

TeamKid Session 11

Why do we read the Bible?

Opening Activity: Have your kid put on headphones and turn on your favorite worship music. Whisper the following to them and see what they think you are saying:

- I saw a kitten eating chicken in the kitchen.
- I saw Susie sitting in a shoeshine shop.
- I've got a date at a quarter to eight.
- Can we go to church camp, Kami?
- He threw 3 free throws.

Lesson: Explain: Tell your kids they did a great job trying to decipher what they heard while listening to music. Mention that it is easy to be distracted while trying to focus on two things at once. Distractions happen in real life, too. Sometimes the distractions come in the form of situations or experiences that are difficult. When these distractions happen, we still must listen to God's Word and obey His commands.

Open your Bible to 1 Peter. Hold the Bible open on your lap, and tell the following Bible story.

Peter Wrote Letters

Based on 1 & 2 Peter

Peter was a friend and disciple of Jesus. He learned many things about God and how God wants people to live. He knew that Jesus was the Son of God. After Jesus went back to heaven, Peter taught many people about Jesus.

Some of these people were living in persecution. Persecution means that people were being treated poorly because they were followers of Jesus. Yet even though people were being persecuted, Peter knew that it was important to continue following Christ. He wrote some letters to the people

he had taught. He wanted to remind them of the important things they should remember in the midst of their trials.

Peter wrote things like this: “I am a disciple of Jesus. I am writing to you who love Jesus. I know you have heard many stories about Jesus. I want to teach you the things Jesus taught me so you will always remember them. Husbands and wives should love each other. We should obey the laws even when the government treats you unfairly.

Let others see you doing good things. You should love one another and obey the truth that Jesus taught. Keep learning about Jesus. He is our example of how we should live and how to make right choices.”

People read the letters from Peter and continued to stay faithful to God even when they were being treated poorly. These letters are part of our Bible now. Explain: Even when people were being treated unfairly, Peter reminded them that God’s way of living is the best. When times are good, we can read the Bible. When difficult situations come, we can read the Bible! In both types of situations, we must read God’s Word and obey His commands.

Scripture Activity: Use the resource “Scrambled Verses” in the materials. See how many your kids can unscramble and then look the verses up in your Bible. Explain: Memorizing Scripture can help us be constantly reminded that God’s commands show us how life works best.

Connecting Activity: Explain that the Bible is truth and will show us what we believe. Use the “What we Believe” resource in the materials and determine what word fills in the blank. Talk through each one and why your kids think they are important truths to remember.

Moving Activity: With your kids and any other members of the family that is at home, set up a game. On one paper plate, lay out some cotton balls. Set another paper plate on the other side of the room. Using only your nose, you will see how many cotton balls your family can move from one paper plate to the other. Set a timer and cheer one another on. After the

game, explain: This was a team game. Team members worked together to accomplish their goal, and hopefully they cheered one another on along the way. The church is a team as well. Peter was able to remind the people of the church how they needed to live, and how they needed to support and love one another. Reading the Bible helps us understand that living by God's commands is always best.

Wrap Up: Remind your kids the big idea of today was about why we read the Bible? We read the Bible because God's commands show us how life works best. Spend some time praying as a family!