Don't tell a lie.

Obeys your parents.

Don't disobey your parents.

Help the poor.

Don't make fun of a poor person.

Help the sick.

Don't make fun of a sick person.

Tell my friends about Jesus.

Don't talk back to my parents or teachers.

Show respect to adults.

Don't be disrespectful to adults.

Do your best.

Don't be lazy.

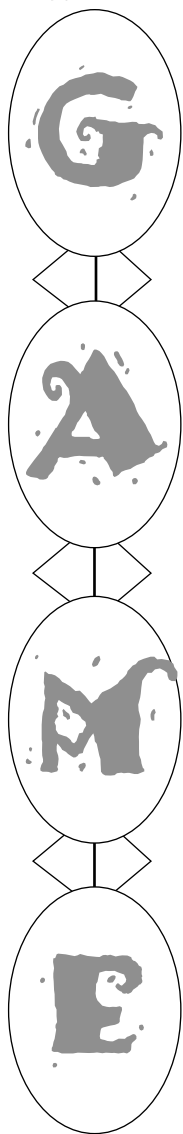
Conclusion

Encourage the children for their participation. Tell them that their "building" is an example of how God wants to build his church—using the basics of the Bible. Help them to see that they have already begun to build a good foundation by thinking of a way to base their lives on the Bible. Close with a prayer for God to help the children do (or not do) the things they said today.

Teacher Tips

- Try to bring in a picture of a house with its foundation to show the children.





Building Up the Kingdom

The children will review important ideas from this week's lesson in this fun relay, building game.

Materials

For the teacher:

- 14 empty shoe boxes
- 2 pieces of construction paper, 9" x 12"
- black permanent marker
- plain white or brown paper
- tape or string
- scissors
- glue stick

Reproducible Pages:

- Page E, 2 copies for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cover one long side of each box with plain paper.
2. Cut both sets of labels from both your copies of Reproducible Page E. On one set of labels, write the letter "A" in each corner. On the other set of labels, write the letter "B" in each corner.
3. Tape each of the "A" labels to a set of boxes. Tape each of the "B" labels to the remaining boxes.

Instructions

1. Introduce today's activity: *In your lesson this week, you are learning that God gave us the Bible to be the foundation of our lives—and of the church! God spoke through the prophets of the Old Testament and through the apostles and prophets in the New Testament to give us the book we call the Bible. God's plan is for the Bible to be the foundation—or base—on which the church is built. In today's game, you will build a foundation using boxes. These boxes are labeled with words that remind us of how God gave us the Bible.*
2. Bring out one set of labeled boxes. Stack them as shown on the back of this Lesson Card. Read each box to show the children the progression from the Old Testament to the New—with Jesus at the center.

3. Divide the children into two teams. Explain that they will have a relay race to see who can build a foundation for God's church first.
4. Have each team line up. Mark a line on the floor using tape or string for each team to stand behind. Place one set of blocks on the floor and a piece of construction paper, about five feet away from the first team. Do the same with the other set of blocks and construction paper for the second team. When you say "Go!" the first child from each team will walk up and place the first box labeled "Law" on the construction paper, return to tag the next player and then sit at the end of the line. The next player will walk up and place the second box labeled "Prophets" on top of the first box and then return. Play continues until the first team has built its foundation and is seated.
5. If time permits, reassign the teams and repeat the relay.

