

THE BIBLE

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Message	In the Bible, God tells us that He loves us and asks us to come to Him.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Why we should read the Bible at home.■ How the Bible is used in the divine service.
Bible Text	The Bible

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One day, Arianna was looking for a book for her dad to read to her before bed. While looking at all the books on the bookshelf, she came across one she did not recognise. She took it off the bookshelf and carried it to her father who was reading a different book on the couch.

She asked, "Papa, what book is this?"

He glanced over the book he was reading and looked at the book she was holding. He quickly answered, "That is the Bible."

Arianna looked at the book and appeared puzzled, "What kind of book is that?" Her father told her to come sit on the couch with him.

He then explained, "The Bible is a collection of stories about God's activity, promises and commandments."

Arianna looked a little confused and asked, "Who wrote the Bible?"

Her papa explained, "God prompted people to write the Bible and He guided them on what to write."

Arianna thought really hard for a moment. Then she asked her papa, "The Bible is very old?"

Arianna's papa nodded his head and answered, "Yes, it is very old but we still use it today. When we read about people in the Bible who lived their lives in a way that pleased God and who followed Jesus' teachings, we receive spiritual strength. By reading these stories, we gain the wisdom to know how we can also live our lives in a way that pleases God. And we are reminded of how much God loves us. Just like the people in stories who come to Him through what they lived through, He also wants us to come to Him."

Arianna's papa opened the Bible and the pages fell open on 1 Samuel 17. He explained, "In this story, we read about how David defeated the giant Goliath. We can read how David believed God would help him defeat Goliath even though no one else believed it could be done."

In this story, and in many others, we are reminded that when we ask for God's help, He will help us if we believe in Him."

Arianna took the Bible from her papa and began looking through the pages.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What is the Bible? (A collection of stories about God's activity, promises and commandments.)
- What would you find in a sports or animal book? (Information, stories, pictures of animals)
- What do we find in the Bible? (Stories about God's activity, promises and commandments)
- Show an example (1. Samuel 17: David and Goliath).
- Who wrote the Bible?
(God prompted people to write the Bible. He guided them on what to write.)

Have the children repeat...

- The Bible is a collection of stories about God's activity, promises and commandments.
- Each divine service is based on verses from the Bible.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Why do we read the stories of the Bible?
(We gain the wisdom to know how we can also live our lives in a way that pleases God.)
- Why do we read the Bible today? (To learn: God helped His people because He loved them.)
- Ask a child to show the portion of the Old and the New Testament in the Bible.
- What do we find in the New Testament? (Stories about Jesus and revelations of our future)

<p style="text-align: center;">Repeat the Message In the Bible, God tells us that He loves us and asks us to come to Him.</p>
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