

Questions about the Bible

How can I read the Bible?



MORE ABOUT THIS LESSON

The Bible is no ordinary book that you can read and put it down with no afterthought. The Bible is alive with God's message of love and hope for us. He wants us to read it, think about it and apply it to our lives. It was never intended to get dusty on a shelf, but to be an everyday companion that will allow God to speak to you and through you. Learning how to read and apply God's word to you live is a critical skill in your faith journey. Insights into S.O.A.P gives you those skills.

KEY VERSE FOR THE MONTH: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:105

BIG IDEA: Our Big Idea answers the question: "How can I read the Bible? I can use S.O.A.P to read my Bible."

BIBLE MESSAGE (20 MINS)

Hi Kids. I hope you've been enjoying our series about the Bible? Let's listen to get a quick recap about the bible before we go into today's question.

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APPLICATION & CLOSING (5 MINS)

We've been learning all about the Bible this month and asking some key questions. We discovered that the Bible is about God's love and His plan of redemption to save us from sin. We also learnt that many people wrote the Bible, but that God authored it and inspired those men with the words that God wanted them to write. We learnt that the Bible helps us to live the right way because God wants the best for us, so He gave us His instructions to live the best life and the right way. And last week we learnt that the Bible has an answer for any situation or problem that we may be facing. Today we'll be answering the question: How can I read the Bible?

It's not use in knowing all those amazing things about the Bible, but not knowing how to read it. When we read the Bible, God is speaking to us. So I'm going to teach you a bit more about how to read the Bible.

So where do you start? You can start anywhere in the Bible and read on from there, but it's best to start at the beginning of a book and carry on reading so you see the story and meaning clearly. You can also use a Bible Reading Plan which tells you what to read everyday and then you'll always know where you are and what to read next.

Let's look at the Bible. When we open it up we see lots of books. Each book, for example, Mark has a Chapter number and every chapter has verse numbers. And sometimes we'll see some words in the New Testament that are in red. Do you know why they are in red? Well, when it's in red, that is Jesus speaking. So every time you see red words in your Bible, you will know that those were the words that Jesus was speaking to His disciples and the people around Him.

Have you ever read your Bible and all of a sudden a verse seems to pop out at you. You don't know why, but something inside you tells you that this verse is important and you need to find out more. That's the Holy Spirit telling you that God wants to talk to you through this verse.

An easy way to read the Bible and listen to what God is trying to say is by using the acronym

S.O.A.P. S.O.A.P stands for:

S = Scripture

O = Observation

A = Application

P = Prayer.

Here's how:

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S– The S stands for Scripture – start by actually writing out the scripture. You'll be amazed at what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and actually write out what you are reading!

O– The O stands for observation- what do you see in the verses that you're reading? Is there a repetition of words? What words stand out to you?

A– The A stands for Application- this is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?

P– And finally P stands for Prayer. Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.

Studying God's Word like this can take as little or as long as you have time to give. Some days it can take just 5 or 10 minutes, other days longer.

Our memory verse for the month is "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:105. Just like this 'glowstick' that shines bright and colourful when broken, the Bible shines bright into our lives when we open it. As we read the Bible and use our S.O.A.P. method, you'll begin to hear God speak to you. His word will shine bright on all your situations and help you.

Our Big Idea answers the question: "How can I read the Bible? I can use S.O.A.P to read my Bible"

Let's pray

Dear God, thank You for Your Word! We want to read your Word to hear you speak to us and give us direction. Help us to make it a daily habit always open your word to receive the light that you want to show us. We love you. In Jesus' Name. Amen.