Conclusion

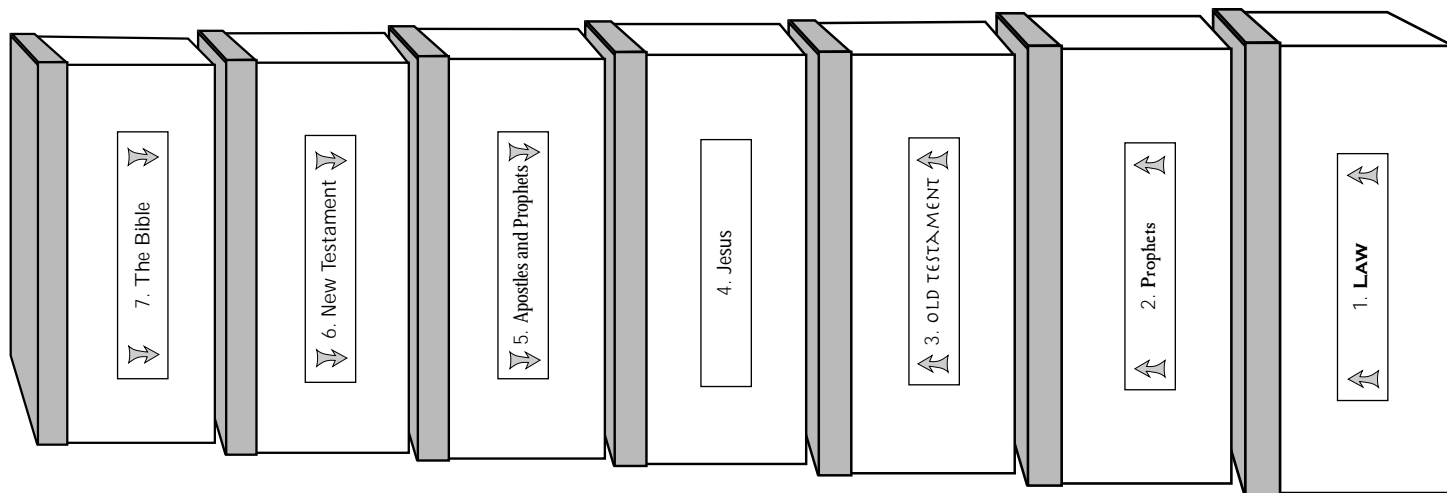
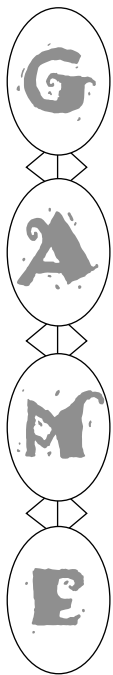
Ask the children how it makes them feel to know that God cares about how people in the church treat each other. Encourage the children to show good attitudes toward each other, even if they did not win. Remind them that God cares as much about their attitude as he does about whether they won. Close with a prayer thanking God for the Bible.

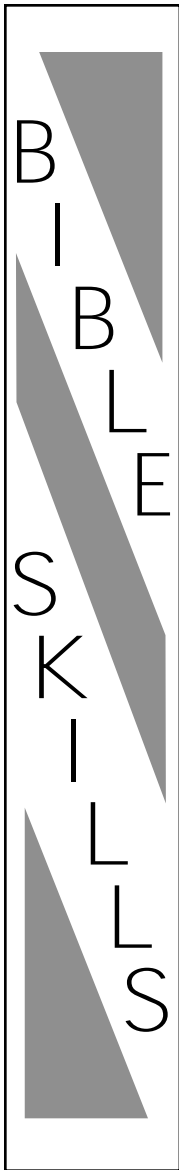
Teacher Tips

- If you have a larger activity area, increase the space between each line and the boxes.
- Do not put masking tape on a carpeted area.



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Let's Go Fishing

The children will review the books of the New Testament through this fun activity of hide and seek.

Materials

For the teacher:

- 27 index cards, 4" x 7"
- scissors
- glue stick
- crayons

Reproducible Pages:

- Page F, 9 copies for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the Fishing Fleet cards from your copies of Reproducible Page F.
2. Number the index cards from 1 to 27.
3. Using the back of this Lesson Card, neatly print the names of the New Testament books on the Fishing Fleet cards and glue each one to an index card—on the non-numbered side.
4. Using the back of this Lesson Card, neatly print the New Testament category on the side of the index card with the numbers: Gospels, History, Letters, Prophecy.
5. Put the cards in order for the first part of this activity.
NOTE: If your budget permits, reproduce Page F on heavy paper. Number and label each card, then laminate before cutting them out. This eliminates the need for index cards.

Instructions

1. Introduce today's activity: *In this unit you have been learning about all the different ways that God has worked to give us the Bible. God spoke through the prophets to give us the books we call the Old Testament. He spoke through apostles and prophets to give us the books we call the New Testament. In our activity today, we are going to put the books of the New Testament in their Bible order through a fun hide and seek activity.*
2. Show the children the Fishing Fleet cards that you prepared. Say the books of the New Testament with the children as you point to each card. Tell the children that today they will see how well

they can put the books of the New Testament in their Biblical order.

