



Children's Ministry Curriculum for
August 28, 2016
(Promotion Sunday)

Dear Teacher,

This Sunday is our kickoff lesson to the new school year. This Sunday we will learn "What is the Bible All About?" The response is Jesus! The lesson's Scripture comes from Psalm 19:1-4 and Hebrews 1:1-3. Take time to read these portions of Scripture to the children in your class. Also, additional scripture references are provided below. Sally Lloyd Jones does an incredible job of laying out our subject for Sunday in the Jesus Story Book Bible (Pages 12-17), and copies of those pages will be available in each class to use as the "story" for the morning. Lloyd Jones captures the heart of the message on Page 14 when she writes, "But the Bible isn't mainly about you and what you should be doing. It's about God and what He has done." Another way to phrase it, in a way many children read stories, is "It's about a Prince coming to get the girl and slay the dragon." Sounds too familiar right? It should. The Bible is the Story in which all other stories point, stories of rescue, of love, of sacrifice, and of redemption.

We encourage all classrooms to engage with the story from the options provided in class. Teachers, tell the story using any of the provided helps (Vos, Jesus Story Book Bible, Gospel Story Book Bible or printed Handout). If you would like, read the selected Scripture passages aloud in class, discuss or explain what the passages mean, and use the questions below to help guide the discussion. Also, use time in class to teach the Scripture Memory and the Catechism Questions.

Lesson: "What is the Bible About?"

Lesson Objective: To communicate to children that the Bible is a story about a God who loves them from the very beginning and will do whatever it takes to bring them back to Himself.

Scripture: Psalm 19:1-4; Hebrews 1:1-3 [see also, Matthew 5:17-20; Luke 24:27]

Story: Jesus Story Book Bible, Pages 12-17.

Teaching Points:

- All of Scripture points to Jesus.
- All of Creation sings of who its Creator is, and that is Jesus.
- Jesus is the perfect imprint of exactly who God is. He shows us who God is.
- Our story is wrapped up in the story of Jesus. He comes to rescue us and brings us back to God.

Preschool Ministry – Morning Overview

For the Sunday Schedule, please see “Sunday Schedule for Preschool” found in Handbook on the teacher’s table.

First Hour

Cherub Church

- 4’s/Kindergarten – 9:35-10:00 (Classrooms: 162, 163, 121, 123, 124)
- 3’s – 10:05-10:30 (Classrooms: 164, 165, 166)

Craft: Heart Hat

Supplies: Paper plate, crayons/markers, stickers

Instructions: Decorate heart with stickers, crayons and markers.



Snack

Second Hour

Craft: Jesus Loves Me Hands

Supplies: Die cut hands, paper face, blue paper, “Jesus Loves Me” sticker

Instructions: Fold paper into thirds, glue one hand on each side, glue face on center edge, place sticker in center, decorate if desired.



Story: “What Is The Bible All About?”

1. **PRAY** for your time and any requests the children may have.
2. **ASK** the Transition Question: Boys and girls, think about one thing in Creation (or something outdoors). Let’s go around and tell what that one thing is. Today we learn that each and every one of those things “sings” and “tells” us about God. Let’s find out more from our story.
3. **TELL** the Story. When applicable or desired, use the Vos Children’s Bible, the Jesus StoryBook Bible, the Beginner’s Bible, or the story below to aid in telling the story.
4. **REVIEW** the questions to help children understand the story.

Singing

Scripture Memory (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Catechism Questions (1-11)

Optional Activities

Scripture

Psalms 19:1-4

The heavens tell the glory of God. And the skies announce what his hands have made. Day after day they tell the story. Night after night they tell it again. They have no speech or words. They don’t make any sound to be heard. But their message goes out through the entire world. It goes everywhere on earth.

Hebrews 1:1-3

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets. He spoke to them many times and in many different ways. And now in these last days God has spoken to us through his Son. God has chosen his Son to own all things. And he made the world through the Son. The Son reflects the glory of God. He is an exact copy of God’s nature. He holds everything together with his powerful word. The Son made people clean from their sins. Then he sat down at the right side of God, the Great One in heaven.

Questions for Review

Questions for Younger Children:

- What is singing about God that we read in the Bible? [The heavens and skies, Ps. 19:1-2]
- What else is singing about God in our world? [Let children name anything and everything, all creation sings.]
- What is a song you enjoy singing about God? [Let the children name a song, and then sing it if possible.]
- What is the Bible about?

Questions for Older Children:

- Who did God choose to speak through to all of humanity? (Heb. 1:2)
- Who did God use to create all things? (Heb. 1:2)
- Describe some things about God? (Loving, just, all-knowing, etc). Jesus is the exact imprint of who God is. We can know exactly who God is because of Jesus. (Heb. 1:3)

Scripture Memory for August:

“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus.” Hebrews 12:1-2

Catechism Questions:

- Question 1 – Who made you? *God*
- Question 2 – What else did God make? *God made all things.*
- Question 3 – Why did God make you and all things? *For his own glory.*
- Question 4 – How can you glorify God? *By loving him and doing what he commands.*
- Question 5 – Why are you to glorify God? *Because he made me and takes care of me.*
- Question 6 – Is there more than one true God? *No. There is only one true God.*
- Question 7 – In how many persons does this One God exist? *In three persons.*
- Question 8 – Who are they? *Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*
- Question 9 – What is God? *God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.*
- Question 10 – Where is God? *God is everywhere.*
- Question 11 - Can you see God? *No; I cannot see God, but He can always see me.*

Story

Please see story from the Jesus StoryBook Bible located on the table.