

#### HOW DO WE STUDY THE BIBLE?

**BIBLE VERSE:** Be be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. *James 1:22* 

**BONUS VERSE:** Honor your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. *Exodus 20:12* 

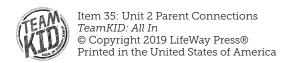
**BIBLE STORY:** The Emmaus Disciples (Luke 24:13-35)

**BIBLE TRUTH:** We study the Bible through regularly and prayerfully reading passages to help us know God more and follow His commands. Jesus taught that all the Scriptures point to Him.

It's the last week of our unit on studying the Bible, and it has been a sweet six weeks. As your child continues to learn about spiritual disciplines, this tool will be essential because it is where we find encouragement to engage in intentional relationship with God. The Bible is one story, through and through, about God's plan to save His people through His Son's sacrifice on the cross. The Old Testament foretells Jesus and the New Testament fulfills His story.

This week, your child learned the story of the Emmaus disciples. After Jesus died and rose from the dead, they still could not see that He was the promised Messiah. It was not until Jesus met with them alive and explained to them the prophecies that they could even recognize Him. He reminded them that it is important to really study God's words without placing our own lens on them. When we do that, we risk completely missing the point—just as the disciples had done. It is important that as leaders in kids' lives, we never communicate that only one section of the Bible is important. Kids need to understand that God's entire Word is good and profitable for us. By reading the Scriptures from cover-to-cover, we can best understand His plan.

Reinforce this week that we study the Bible to learn about God and Jesus and that all Scripture points to Jesus. Consider studying an Old Testament book this week—maybe meditate on Isaiah 53—and lead your family in discussing how words written hundreds and even thousands of years before Jesus was born remind us that God never breaks His promises.



Leviticus Genesis **Exodus** Numbers Joshua Deuteronomy Judges 1 Samuel Ruth

2 Samuel

1 Kings

2 Kings

Chronicles

2 Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

**Tobit** 

Judith

Esther

Maccabees

2 Maccabees

Job

**Psalms** 

Proverbs

**Ecclesiastes** 

Song of Solomon

Song of Songs

Wisdom

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Baruch

Ezekiel

Daniel

Hosea

Obadiah Joel Amos Micah Nahum Jonah Zephaniah Habakkuk Haggai

Zechariah Malachi Matthew Mark Luke John Acts Romans Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

**Ephesians** 

Philippians

Colossians

Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John

Jude

Revelation

- Jesus Read the Scroll
- The Bible is the story of God's plan to save people through Jesus.
- 2 The Ethiopian Official Believed
- We can study the Bible to learn more about what is true about God and ourselves.
- **3** Jesus Was Tempted
- We need the Bible to teach us what is true about God's holy nature, our sinful nature, and our need for a Savior.
- Josiah and the Lost Scroll
- We can read the Bible anywhere. We should obey God's Word because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.
- Peter Wrote Letters
- We read the Bible because God's commands show us how life works best.
- 🗧 The Emmaus Disciples
- We study the Bible to learn about God and Jesus.
  Jesus taught that all the Scriptures point to Him.