

LESSON AIM: To explain that the Bible is the most important book, because it is God's Word to us. The Bible is perfect and true and completely trustworthy.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 19

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- Review the rules of RT class, remind them again they are still "in school" and bigger rules still apply.
- Review Ephesians 4:32, allow students to say it for the class if they know it. Say it all together.

LESSON Background:

In order to prepare your heart and mind for this lesson take time to read Psalm 19, Psalm 86:11 and Psalm 119:105.

The Bible says, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105) This reminds us that we cannot move along the path of life without God's Word providing the light of truth to guide us. The Bible enables us to see the world as it truly is. Without the understanding that Scriptures gives, we are lost in the dark, wondering how to accurately interpret good and evil, God and man, right and wrong. We are left with a distorted view of history, science and society. The testimony of the Lord, however, is undistorted and sure. (Psalm 19:7)

In Psalm 19, King David powerfully reveals the supremacy of Scripture. The perfection of the Word leads to conversion of the soul, the surety of the Word bring Wisdom, the righteousness of the Word rejoices the heart, and the purity of the Word lights the way. The Word of God is clean, true, and righteous, producing the fear of the Lord necessary for repentance. Verse 11 summarizes the intention of the Word—that we may be warned to keep the commandments and achieve the promised reward.

Our response to God and His Word should be to join the Psalmist in praying, "Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name." (Psalm 86:11)

INTRODUCTION:

- Clicker idea: On a tray place Ritz type of cracker with a dab of honey. Share how the cracker looks like a coin for our demonstration. How does honey taste? Sweet! Pass it out to the students and repeat "God's Word is better than money and sweeter than honey". May need handy wipes before passing out Bibles.
- Pass out Bibles to the students (some may need to share depending on class size) with a book mark in Psalm 19.
- Explain to your students that the Bible is more important than any other book because God told the writers every word to write. It is literally God's word and it was written that we might know about Him and how to have a relationship with Him.
- You might want to find a large Bible with pictures in it, or have your students turn to the Table of Contents, and again point out the Old and New Testament.

LESSON

Begin your lesson by making a BIG DEAL about the amazing book these students are holding in their hands! It is the greatest book of all time -- in the last 100 years over three billion copies have been sold, including one called the Gutenberg Bible which recently sold for over five and a half million dollars! But the real value of the Bible is not how much money it costs or how many sales there have been; the real value of the Bible is that it is God's Word.

Man helped to write it, but God is the author. He inspired every word of it. Over **40 different people** wrote the Bible from all different countries, cultures and time in history! The Bible tells us how the world began, how we got here, the Ten Commandments, the story of Jesus, but most importantly it tells us how we can have a friendship with God.

Have the students again look at the Table of Contents, and point out again that there are 66

different books contained in the Bible: 39 in the Old Testament, and 27 in the New Testament (one way to remember these numbers is that 39 can also be “3 x 9” = 27).

Explain that there are many exciting stories in the Bible about men and women who both obeyed and disobeyed God. Point out that the stories in the Bible are not myths or fairy tales, **they really happened!**

The Bible is the truest, most accurate book ever written. It can be backed up scientifically, historically and prophetically. The Bible is 2/3 prophecy and over half of those prophecies have happened and were proven to be true!

Now let's read Psalm 19:7-11

The Word of God is described in 5 different ways in verses 7, 8 and 9.

- Who can tell me what they are? (law, testimony, statutes, commandments, judgments)
- In verse 7 what does it say about the **law** of the Lord? (It's perfect)
- And what else does the **law** do? (It converts the soul or changes us)

But what exactly does that mean? “Converting the soul” means His Word changes our desires. We no longer want the things we used to want. We want to honor God in our lives.

- What do the **testimonies** of the Lord do? (They are sure, making wise the simple) We are not really wise by ourselves, we need God's wisdom.
- What do the **statutes** do in verse 8? (are right rejoicing the heart) This means His Word gives us joy that really can't be explained.
- What about the **commandment** of the Lord? (It is pure, enlightening the eyes) The Bible helps us understand—light brightens a dark room. God's Word shines light into our brains, and we begin to know more about God.
- How about the **judgments** of the Lord? (They are true and righteous altogether)

It also says that God's Word is also sweeter than honey and the honeycomb. (Sweeter than honey and better than money – referring to cracker and honey intro)

- Verse 11 says “By them your servant is warned” means that God's Word warns us. It tells us the things we need to avoid – the things that displease our holy God.
- One more question from vs 11. What happens when we obey God's Word? (Great reward)

Now that we've seen what this passage says, let's talk about the main idea – **God's Word is perfect!**

So we've learned God's Word changes us, making us wiser and happier from the inside out. And obeying God's Word brings great reward.

Sometimes we forget these wonderful truths about God's Word and we think we can figure everything out on our own. But we really are not wise enough for that. We need to rely on God and His Word to help us with everything in our life.

We don't know enough to make wise choices on our own. But God knows all things. We say He is **Omniscient**. This means He knows everything – past, present, and future.

God knows everything and He has given us His Word so we can know Him better. We need the truth of God's Word to help us understand the world we live in. We cannot rely on our own wisdom – it is just not enough.

- So when we have a question, where should we go for the answer? (The Bible, God's Word)

That's right. We call this putting on our biblical glasses. In other words, we begin to answer our question by looking in God's Word to see what it says.

Review Questions:

- What is the greatest book of all time?
- What are some of the other names that refer to the Bible? (Word of God, the Law, statutes...)
- Who did God use to write the Bible?
- What does it mean when the Bible says “all scripture is God breathed”?
- Is the Bible perfect? How do we know? (see Psalm 19:7)
- What is sweeter than honey and better than money?

MEMORY VERSE:

All scripture is God breathed, is useful for teaching, rebuking and training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16