

GOD BREATHED THE SCRIPTURES

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17



The STORY

Read about how God breathed the Scriptures in 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

Please note: The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- Why did God give us the Bible? (To make us wise for salvation through Christ Jesus, see verse 15.)
- What is salvation through Christ Jesus? (The Bible tells us the story of Jesus who died for our sins, taking the penalty for our sins that we deserved. That is, Jesus saved us from our sins. This is the primary message of the Bible.)
- What are the names we call Jesus' story of salvation? (The good news. The Gospel.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: wind blowing the pages of a Bible. Engage the children by asking:

- What does it mean that the Bible is God-breathed? (It means that God wrote the Bible and that God's word came from His mouth.)
- How did God write the Bible through men? (The Holy Spirit showed them what to write.)
- Why is it important for God to write the Bible? (The Bible tells us how to follow what God wants, not what men want. We need to follow God with our lives. Because God wrote the Bible, we can completely trust in what it tells us to do.)

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SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- When did Paul say Timothy first learned the Bible? (From childhood.)
- How can children learn the Bible if they can't read? (They can have their parents read it to them and they can learn from teaching and preaching.)
- How can the Bible help children? (The Bible tells God's story in caring for man and telling men how they can know who God is. The Bible tells us God's plan for men to be saved from their sin. Children can learn these stories and place their hope and trust in Jesus.)

WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

The scripture is God-breathed and is able to lead us into righteousness. This is not through works but rather it is able to "Make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." The purpose of the scripture, all of the Old Testament and New Testament, is to point to the salvation available through Christ's death on the cross. Jesus told His disciples on the road to Emmaus how the Old Testament pointed to Him, see Luke 24:27. The Bible is not first a book of rules, but a book of faith. Salvation does not come by works, but by faith, see Ephesians 2:9.

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.



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GOD'S STORY

CLASSROOM LESSON

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