3. Ask the children to give you their Bibles. Take the Fishing Fleet cards and shuffle them. Then divide the cards by the number of Bibles. Next, hide the cards in each Bible so that each Bible has at least one card hidden in it.
4. Divide the children into teams of two or three. For the children who did not bring a Bible, have them work together with those who did. Give the children their Bibles back. Tell them to look in their Bibles to find the Fishing Fleet cards. Then have them work together with the other teams to put all the cards in order. Encourage the children to use their Bibles to help them.
5. When they are finished, turn the cards over to see if they are in the correct numerical order. Make any changes. Turn them back over with the New Testament books facing you. Ask each team to come forward and say all the books in order.

Conclusion

Encourage the children for their efforts. Ask the children how it makes them feel to know that they can learn about Jesus the same way that the people one hundred years ago did. Ask them how it makes them feel to know that the people one hundred years from now will learn about Jesus the same way they are. Close with a prayer thanking God for the Bible.

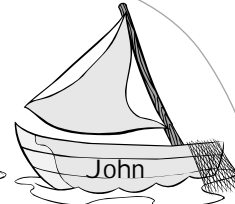
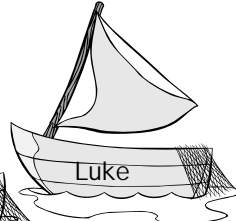
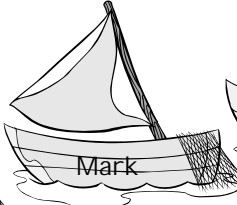
Teacher Tips

- Use these cards for extra activities.



