

UNIT ONE**Lesson Seven: Using Your Bible, Part 1**

Note: Lessons 7 & 8 use actual Bibles for completion. If your students do not have Bibles, or would not enjoy this style of learning, consider using the adapted piece: Hearing God's Words.

OBJECTIVES:

- Convey the truth that the Bible is God's Word.
- Understand how the Bible came to be.
- Know why the Bible is important in our lives.
- The Bible points us to Jesus, from Genesis through Revelation.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Know that God talks to us through the Bible.
- Know that the Bible tells us how to live.
- Know that the Bible tells us about Jesus.
- Know that the Bible is true.

Materials Needed:

- A Bible for every student
- Colored pencils or Bible highlighters
- Picture cards: heaven, Jesus on the cross, empty tomb,
- Follow-up worksheet: I Heard God's Words

Notes:

- > There are stickers for this lesson: John 5:39, 2 Timothy 3:15.
- > There are memory-helpers listed at the end of this lesson that can be inserted throughout the lesson.
- > The closing prayer includes prayer requests from the group.

Possible Adaptations:

- Preprint stickers: John 5:39, 2 Timothy 3:15.
- Preset location of verses in students' Bibles using sticky notes.

LESSON:

Have a Bible available for each student in your class. Encourage them to see it, feel it, write or draw in it, and make it their own during the lesson. The suggested version is NIV.

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father, help us learn about Your Holy Word, the Bible. Teach us that the Bible is Your true and only Word and there is nothing else that can take its place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

NOTES FOR CLASS OR HOME

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Name some things that are true in the Bible:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

INTRODUCTION:

Today we will learn that by using our Bible, we can know how to live and that Jesus came to save us. One way God talks to us is through the Bible, and the good news is that everything in the Bible is true! "God's Word is true!"

LESSON:

Read & Highlight John 5:39. In this verse Jesus is talking about using the Bible.

When Jesus says eternal life, what does He mean? *(Show picture card of heaven.)*

If we read the Bible, we will learn about Jesus. If we believe in Jesus, we will have a home in heaven with Him someday.

- **Reread John 5:39.** Now highlight it in your Bible. Jesus also uses the word witness. This means the Bible tells us about Jesus. It means the Bible is proof Jesus is real. This means the Bible is true. "God's Word is true!" If we believe in Jesus, we can be forgiven.

What did Jesus do so we can be forgiven?

Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. *(Show picture cards of Jesus on the cross and the empty tomb.)* Jesus rose from death and beat all evil and the devil and all our sins. Jesus took our punishment for the bad things we do. If we believe in Jesus, we can be forgiven and we can live in heaven someday with Him. *(Show picture card of heaven.)*

- **Read & Highlight 2 Timothy 3:15.** This verse tells us the Bible teaches us about Jesus. It tells us Jesus saves us.

How does Jesus save us?

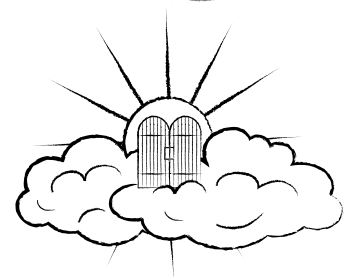
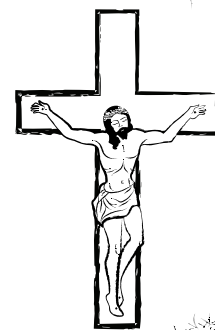
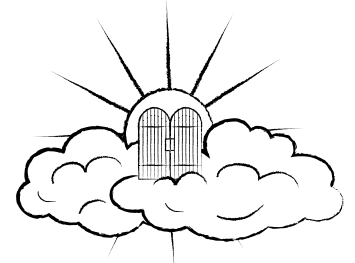
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- **Use different colors to highlight each sentence or section found in 2 Timothy 3:16-17.**

1. We learned earlier that God inspired the authors to write the words He wanted us to see or hear in the Bible. God breathed life into the Bible.
2. God uses the Bible for teaching us what is true. "God's Word is true!"
3. God uses the Bible to correct our mistakes.
4. God uses the Bible to help us do what is right.
5. God uses the Bible to help us be prepared to do good things.

