



Riddle Rangers

The Truth about the Bible

BIG IDEA: The Bible is God’s Word, so I can know it’s true.

BIBLE BASIS: 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Psalm 119:160

KEY VERSE: “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”
Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

SCHOOL AGE WILL GO INTO AUDITORIUM FOR WORSHIP. THEY WILL BE CALLED TO THE FRONT FOR PRAYER AND RELEASED TO NEXT GEN (FACTORY) OR SHED (WAREHOUSE) WITH THEIR LEADERS.

LARGE GROUP VIDEO

Kids will take a foam mat to sit on

Welcome / Introductions

*Hand out Riddles along with a clipboard and pencil for each child. Tell the kids they will be asked to solve the riddles during the video – pause the video at appropriate times to allow some time for the kids to solve the riddle

THE RIDDLE RANGERS ADVENTURE

Directions: There will be two times during the Large Group program that kids will be asked to turn to their groups to solve a riddle. Zack and Jada (aka the “Riddle Rangers”) will send a copy of the riddle from a mysterious cave in Peru. Keep the riddles out of sight until they’ve been “sent.” This will help to preserve the illusion that the riddles are actually coming from the Riddle Rangers. When directed, give each kid in your group a copy of the appropriate riddle along with a pen or pencil. Unless you choose to work together as a group, remind the kids to refrain from shouting out the answer as soon as they solve it so that other kids have the opportunity to solve it for themselves.

Many of the riddles are letter and word based. Begin by reading the riddle to your group, along with the instructions from Zack or Jada. If you have kids in your group who are still learning to read, you may want to work as a group on some of the riddles. Be prepared to assist the kids as needed. You may want to point the kids in the right direction, give them hints, and sometimes show them the answer. As the leader, you can determine the level of help to give your group.





GROUP ACTIVITIES

THE GREAT BIBLE RACE (Application Activity)

Have two Bibles per group so that two kids at a time can face off with each other.

Say: Today we learned that the Bible is the greatest book ever written. It's God's word *through* people and *to* people. That means that God used people to write the words of the Bible down, but the words are straight from God himself—so we know they're true. We're going to play a game right now that will help us become more familiar with where things are in the Bible.

Directions: Make 2 Teams. Place 2 Bibles across the room. Using the list below, Have a kid from each team then race to be the first one to open the Bible and find where they need to turn while using the list below. When the first kid has found it, give him a high five, but allow the other kid time to find it also. Afterwards, ask the question that corresponds with the Bible location. Keep playing till you have finished the rounds.

For Younger Kids: Younger kids who are still learning to read may need extra help. That's okay! Begin by turning in your own Bible to the right location so they can see it. Be prepared to give them extra direction in finding it. This experience will help them become more comfortable navigating the Bible.

- **Any book in the Old Testament.** Question: The Old Testament is the first and biggest part of the Bible. What does it tell us about? (*Answer: The story of God's people, the Israelites, before Jesus was born.*)
- **Any book in the New Testament.** Question: The New Testament is the second part of the Bible. What does it tell us about? (*Answer: The story of Jesus and the early days of God's Church.*)
- **The Book of Matthew.** Question: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are called Gospels. Who do the Gospels tell us about? (*Answer: Jesus*) What's your favorite story about Jesus?
- **The Book of Psalms.** Question: Do you know what a Psalm is? (*Answer: Song or poem to God.*)
- **Joshua 1:8.** Read it aloud. Question: Do you read God's Word day and night? What are some things you can do to help you spend more time reading the Bible?

Question: Do you have a favorite verse in the Bible? If so, can you find it and show it to the rest of the group?

POSE A VERSE (Bible Memorization Activity)

Directions: Place the Bible verse sign in the middle of the group and read it carefully with your kids several times so they can begin to memorize it. Today's Bible verse says:

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

Tell your group they have to come up with different poses to help them remember the verse. Let the kids take turns suggesting different poses for different parts of the verse. When finished, turn the Bible verse sign over and have the group recite the entire verse from memory while striking each of the suggested poses

Question: How has reading or knowing the Bible ever helped light your path? In other words, how has it helped you make good decisions and avoid trouble in your life?





REFLECT AND RESPOND STATIONS

Prayer Station prompt: Write a prayer thanking God for giving us His Word—the Bible.

Journal Station prompt: Write to God about your Bible favorites. Where's your favorite place to read the Bible? What's your favorite time to read the Bible? What's your favorite Bible verse or story? What other favorites do you have?

Art Station prompt: Draw a picture of yourself reading the Bible. Below it, write "All God's words are true. Psalm 119:160"

ADDITIONAL TIME ACTIVITY—THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN

Simply ask the kids in your group to share one good thing that happened this week (thumbs up) and one not-so-good thing (thumbs down). This is a great way for your group to share celebrations and struggles with one another.

