

DRAW NEAR

And Be Inspired
Matthew 5:1-2; 7:28-29

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Key thought: The Bible is God's Word.

Parent Helps:

- Invite your child to tell about a favorite storybook. Look at the book cover and point to the author's name. Explain that the author is the person who wrote the book.
- Show your Bible and note the absence of an author. Ask: "Who wrote the Bible?"
- Explain that the Bible is a special book because its words are from God! God wants people to read His Word and learn from it. The Bible helps people know who God is and how to live in ways that honor Him.
- Read Matthew 5:1-2 and 7:28-29. Explain that Jesus taught people to obey God. The people were amazed by the things that Jesus said.

Discussion Questions:

Younger Kids Questions:

1. What is your favorite Bible story?
2. Why do you think God gave us the Bible?
3. What does the Bible teach you about Jesus?

Additional Older Kids Questions:

1. How is the Bible different from other books?
2. What does the Bible teach you about God?
3. How does God's Word change people? (Parent help: The Bible can change your perspective, correct your attitude, convict of sin, and give guidance.)

Apply:

- Spend time in God's Word. (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-2; Psalm 119:18; Matthew 4:4)
- Be changed by God's Word. (Psalm 119:9; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Commit to follow God's Word. (Psalm 119:11; Isaiah 40:8; Luke 11:28; James 1:22)

Activity:

Younger Kids: Tell your child to open the Bible and find a word that contains the letter A. Read aloud the word and challenge him/her to find a letter B. Continue to the end of the alphabet (or as long as interest is high). If you have multiple children invite them to race!

Older Kids: Challenge older kids to find letters within specific Bible books or chapters. Note names of Bible books, people, or places with which he/she is unfamiliar. Choose one of the words and do some research to learn more about it.

Remind your child that each word he/she found is there because God wants it to be. Emphasize that all of the words in the Bible are important because they are God's words.

Pray Together:

- Thank God for His Word.
- Ask God to teach you through His Word. Invite Him to change you to be more like Jesus.
- Pray for your child's Life Group teacher as he/she prepares to teach from God's Word.

