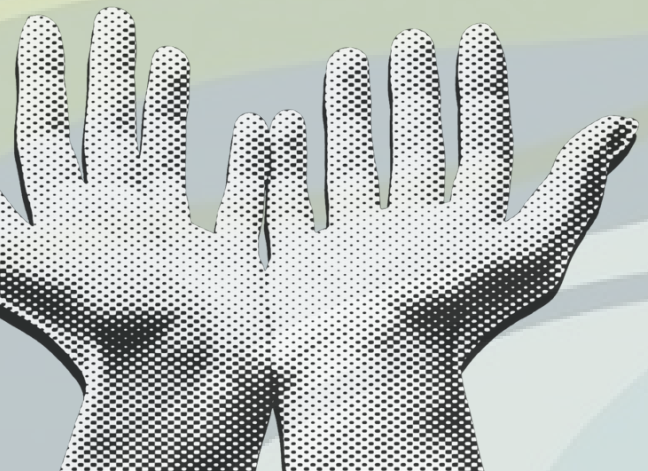
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PRESENTATION SUNDAY

PARENT GUIDE

PRESENTING MC KIDS WITH A BIBLE
TO ENCOURAGE THE SPIRITUAL
DISCIPLINE OF READING GOD'S WORD.





FAMILY MINISTRY TRAIL

EACH OF THESE SPOTS ALONG THE TRAIL ARE DESIGNED TO GUIDE CHILDREN TOWARD A LASTING, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS WHILE ENABLING YOU AS PARENTS STAY ACTIVELY INVOLVED EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

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ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED AND IS USEFUL FOR TEACHING, REBUKING, CORRECTING AND TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS,SO THAT THE SERVANT OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.



SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

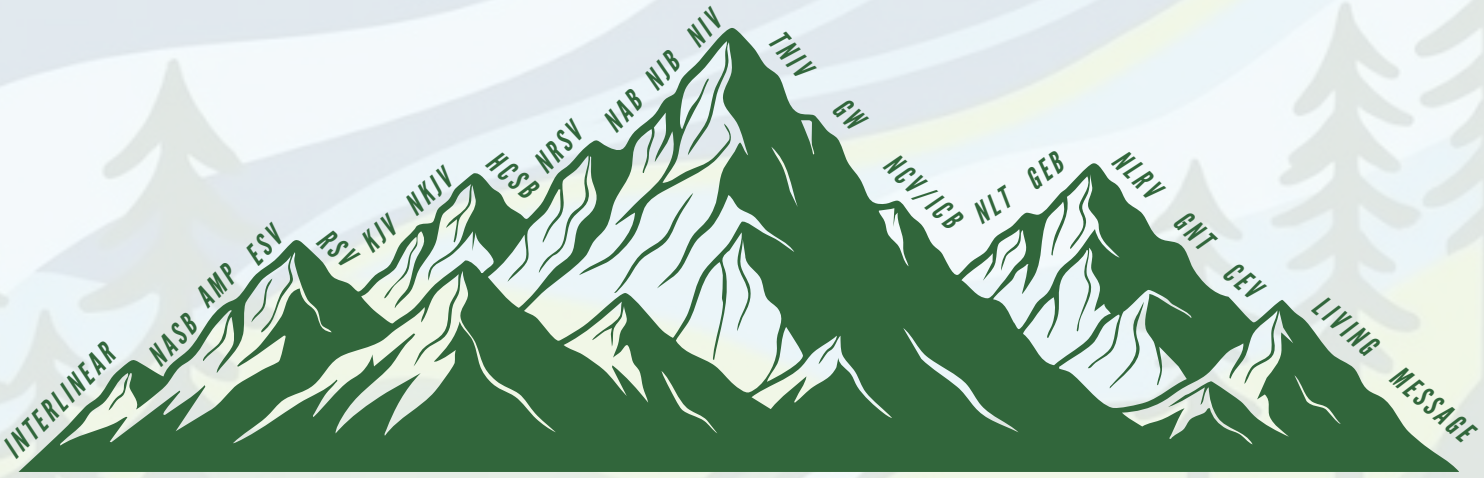
PARENT LED DISCUSSION

The Bible is the greatest and most important book in the world. The word "Bible" simply means books, but it is so much more than that. In this lesson, you will get to share the most important message you will ever share with your child: **the importance of learning and knowing God's Word!**

Take time to review this guide and get familiar with the information and questions so your time with your son or daughter is an intentional conversation about the Bible.

TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE

PARENT LED DISCUSSION



WORD FOR WORD → THOUGHT FOR THOUGHT

There are many translations of the Bible because it was written over 1,600 years by about 40 different authors in three languages. As the words were translated into English, different methods were used to translate them.

Some methods used word-for-word translation. Some took the thoughts and translated them into a common language. There is a spectrum between the two methods.

We use the NIV in MC Kids, which is right in the middle.

WORDS TO KNOW

WORD OF GOD:
The Bible refers to itself as the Word of God over 3,000 times. The authors of the New Testament often quoted the Old Testament by first saying "God said…" They recognized that the books of the Bible were not just any writings – they were God's words to them.

SCRIPTURE:
The word "Scripture" literally means "sacred writings."

PROPHET:
A prophet was a spokesman for God.

APOSTLE:
An apostle was a person who had been with Jesus when He walked on the earth, had seen Him after His resurrection, and was "sent out" to tell others about Him – to be God's messenger. You will also see them called disciples.