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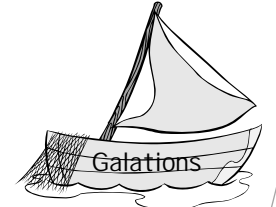
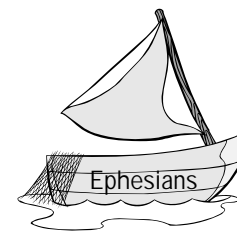
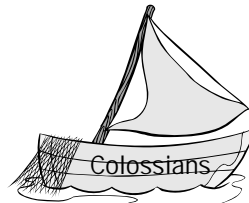
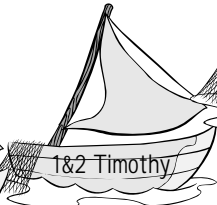
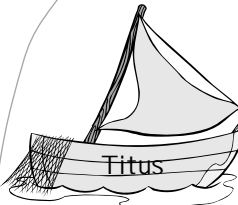
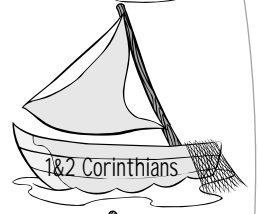
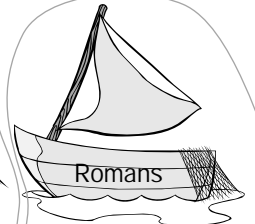
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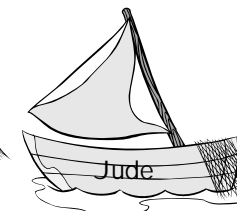
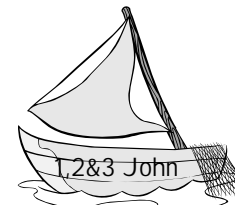
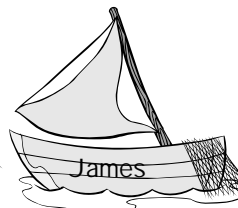
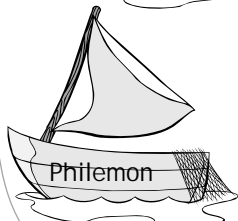
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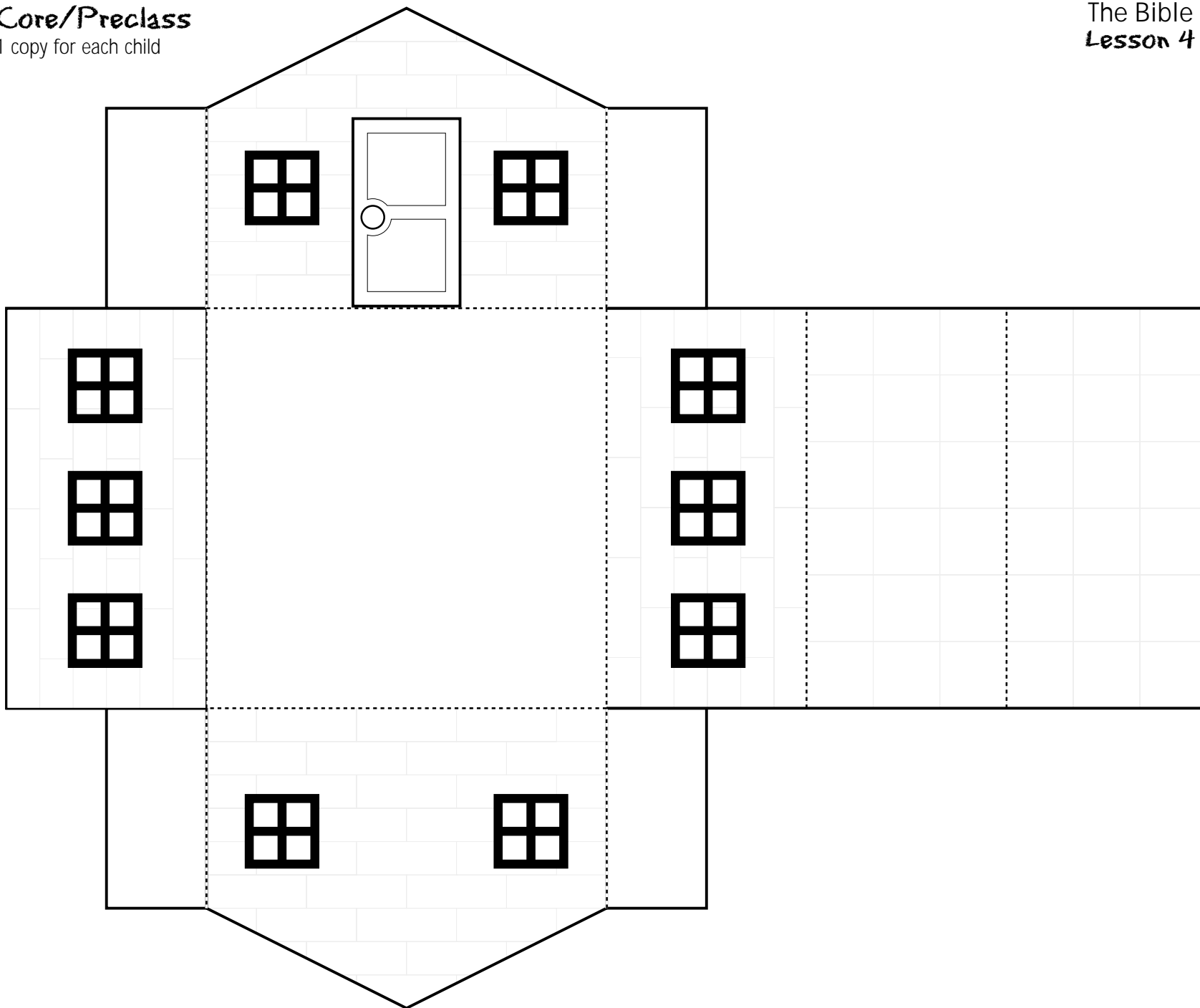
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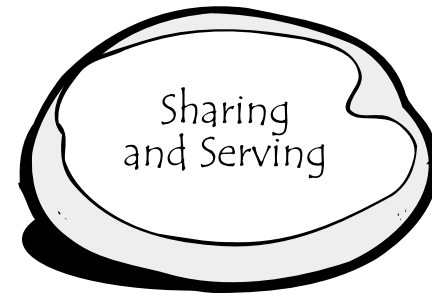
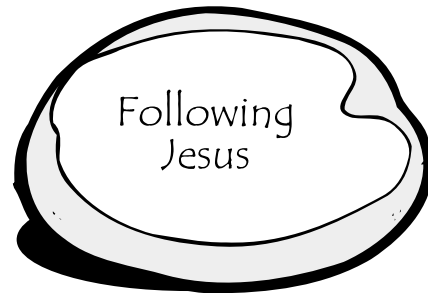
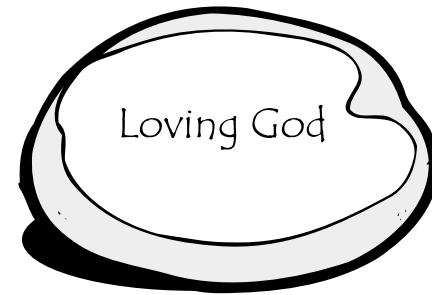
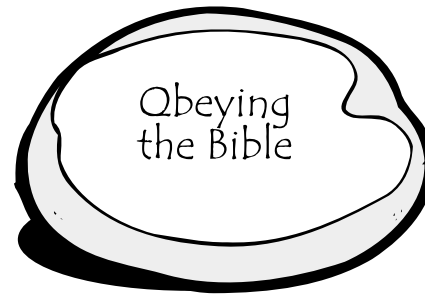
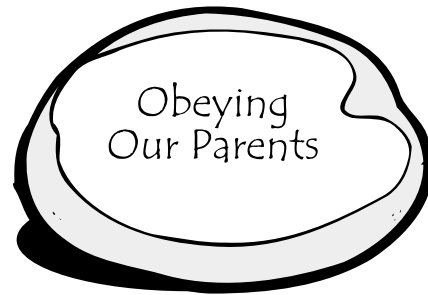
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"Everyone who hears these things I say
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The wise man built his house on rock."
Matthew 7:24 (ICV)



