

Children's Bible Month session plan

Bible Month is a great time to encourage children to read the Bible. To help with this, we've produced this five week session plan with a Bible story and key theme each week. You can use *The Big Little Bible* to share the story each week. We've also included the key verse on each illustration for colouring in. These are available for download on the website www.goodforlife.nz



Week	The Big Little Bible story	Theme	Memory Verse	Activities	Discussion questions	Prayer	
1/2 July	Parting of the Red Sea Pages 47 - 53	TRUST GOD WITH EVERYTHING The Bible tells us to trust God in our day to day lives.	Exodus 14:13-14	Craft: create parting of the red sea cards with blue paper on top of brown paper. Colouring in illustration. (page 51).		Discuss what it means to trust God. What would you be feeling if you were one of the Israelites and you saw the sea parting in front of you? Would you have gone through it?	Pray for help in trusting God with difficult things.
		Refugee Sunday (in Anglican church).			With older kids you could talk about what they know about refugees and what we can do to support them.	Pray for families around the world who are refugees.	
8/9 July	Jesus walks on water Pages 132 - 133	KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS The Bible tells us we need to keep focused on Jesus.	Matthew 14:27	Activity: Sink or float - have a bucket of water and different items, ask kids if they think each item will sink or float. Colouring in illustration. (page 132).		Why did Peter start to sink? Why did the men worship Jesus when he got in the boat? What does this tell us about Jesus?	Pray for help to keep Jesus at the centre of our lives.
15/16 July	Jesus blesses the children and Psalm 23 Pages 140 - 141	GOD GUIDES US The Bible tells us God is our Shepherd (God guides, cares and protects us).	Psalms 23:1	Craft: create sheep cards, glue on cotton buds and use pegs for legs. Colouring in illustration. (page 140)		How does the story of Jesus blessing the children make you feel? What was Jesus talking about? What might be special about a child's faith? What does "I shall not want mean?" What are the ways God guides us?	Pray for guidance and to know God's love and care for us.
22/23 July	King Solomon asks for wisdom Page 86 - 89	GOD GIVES US WISDOM The Bible tells us that we can ask God for wisdom.	1 Kings 3:9a	Craft: make treasure chests from half-dozen egg containers and put something with the word 'wisdom' inside. Craft: create wisdom crowns. Colouring in illustration. (page 86)		What do you like about this story? Why was God pleased with Solomon's request? What could Solomon have asked for instead? If you could ask God for anything, what would you ask for? What is wisdom? What situations do you need more wisdom for?	Pray for wisdom.
29/30 July	Jesus heals ten men Page 134 - 135	SAY THANKS TO GOD The Bible tells us that it's important to say thanks to God.	Luke 17:15	Activity: learn to say thank you in sign language. Colouring in illustration. (page 134)		Why did the one man go back to Jesus? Why did the other nine men not go back to Jesus? What can you learn from this story? What are you thankful for?	Prayers of thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.