

OBJECTIVE

- + **Head:** The Holy Spirit helps us to read the Bible
- + **Heart:** Ask the Holy Spirit to help us as we read the Bible.
- + **Hands:** As a family, decide to read the Bible at least 3 times this week.



PRAISE & WORSHIP

Spend some time in worship as a family. The Every Nation Kids you tube channels have some great action songs that your kids will be familiar with.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfR6bKnz_hqbmi5pd5ir2gQ and
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbVTrKbduOSp3scnLQP3RKA>

15 minutes

SERMON

• INTRODUCTION •

Show the kids the 6 pictures below, which represent different aspects of being like Jesus.



The last few weeks we have been learning that we can't hit the target (of being like Jesus), without the help of the Holy Spirit. We learnt that God is 3-in-1, and that the Holy Spirit is one of those parts of God. Jesus told us that having the Holy Spirit would be better than having Jesus here with us. Many of us prayed and asked the Holy Spirit into our lives. Last week we looked at these pictures. We talked about the second last one – telling our friends about Jesus. Who of you remembered to tell someone about what Jesus has done for you? Today, we want to focus on this last picture (of a boy reading the Bible with his granny). Let the kids tell you their thoughts about the picture. Get out a water gun. One family member holds a plastic cup on their head. Everyone else tries to hit the cup (while missing a few times to wet the person holding the cup!)

10 minutes

•HEAD | MAIN SERMON •

A puppet (or teddy bear) appears, and interacts with the caregiver. He explains that he doesn't think he can be a Christian, because he can't read the Bible. The caregiver asks why not, and he says it's because he doesn't know how to read yet. The caregiver suggests that he ask someone in the family to read to him. The puppet then says that he has tried that, but that the Bible is so complicated, and he doesn't really understand. Read John 14:26 (NIRV) "But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He will remind you of everything I have said to you."

So, the Holy Spirit is our teacher. As we read the Bible, He will help us to understand. Puppet gets excited and leaves to go and ask his mom to read the Bible to him.

So, we can all read the Bible. Even though you're not big enough to read for yourself, you can ask someone in the family to read it to you. You can also use a picture Bible, with lots of pictures which will help you to remember the stories. Before you read it, you should pray, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to understand what you are reading.

10 minutes

• HEART | APPLICATION •

We all need the Holy Spirit to help us to understand the Bible. Every time we read a Bible story, let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us to understand what we are reading.

5 minutes

• HANDS | Craft •

Gather some supplies to make a bookmark for your family Bible. You can print the PDF attached, and paste / paint / draw a heart on, or you can create a bookmark from scratch. Decide on a time when your family will read the Bible together.

10 minutes



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HIT the MARK | 6 | The Holy Spirit helps me to read the Bible | 6 - 13 year olds

OBJECTIVE

- + **Head:** The Holy Spirit uses the Word to teach you
- + **Heart:** Decide that you will take seriously the reading of the Word daily
- + **Hands:** Start the Bible reading plan



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15 minutes

SERMON

• INTRODUCTION •

One of the definitions of sin is “Missing the Mark” – if we are to Hit the Mark (doing God’s will), we need help, and the Holy Spirit promises to give us that.

HIT OR MISS GAME:

Get out a water gun. One family member holds a plastic cup on their head. Everyone else tries to hit the cup (while missing a few times to wet the person holding the cup!)

5 minutes

• MAIN SERMON •

Monologue: Pretend you are on the phone to Paul (from the Bible).

“Hi Paul. It’s so good to speak to you. Just hang on a second. **Cover the phone and explain to the kids that you are talking to Paul from the Bible.** Listen Paul, I’m reading 1 Corinthians, and I am a little confused. What did you mean when you said the greatest of these is love? Uh huh, mm hmm, ok, and when you said we are a body? Oh ok... Thank you – this has been helpful! I’ll definitely call again”

Put the phone down and explain to the kids that we can’t talk to the people who were in Bible times, but we can talk to the person who inspired the Bible – the Holy Spirit. Sometimes, reading the Bible is not easy, and we might be tempted to give up because we struggle to understand, but we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us.