NOTES FOR CLASS OR HOME

ETERNAL LIFE =



**GOD'S
WORD
is true.**

PSALM 119:12-16

Read Psalm 119:12-16. This passage talks about what reading the Bible can do for us. It shows how it can help us.

What are three things you like in this passage? Highlight them in your Bible.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

REVIEW

1. God talks to us through the Bible and tells us how to live.
2. The Bible tells us about Jesus.
3. The Bible is true.

(Before praying, take prayer requests from the group.)

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for the great gift of Your Bible. It helps us learn about You and how You want us to live our lives. Help us be like the writers of the Bible and share Your good news about Jesus with everyone we meet. Thank You for keeping Your promises to us. Today we'd like to pray for *[insert prayer requests here]*. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Tune of Thank You

Thank You, for giving me the Bible
Thank You, because I know it's true.
Thank You, for giving me the Bible
I know that it's true.

God's Law Chant

God's Law (clap, clap)
Was written (clap, clap)
So we know (clap, clap)
What to do (clap, clap)
God's Law (clap, clap)
Was written (clap, clap)
To point us (clap, clap)
To Jesus (clap, clap)

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PRAYER REQUESTS

UNIT ONE**Lesson Seven & Eight: Hearing God's Words****ALTERNATE LESSON**

Adapted for non-readers,
or those who do not wish
to follow along with the
worksheet lesson.

OBJECTIVES:

- Convey the truth that the Bible is God's Word.
- Understand that God's Word is true.

LESSON SUMMARY:

Know it is important to hear God's Words.

Materials Needed:

- Bible, hand mirror

If applicable: consider having the original student worksheet available for staff or volunteers who may be assisting the group. It is a good source for background knowledge, especially if questions arise at a later time.

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father, help us learn about Your Holy Word, the Bible. Teach us that the Bible is Your true and only Word and there is nothing else that can take its place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

Today we will learn that it is important to hear God's words. God's Word helps us, and we know that "God's Word is true!" I'm going to get out my hand mirror again today. This time I'm going to ask you to make faces. Before we begin, let's all make a happy face. Great! Now let's all make a sad face.

LESSON:**What is something that may make you happy?**

[Insert name], if you had that happen, if you were happy, look in the mirror and show us the face you'd make.

Nice! Look everyone, this is [insert name]'s happy face.

What is something that may make you sad?

[Insert name], if you had that happen, if you were sad, look in the mirror and show us the face you'd make. Nice! Look everyone, this is [insert name]'s sad face.

When we feel certain ways, we should listen to God's Word, the Bible, and hear what God has to say. We do this because we know "God's Word is true!" Let's try looking in the Bible to hear what God wants us to know.

Everyone make an angry face. [Insert name], look in the mirror. How would you look if you were mad?

God says we should be gentle when we talk to others. I'll show you. *(Read Proverbs 15:1)*

Everyone make a lonely or worried face. [Insert name], look in the mirror. How would you look if you were lonely or worried?

God promises He is always with us. God says He never leaves us alone. *(Read Joshua 1:9)*

Now listen to God's words in John 6:47. God says we will live in heaven someday if we believe in Jesus.

How does that make you feel? Does this give you a happy face? Let's see happy faces!

It is important to hear God's words, and we know "God's Words are true!"

God promises He is always with us. God says He never leaves us alone. *(Read Joshua 1:9)*

CLOSING PRAYER: *(Before praying, take prayer requests from the group.)*

Dear God, thank You for the great gift of Your Bible. It helps us learn about You and how You want us to live our lives. We know the Bible is true; thank You! Today we'd like to pray for [insert prayer requests here]. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.