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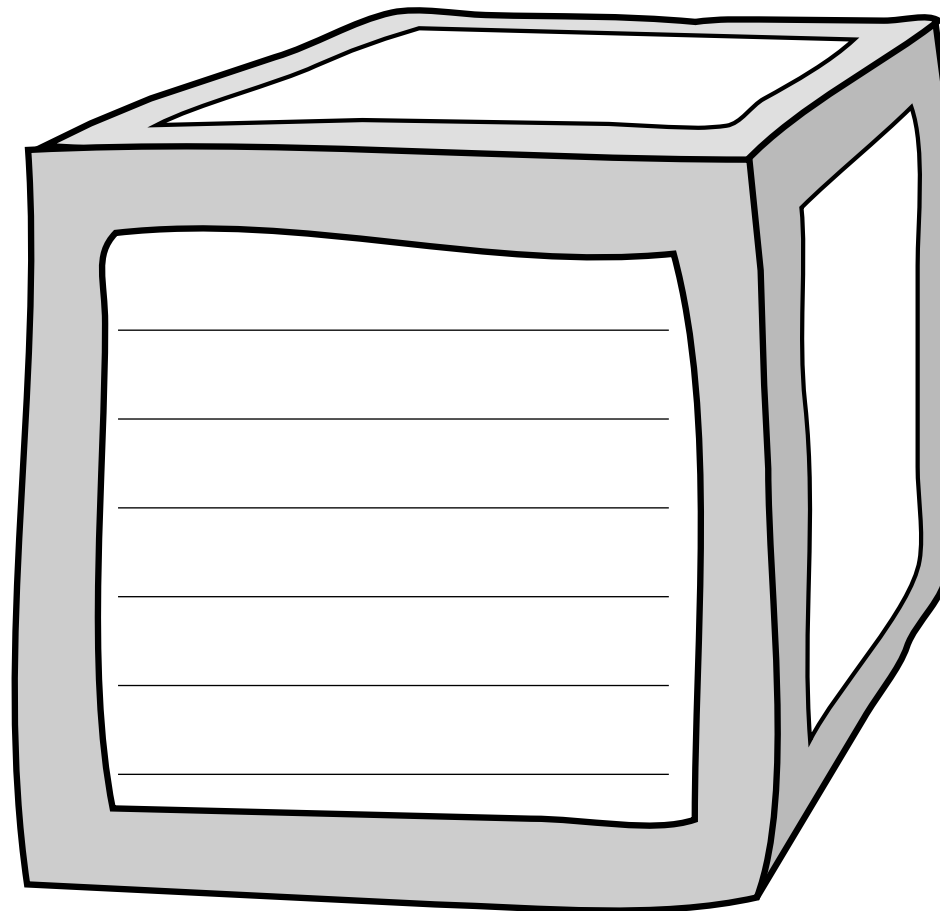
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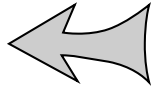
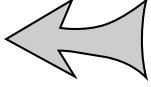
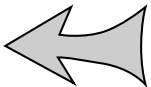
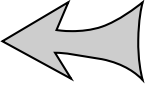
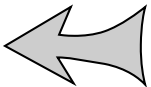
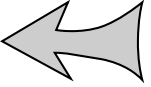

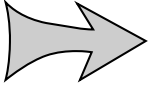
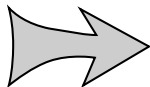
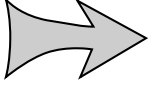
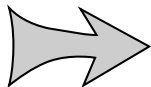
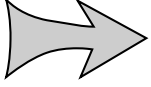
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