Preschool–Grade 6

The Books of the Bible

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: The Bible is God's Word. It shows me the way to go.
Bible passage: Psalm 119:105 and 2 Timothy 3:15–16. Read 2 Timothy 3:14–17 yourself before class.
Memory verse: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." *Psalm 119:105 (KJV)*. The old word **thy** means your, and **unto** means to or for.
You need: a Bible, a flashlight, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: put a bookmark in your Bible at Psalm 119:105. Plan a short path around the room for the flashlight game.

1. Opening game: Follow the Light (5 minutes)

Dim the lights a little (not all the way off). Shine the flashlight on the floor and let the kids walk in a line, following the light around the room. Stop, then go again. Ask: *How did you know where to walk? (We followed the light.)* Say: "The light showed us the way. The Bible says God's Word is like a light. It shows us the way to go!"

2. Bible lesson (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible. Say: "This is the Bible. It is God's Word. Everything in it is true." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

God gave us the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16). *(Point up.)*
God gave the words to people. They wrote them down (2 Peter 1:21). *(Pretend to write.)*
Say it with me: "The Bible is God's Word!"
The Bible has lots of little books inside, 66 books! *(Open and shut your hands like a book.)*
It tells about Noah, David, Daniel and Jonah. *(Count on your fingers.)*
Best of all, it tells about Jesus (John 20:31). *(Hug yourself.)*
A boy named Timothy knew God's Word when he was a child (2 Timothy 3:15). *(Point to the kids.)*
You can know God's Word too! *(Thumbs up.)*
God's Word is like a light. It shows us the way (Psalm 119:105). *(Hold up a pretend lamp.)*
Say it with me: "God's Word shows me the way!"

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3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. Who gave us the Bible? *(God, 2 Timothy 3:16)*
2. Who does the Bible tell us about? *(Jesus, John 20:31)*
3. What is God's Word like? *(A light that shows us the way, Psalm 119:105)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "'Thy word' means God's Word. A **lamp** is a light people carried so they could see where to walk." Teach the motions: open your hands like a book for "Thy word," cup one hand like a little lamp for "is a lamp," point to your feet for "unto my feet," wiggle your fingers up like light for "and a light," and walk your fingers along your arm for "unto my path." Say the verse together with the motions. Say it together once more, then say "Psalm 119:105."

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "The Bible tells us the best news! God loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."
Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

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6. Activity: My Favorite Bible Story (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw a Bible story they know: Noah's ark, David and Goliath, Daniel and the lions, Jonah, or baby Jesus. While they color, hold up your Bible and show them where their story is: near the front (the Old Testament) or near the back (the New Testament). Ask: "Who gave us these true stories?" *(God!)*

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:
"Thank You, God, for the Bible.
Thank You for telling us about Jesus.
Help me listen and obey. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: keep it short and happy. Let each child hold the Bible gently for a moment and turn a page, so they learn it is a special Book. If they get wiggly, play Follow the Light again. Send the take-home sheet home so parents can read a Bible story with them this week.

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