



Bible Skills to G R O W Kids

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

"The Gospel on the Rock in Obedience to the Word"

1. Teach the Gospel

- ◆ Everything should point to the Gospel. Be intentional with each class you teach.
- ◆ Create activities that enable students to know the gospel and to share it with their friends.

2. Teach the "Rock" solid truths of the Bible

- ◆ Consider learning styles and abilities.
- ◆ Use scriptures and stories that teach foundational truths upon which children can build their lives.
- ◆ Use skits, case studies, puppets, visual aids, crafts etc.

3. Teach the value of Obedience

- ◆ Learning God's commands and instructions reinforces the benefits of obedience as well as the pitfalls of disobedience.
- ◆ Help them know and understand that following God's plan is the best way.
- ◆ Activities that focus on memorization are great in helping anyone remember what God desires of us.

4. Teach the basics of the Word of God:

- ◆ When children learn to navigate the Bible, they are more likely to be active participants in class.
- ◆ Teach the divisions, books, history, chronology, parables, miracles etc.
- ◆ Help children to realize that the Bible is our road map for life (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth), God's love letter to His children and a record of God's activity in ordinary people's lives.

Memorization Suggestions

1. Multiple uses of a verse impacts children long term.
2. The younger the child the fewer verses he/she can be expected to learn and relate to life.
3. Remember some children memorize quickly (so plan for extended learning to keep them engaged) while others take more time (be patient).
4. Repetition, repetition, repetition: The more often a verse is used and recalled, the better a child will remember and apply it.
5. Vary your teaching methods to keep children interested.
6. Involve the children in activities to enhance learning such as: Singing, drama, games and/or other suitable activities

Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

Resources to create Bible skill activities

- ◆ Use boxes, bags, plastic salad bin or whatever you have. Dollar stores are great for inexpensive containers.
- ◆ Use resources you already have. VBS, Sunday School or other literature for activities, games and ideas.
- ◆ Craft sticks, dominos, clothespins, ping pong balls, etc. can all be used in creative ways for putting the Bible books in order. Create a floor mat with a shower curtain and clear sheet protectors.
- ◆ Children’s Ministry Deals has free Books of the Bible activities that you can download. LifeWay Christian Resources has a “Bible Skills for Kids” booklet with chart of age level abilities (package of 10) and “Bible Skills, Thrills and Drills” curriculum available to purchase.
- ◆ Watch online videos to get ideas: Mr. Mark’s Classroom, Georgia Baptist Convention and LifeWay are a few.

Eight Ways of Learning for Kids

When creating Bible skills, use the various ways kids learn.

Verbal: likes the sounds of words, enjoy stories, poems, and jokes, use a variety of words and have large vocabularies, talk, listen, read, write	Relational: make friends easily, enjoy activities that allow cooperation with others; notice the moods of others talk, relate, cooperate, join
Logical: enjoy problem solving, enjoy games and puzzles, work with patterns reason, experiment, question, classify	Reflective: like to work alone, need time to reflect, enjoy activities that allow self-expression personalize, reflect, think, ponder
Visual: like pictures, visualize stories as they listen, create pictures of what they are learning, draw, daydream, build, look	Natural: enjoy the beauty of God’s world, are sensitive to care for God's world, want hands-on experiences with nature items, explore, classify, identify, touch
Physical: use their entire bodies to learn, act out stories and experiences, enjoy physical games, move, touch, wiggle, manipulate	Musical: are sensitive to rhythms, learn new songs quickly, create their own songs, listen, sing, hum, compose