



## Sneak-a-Peek

### King Josiah Finds God's Word

**BIG IDEA:** It's true, it's true! The Bible is true!

**BIBLE BASIS:** 2 Kings 22:1-23:30

**KEY VERSE:** "All your words are true." Psalm 119:160

## ★ PLAY TIME ACTIVITY

### BOOK NOOK

**Supplies:** Fictional children's picture book (1), Bible (1)

**Directions:** Gather children around and read them a story from a fictional children's picture book. When finished, ask the children if the story was true or not true. Next, ask them how they know that.

**Say:** The story we read is NOT true! That means it didn't really happen. In a little bit, we're going to read a story from another book called the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) Are the stories in the Bible true or not true? (*Children answer.*) That's right! **It's true, it's true! The Bible is true!** Everything in the Bible really happened.

**Question:** Do you have a favorite true story from the Bible? What is it?

## ★ LARGE GROUP LESSON



## ★ SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

### **MIXED-UP MARVIN** (Application Activity)

**Supplies:** “Mixed-Up Marvin” story sheet (1 per group), pen or pencil (1 per group)

**Directions:** “Mixed-Up Marvin” is a Mad Libs™ style game. Ask the children to help you fill in the blanks by providing the requested words. For example, “favorite food” or “silly sound.” When all of the blanks have been completed, read the story aloud to the children and prepare to laugh!

**Question:** Was that story about Marvin true or not true? How do you know?

**Say:** Today we heard a story from the Bible about King Josiah. Was that story true or not true? (*Children answer.*) **It’s true, it’s true! The Bible is true!** The Bible is filled with words from God, and ALL of God’s words are true. Everything in the Bible really happened.

### **TRUTH OR TALE**

**Supplies:** Hula hoop (1 per group), “Truth or Tale—Thumbs Up/Down” pictures (1 set/group)

**Directions:** Place the green thumbs up and red thumbs down pictures on the floor with about 12 feet in-between. In the middle of the signs, hold a hula hoop vertically so that children can crawl through it from one sign to the other. Read the story descriptions below one at a time. If the children hear a true Bible story, they must crawl through the hula hoop to the green thumbs up. If the children hear an untrue fairytale, they must crawl through the hula hoop to the red thumbs down. Continue playing until all of the story descriptions have been read.

#### **Story Descriptions:**

- Noah builds a big boat and puts two of every animal on it. (True)
- Sleeping Beauty falls asleep and can’t wake up until a prince gives her a kiss. (Not True)
- Moses and the Israelites cross through the middle of the Red Sea. (True)
- Snow White lives with Seven Dwarves who have silly names. (Not True)
- Adam and Eve disobey God by eating special fruit in the Garden of Eden. (True)
- Cinderella finds her Prince Charming by trying on a glass slipper. (Not True)
- Jesus dies on a cross and comes back to life three days later. (True)

**Say:** All of the TRUE stories we heard come from the Bible. The Bible is filled with God’s words, and ALL of God’s words are true. **It’s true, it’s true! The Bible is true!**

**Question:** Can you think of some other true stories from the Bible?



## **WADDLE WALK** (Bible Memorization Activity)

**Supplies:** Hula hoop (1 per group), inflated balloon (1 per group)

### **Today's Bible verse:**

*"All (fan hands outward with palms up) your words (with palms still facing up, put hands together like you're holding a book) are true (two thumbs up)." Psalm 119:160 (extend hands like you're holding a book).*

**Directions:** Practice the verse together until the children can remember it. When ready, place a hula hoop on the floor. Choose a child to place the inflated balloon between their knees and walk around the hula hoop while saying the Bible verse. They must say the entire verse without dropping the balloon or touching it with their hands. Continue until every child has had a turn. Play additional rounds by challenging the children to walk backwards, hop on two feet, or skip.

## **THROW BACK** (Bible Story Review Activity)

**Supplies:** Stuffed animal (1 per group)

**Directions:** Have the children stand in a cluster while you stand about six feet away with your back to the group. Toss the stuffed animal over your shoulder toward the group of children. Ask the child who catches it, "What happened first in today's Bible story?" Only allow them to tell a small part of the story. Allow the other children to help answer if needed. Next, have the child who caught the stuffed animal toss it over their shoulder so another child can catch it. Ask the next child to catch the animal, "What happened next in the story?" Repeat this until the whole story has been told.

## **COLORING SHEET AND SNACK TIME** (GO! Deeper Activity)

**Directions:** Give each child a Bible story coloring sheet and some crayons or markers. While the children are coloring, give them a snack to eat and ask the following questions to help them go deeper into the story:

**Question:** How do you think the people felt when they heard God's words from the Bible for the very first time? Why do you think they felt that way?

**Question:** Why do you think it's so important that we read the Bible?

**Say:** The Bible is filled with God's words, and ALL of God's words are true. **It's true, it's true! The Bible is true!** Let's say a prayer to God and thank Him for giving us the Bible.

**Prayer:** Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by thanking God for all of the true stories in the Bible.