

THE Creative

One of the key ways in which Scripture Union serves churches is by equipping
Here, we share some creative ideas that will enable you to



Teaching Idea:

Bible Reading

Power Point : God's Word is eternal!

Bible Passage : Matthew 4:1-11

Memory Verse : Isaiah 40:8 - "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God stands forever."

- Teaching Aids:**
- Blindfolds, apple, pear, orange, banana, flowers, Bible and black garbage bag.
 - 5 Bibles, each with a name clearly written on it: Display Bible, Once-A-Week Bible, Lost Bible, Abused Bible and Used Bible.



Introduction: Blindfold Game

- 1 Ask for 6 children volunteers to play the game.
- 2 Put all the fruits, flowers and Bible into the garbage bag.
- 3 The children are blindfolded and they are required to pull out one item at a time from the bag and guess what the item is.
- 4 Have the children line up in a straight row and show the items to the children.
- 5 Ask the children what will happen to all these items in a month's time?
- 6 Only the Bible will remain, because it will not wither or rot. Link it to the memory verse in Isaiah 40:8.

Teacher's Toolkit

children's and youth ministry leaders and teachers with effective strategies and creative teaching methods. share God's truth in memorable and life-transforming ways.

Lesson

Use one of the following to show The Temptation of Jesus.

- Skit
- VCD (eg. The Story of Jesus for Children by Campus Crusade Mass Media)
- Reading from the Bible text.

Application

1. How did Jesus defeat the devil? Highlight: Jesus used the Word of God to defeat Satan.
2. Introduce the 5 types of Bible: Display Bible, Once-A-Week Bible, Lost Bible, Abused Bible and Used Bible.
3. As you introduce each type of Bible, ask the children whether they own such a type of Bible.
4. Challenge the children to change their Bible to a Used Bible.
5. How? Use Scripture Union's 4-step method of reading the Bible. (see below)

SU's Method of Bible Reading

1. **PRAY** - Ask God to help you understand.
2. **READ** - Carefully read Bible verses, and then your devotional notes.
3. **THINK** - Ask yourself: What does God want me to know today?
4. **ACT/PRAY** - Pray for God's help, and do what He tells you.

Recommended SU Bible Reading Notes for Children:

- Join In-Jump On! or Tiddlywinks (for preschoolers)
- New Quest (for 7-9 year olds)
- New One-to-One (for 10-12 year olds)
- Special Moments (Chinese) (for 8-11 year olds)



5 Types of Bibles

I am the
DISPLAY
Bible

In some homes you won't have any trouble finding me. I have an important place in the living room.

But I can't help my owner if he touches me only when I need dusting! Why doesn't he read me?

I am the
ABUSED
Bible

Sometimes people forget that I am different from all other books and handle me carelessly. They hurt my

back, tear my pages, and let me get dirty. I should be handled with respect because I am a copy of God's Word.

I am the
ONCE-A-WEEK
Bible

Once a week I am taken from the shelf and I go to Sunday school with my owner. For the rest

of the week, I am very lonely.

I am the
LOST
Bible

In some homes you can't find me. In other homes I'm lost on a crowded shelf or put away in a box or

cupboard. If my owner only knew what she is missing, she would look for me until she finds me.

I am the
USED
Bible

My owner reads me every day and handles me with respect. He realises that I am the precious Word of

God. My owner neatly marks verses that are helpful to him. We feel right at home with each other.