CANON:
Canon literally means "reed" or "measuring rod." All 66 books of the Bible together are called the Canon – meaning that the Bible is our "measuring rod" or "final authority" for truth.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

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OLD TESTAMENT

THE OLD TESTAMENT HAS 39 BOOKS. THE FOUR MAIN DIVISIONS ARE:

- LAW
- HISTORY
- POETRY
- PROPHETS (MAJOR + MINOR)

NEW TESTAMENT

THE NEW TESTAMENT HAS 27 BOOKS. THE FOUR MAIN DIVISIONS ARE:

- GOSPELS
- CHURCH HISTORY
- THE LETTERS
- PROPHECY

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

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The word Bible comes from the Greek word BIBLIA, which literally means “books.” People started to use the word Bible about 400 years after Jesus rose from the dead, to describe the collection of books that were considered sacred and inspired by God. There are 66 books in the Bible. (39 Old Testament and 27 New Testament)

- The Bible was written by about 40 different authors.
- The authors had many different jobs, such as kings, fishermen, tax collectors, prophets, or physicians.
- The Bible was written over 1,600 years.
- The Bible was written in 3 languages. (Hebrew and Aramaic (Old Testament); Greek (New Testament))

Q: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE FACT THAT SO MANY PEOPLE AND SO MUCH TIME WENT INTO MAKING THE BIBLE?

A: THANKFUL, SURPRISED, TRUST IT, CURIOUS, I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

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16 ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED AND IS USEFUL FOR TEACHING,
REBUKING, CORRECTING AND TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, 17 SO THAT
THE SERVANT OF GOD[A] MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY
GOOD WORK.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

THEOPHEUSTOS

Used only once in all of Scripture: emphasizes the unique, divine origin of the Bible. It literally means "God-breathed," pointing to Scripture as coming directly from God Himself. Just as God breathed life into Adam, bringing him into existence, He also "breathed out" His Word, giving it life, authority, and divine power.

GOD BREATHED

From God's Lungs, divine, not from humans

TEACHING

Instruction - telling you to do the right thing

REBUKING

Telling you when you messed up, to expose

CORRECTING

Telling you "Go this way instead" ; a new path, straightening up again

TRAINING

Raising up, education, training to reach full development with a goal

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Working to be just, Holy, conforming to God's Standard

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ASK:

How do you think God talks to us?

(God can speak to us in many ways, but some of the most common are through the Holy Spirit, through other people, and especially through His Word, the Bible.)

How do you think reading the Bible each day could help you?

(We can hear about how He loves us, encourages us, instructs us on how to live, and what His purposes and plans are for us.)

Let's Look Up 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (Or sneak back to the previous page)

What does it mean that the Bible is God-breathed?

(Teaching | Rebuking | Correcting | Training in Righteousness)

Have you ever been taught something in Scripture? + Have you ever been corrected by something in Scripture?

(Share or make this personal: what scripture has taught you. And how scripture has corrected you.)

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SAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

You are reaching an age where I really want you to start to hide God's Word in your heart. This simply means knowing God's Word so well that you remember it throughout your day (read Psalm 119:11). The best way to do that is to read God's Word every day. Over the next few weeks, I want to make it our goal that we will read the Bible each every night day. First, let's make it a goal to read the entire book of Mark. Parents, it's important to have a time, a place and a plan. Set this goal for 5-10 minutes per day.

I HAVE HIDDEN YOUR WORD IN MY HEART THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST (GOD) YOU.
Psalm 119:11

FUN FACT: THIS PSALM WAS WRITTEN BY DAVID, HE WAS TALKING TO GOD IN THIS PSALM, SO "YOU" MEANS GOD. ALSO PSALM 119 IS THE LONGEST CHAPTER IN THE BIBLE & WITH 176 VERSES.

WE'VE CHOSEN THE BOOK OF MARK AS IT SHARES THE MINISTRY OF JESUS WHILE ALSO BEING THE SHORTEST GOSPEL, MAKING THIS GOAL ATTAINABLE.

DAILY READING
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SAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

Mark is one of the 4 Gospels. The word "gospel" means "good news." In this book, Mark is writing to share the good news of Jesus Christ. The purpose of this book was to encourage the Christians in Rome and to share with them god's purpose and plan for Jesus Christ. So let's start this today.

Ways to help your child process what they read each day:

Your child shouldn't read too much each day. Reading the bible is not supposed to feel like homework or be frustrating. Set a realistic goal: we recommend 5-10 minutes a day.

Your child should identify one verse that stuck out to him/her in the passage they read. It's good to discuss one verse together so you can help them understand what is read.

Ask your child if he/she can find any way to apply what was read to their life today.

Finish by praying together. Thank god for letting us know him through his word, and ask god to teach you what he wants you to learn.

OUR FAMILY PLAN

I recognize that having a regular quiet time with God is important in my spiritual formation. Therefore, I commit to setting aside time to read the Bible each day until I finish reading the book of Mark. I am committing to doing my challenge at _____ (time of day). I know the Bible was created by God to help me grow and be trained in righteousness. I know the Bible was created by God to help me grow and be trained in righteousness.

Signed by student: _____

I recognize it is important for everyone to spend regular quiet time with God. Therefore, I commit to supporting my student and helping them keep their commitment to read the Bible at _____ (time of day). I will model this discipline in my own life and support my child by _____ (examples: reading with them, waking them up early, creating a quiet atmosphere, etc.) for the entire reading challenge. I will take time to talk about what we've learned and answer their questions.I will take time to talk about what we've learned and answer their questions.

Signed by parent (s): _____

ADDITIONAL READINGS

AFTER YOU FINISH READING THE BOOK OF MARK, WE SUGGEST YOU READ THESE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE NEXT:

- **Matthew and Luke** (learn about the life of Jesus)
- **Genesis and Exodus** (learn about the creation of the world and the history of Israel)
- **Acts** (learn about the beginning of the church)
- **Proverbs** (Learn about living wisely)
- **Ephesians and Philippians** (Learn how God wants Christians to live)

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