Read and briefly chat about 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

The Holy Spirit and The Word are in a partnership to teach you how to be more like Jesus and how to live your life His way. Yet He doesn’t just download the Word but expects you to download it by reading it. He then helps you to understand what you are reading and it’s amazing how He has you read just what you need to at the right time.

Reading the Bible is so important to our growth as a Christian. **Pull out a toothbrush and toothpaste.** How many of you brush your teeth every day? What would happen if you decided you



will wait until you're a grown up to start brushing? You'd probably have no teeth left! It's important to get into the habit of brushing every day when you are young. I'm old now, and I don't even think about brushing my teeth – it's just something I do. Reading the Bible will be the same. If you want to be successful, you need to get into the habit of reading it. We have a Bible reading plan for you, to help you get into the habit.

Think of a fun way to teach these steps:

Step 1: Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you as you read the Bible.

Step 2: Read the passage slowly, twice.

Step 3: Pray about what you have read, and ask God to help you to understand it. If you have questions, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to the answer in the Bible. He surely will. Ask an adult if there is something you still don't understand

Step 4: Journal a sentence or two about what you have read. Write down at least one verse that pops out at you. This is probably the verse the Holy Spirit wants you to remember. Pray about it, try memorize it, speak it out loud in your room or garden.

As you do all of the above don't forget to pray in tongues, and yes next week we are going to talk more about these tongues, so come ready to speak and learn a whole lot more.

15 minutes

• MINISTRY TIME | APPLICATION •

Show the kids the 'Hit the Mark' Bible reading plan, which will take them through the book of Mark in 40 days. Explain that if they go a bit slower and take two or three months, that's also fine – the idea is to be reading God's word for themselves. Ask who is up for the challenge – they should only take a plan if they are going to try to do it.

5 minutes





Bible Reading Plan

The Book of Mark

Name: _____ Starting Date: _____



Step 1: Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you as you read the Bible.

- Day 1 - Mark 1:1 - 15
- Day 2 - Mark 1:16 - 28
- Day 3 - Mark 1:29 - 45
- Day 4 - Mark 2:1 - 17
- Day 5 - Mark 2:18 - 28

- Day 22 - Mark 9:30 - 37
- Day 23 - Mark 9:38 - 50
- Day 24 - Mark 10:1 - 16
- Day 25 - Mark 10:17 - 34
- Day 26 - Mark 10:35 - 52



Step 2: Read the passage slowly, twice.

- Day 6 - Mark 3:1 - 21
- Day 7 - Mark 3:22 - 35
- Day 8 - Mark 4:1 - 20
- Day 9 - Mark 4:21 - 41
- Day 10 - Mark 5:1-20

- Day 27 - Mark 11:1 - 19
- Day 28 - Mark 11:20 - 33
- Day 29 - Mark 12:1 - 17
- Day 30 - Mark 12:18 - 34
- Day 31 - Mark 12:35 - 44



Step 3: Pray about what you have read, and ask God to help you to understand it. Ask an adult if there is something you don't understand.

- Day 11 - Mark 5:21 - 43
- Day 12 - Mark 6:1 - 13
- Day 13 - Mark 6:14 - 29
- Day 14 - Mark 6:30 - 44
- Day 15 - Mark 6:45 - 56

- Day 32 - Mark 13:1 - 13
- Day 33 - Mark 13:14 - 37
- Day 34 - Mark 14:1 - 25
- Day 35 - Mark 14:26 - 52
- Day 36 - Mark 14:53 - 72



Step 4: Journal a sentence or two about what you have read.

- Day 16 - Mark 7:1-23
- Day 17 - Mark 7:24 - 37
- Day 18 - Mark 8:1 - 21
- Day 19 - Mark 8:22 - 38
- Day 20 - Mark 9:1 - 13

- Day 37 - Mark 15:1 - 20
- Day 38 - Mark 15:21 - 32
- Day 39 - Mark 15:33 - 47
- Day 40 - Mark 16



End Date: _____