

Sunday School Lesson: God Gave Us the Whole Bible

Age: 3-6 years old

Length: 25-35 minutes

Main truth: God gave us the whole Bible to show us His big story and lead us to Jesus.

Memory verse: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." - 2 Timothy 3:16, KJV

Teacher's Big Idea

This essay series has adult-level details, but for ages 3-6 the main lesson should focus on this simple truth: God gave us the whole Bible, and all of it belongs together. The Bible has many books, but it tells one big true story about God, His promises, and Jesus our Savior. Children should learn to love the whole Bible and see it as one gift from God.

Supplies

- A Bible
- Several blocks or puzzle pieces
- A simple timeline strip
- Picture cards: creation, ark, lamb, crown, cross, empty tomb
- Coloring supplies
- A "one big Bible story" craft sheet

Opening Question

Ask: "Have you ever seen something with many pieces that all fit together?"

Let children answer. Then say: "The Bible has many books, but they all fit together in one true story from God."

Bible Time

Hold up the Bible and say: "God gave us all the books of the Bible."

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Explain: "That means all the Bible is from God. Genesis is from God. Psalms are from God. The Gospels are from God. Revelation is from God. God gave us the whole Bible."

Repeat-after-me phrase: "God gave us the whole Bible."

Simple Teaching

1. The Bible Has Many Books

Teacher say: "The Bible has many books and many stories, songs, and letters."

Child repeat: "Many books."

2. The Bible Tells One Big True Story

Teacher say: "All those books fit together. They tell one big story about God's work and God's promises."

Child repeat: "One big story."

3. The Bible Leads Us to Jesus

Teacher say: "From beginning to end, the Bible helps us know Jesus, our Savior and King."

Child repeat: "The Bible leads to Jesus."

Object Lesson

Use blocks or puzzle pieces.

Hold up one block and say: "One block is good."

Then build several blocks into a simple tower.

Say: "When the pieces fit together, we can see something bigger."

Show the Bible and the picture cards in order: creation, ark, lamb, crown, cross, empty tomb.

Say: "The Bible has many parts, but together they tell God's big story and lead us to Jesus."

Movement Activity

- "Open the Bible." Open hands like a book.
- "Many books." Hold up several fingers.
- "One big story." Make a big circle with arms.
- "God keeps His promises." Nod yes.
- "Jesus is the Savior." Cross arms over chest.
- "Jesus is the King." Put hands on head like a crown.

Repeat once with the children.

Short Story Illustration

Ava had a puzzle with many pieces. At first, all the little pieces looked different. But when she and her brother put them together, they could see the whole picture.

At church, Ava learned that the Bible is like that. It has many books, but they all belong together. They show God's big story and lead us to Jesus.

Ava smiled and said, "God gave us the whole Bible."

Discussion Questions

1. Does the Bible have only one book or many books? Expected answer: Many books.
2. Do those books fit together? Expected answer: Yes.
3. Who gave us the whole Bible? Expected answer: God.
4. What does the Bible's big story lead us to? Expected answer: Jesus.
5. Is the whole Bible good and true? Expected answer: Yes.

Craft or Table Activity

Make a "one big Bible story" strip.

Give each child a strip with six picture spaces: creation, ark, lamb, crown, cross, empty tomb. Let them color the pictures and glue them in order. Say: "These are all part of God's one big Bible story."

Closing Prayer

Our Father in heaven, thank You for giving us the whole Bible. Thank You that all Your Word is true and that all of it helps us know Jesus. Help us love Your Word and listen with joy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Parent Take-Home Line

God gave us the whole Bible, and all of it helps us know Jesus.