

Sunday School Lesson: God's Word Can Be Trusted

Age: 3-6 years old

Length: 25-35 minutes

Main truth: God's Word is true, so we can trust the Bible and listen to Jesus.

Memory verse: "Thy word is truth." - John 17:17, KJV

Teacher's Big Idea

This essay has adult-level details, but for ages 3-6 the main lesson should focus on this simple truth: God has given us His true Word, and we can trust the Bible. The Bible is not broken or confused. It tells us the truth about Jesus, salvation, and how to live. Children should learn to receive the Bible with confidence, love, and obedience.

Supplies

- A Bible
- A sturdy box or small treasure chest
- A paper heart
- A picture of a path
- Coloring supplies
- A simple "God's Word is true" bookmark craft

Opening Question

Ask: "What are some things you can trust?"

Let children answer. Then say: "Today we will learn that God's Word is true, and we can trust the Bible."

Bible Time

Hold up the Bible and say: "The Bible is God's true Word. Jesus said something very important about it."

"Thy word is truth." - John 17:17, KJV

Explain: "Truth means what is really right and real. God's Word is always true. God does not lie. The Bible tells us the truth about Jesus."

Repeat-after-me phrase: "God's Word is true."

Simple Teaching

1. God Gave Us His Word

Teacher say: "The Bible is not just people's ideas. God gave us His Word so we can know Him."

Child repeat: "God gave His Word."

2. The Bible Tells the Truth About Jesus

Teacher say: "The Bible tells us who Jesus is and what He has done to save sinners."

Child repeat: "The Bible tells the truth."

3. We Can Listen and Obey

Teacher say: "Because God's Word is true, we should listen carefully and obey with happy hearts."

Child repeat: "I will listen to God."

Object Lesson

Use the sturdy box or treasure chest.

Say: "This box can hold something precious."

Place the Bible near it and say: "The Bible is even more precious than treasure because it is God's true Word."

Show the path picture and say: "God's Word helps show us the right way to go. We do not have to guess. We can trust what God says."

Movement Activity

- "Open God's Word." Open hands like a book.
- "Hear the truth." Cup a hand to the ear.
- "Look to Jesus." Point upward.
- "Trust God's Word." Put hand on heart.
- "Walk God's way." March in place.
- "Obey with joy." Smile and nod.

Repeat once with the children.

Short Story Illustration

Caleb had a toy map with made-up treasure spots. It was fun, but it was not real. Then his mom showed him a real map to help him find the park.

At church, Caleb learned something even better. His teacher said, "The Bible is not a pretend map. God's Word is true. It helps us know Jesus and walk in God's way."

Caleb hugged his Bible and said, "God's Word is true."

Discussion Questions

1. Is the Bible true? Expected answer: Yes.
2. Who gave us the Bible? Expected answer: God.
3. What does the Bible tell us about? Expected answer: Jesus / God / the truth.
4. Can we trust God's Word? Expected answer: Yes.
5. What should we do when we hear God's Word? Expected answer: Listen and obey.

Craft or Table Activity

Make a "God's Word is true" bookmark.

Give each child a paper bookmark. Write "God's Word is true" on it. Let them decorate with small crosses, hearts, stars, and open-Bible pictures.

Closing Prayer

Our Father in heaven, thank You for giving us Your true Word. Thank You that the Bible tells us the truth about Jesus. Help us trust Your Word, listen carefully, and obey with thankful hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Parent Take-Home Line

God's Word is true, so we can trust the Bible and listen to Jesus.