

6-8 Years:

Opening prayer: To welcome students to class and introduce the theme. Keep the prayer simple and easy for the children to learn so that it can be said as a group prayer rather than one that the leader says. For example:

"Dear God. We thank you for the chance to meet once again in your presence. Help us to learn more about your work and to understand how we can follow in your footsteps. Amen"

Bible Story:

Today choose any story from the bible that you like which teaches something about how we, as Christians, ought to behave. Tell this story at a level of vocabulary that the children will understand.

Drama:

Let the children act out the bible story.

Discussion 1:

What is the Bible? What do they know about it? How many of them have read from a Bible? How many of them have held a Bible outside of Sunday School/Church? How is it set out - Testaments, books, chapters, verses.

Activity:

Some of the Books of the New Testament are listed here. Rearrange the letters to find them.

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Discussion 2:

Why should we read the Bible? It's about the past, what can we learn from it that will help us today? Did the first Bibles look as they do today? Show pictures of scrolls.

Activity 2:

Choose a verse from the Bible story you told earlier. Write this out so that the class can see it to copy it down. Supply them each a sheet of construction paper, some art materials and a piece of ribbon, plus tape or glue to secure.

The children should copy the Bible verse onto their construction paper so that it fills almost the whole page. They can decorate a border around it with the art supplies if you have time to allow for this. When they are finished, have them roll their piece of paper up like a scroll, and then show them where to secure the ribbon to the paper so that when the scroll is rolled, they can tie the ribbon to keep it in place.

Closing Prayer: Thanking God for his book, the Bible. For example:

"Dear God, thank you for providing us with your book, the Bible. Through the stories within it we can learn more about you and your love for us, and we can learn how we should act in order to be better Christians. Amen"

Word Jumble:

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