

Sunday School Lesson: God Gave Us His Word

Source essay: `The Canon of Scripture\_ Received, Not Created.md`

Age: 3-6 years old

Length: 25-35 minutes

Main truth: God gave His true Word to His church, and we receive it with thankfulness.

Memory verse: "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." - Psalm 119:89, KJV

Teacher's Big Idea

This essay teaches that the canon of Scripture was received, not created. For children, the lesson should be uncomplicated: God gave the Bible, the church receives God's Word, and we can trust the Bible because it comes from Him.

Supplies

- A Bible
- A church picture
- A stack of paper picture
- A heart picture
- Coloring supplies
- A lamp picture

Opening Question

Ask: "Who gave us the Bible?"

Let children answer. Then say: "Today we will learn this truth: God gave His true Word to His church, and we receive it with thankfulness."

Bible Time

Hold up the Bible and say: "God's Word tells us the truth about Jesus and His saving work."

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." - Psalm 119:89, KJV

Explain: "God gave His true Word to His church, and we receive it with thankfulness."

Repeat-after-me phrase:

"God gave us His Word."

Simple Teaching

1. God Spoke

Teacher say: "The Bible is God's Word."

Child repeat: "God gave us His Word."

2. The Church Receives It

Teacher say: "God's people receive the Word with thankfulness."

Child repeat: "Receive God's Word."

3. We Can Trust the Bible

Teacher say: "Because it comes from God, the Bible is true."

Child repeat: "Trust God's Word."

Object Lesson

Hold up the Bible and say: "This is not just a human idea book. God gave us His Word."

Show the church picture and say: "God's people receive the Word and listen to it."

Hold up the lamp picture and say: "God's Word gives light."

Movement Activity

- "God gave us His Word." Hold hands open like a book.
- "Receive God's Word." Reach out both hands.
- "Trust God's Word." Place hands on heart.
- "Walk in God's light." Take a step forward.
- "Thank You, Lord." Fold hands in prayer.

Repeat once with the children.

Short Story Illustration

Lily loved when her grandmother handed her a carefully wrapped book and said it was for her.

She opened it gently because gifts should be received with thankfulness.

At church Lily learned that God gave His Word to His people, and the church receives it with joy and trust.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the main truth today?

Expected answer: God gave His true Word to His church, and we receive it with thankfulness.

2. What should we remember?

Expected answer: God gave us His Word.

3. Who helps God's people?

Expected answer: Jesus.

4. Is God's Word true?

Expected answer: Yes.

5. What should we do?

Expected answer: Trust and obey the Lord.

Craft or Table Activity

Color a large Bible with a lamp beside it and write: "God gave us His Word."

Closing Prayer

Our Father in heaven, thank You for Your true Word and for the Lord Jesus Christ. Help us believe Your promises, love what is true, and walk in faith and obedience. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Parent Take-Home Line

God gave His true Word to His church, and we receive it with thankfulness.