

God's Word, the Bible

(Psalm 25:4–6, Hebrews 4:12–13, Psalm 119:105,
Luke 2:10–11, John 3:16–17, Psalm 103:1–5, Isaiah 40:8)

PREPARATION:

- Prepare **seven 4" × 6" index cards** to write each verse and reference shown and/or have the verses bookmarked in your Bible. Gather the following items in a **bag**: a **road map**—Psalm 25:4–6; a **sharp knife**—Hebrews 4:12–13; a **lightbulb**—Psalm 119:105; an **announcement** (baby, wedding, graduation)—Luke 2:10–11, John 3:16–17; a **cookbook**—Psalm 103:1–5; and a **ruler**—Isaiah 40:8.
- Obtain the songs “God Wrote Us a Letter” by Mary Rice Hopkins and “The B-i-b-l-e.”
- Stand on the stage holding the bag, or have it nearby. Take each item out of the bag and have a volunteer hold it while you explain how the Bible is like that object; then read the corresponding Bible verse. Select an adult volunteer to hold the knife.



Teacher: Hello, boys and girls! Today I want to share with you about the Bible. It's much more than a book filled with words! The Bible contains God's special words to people. All the words of the Bible are known as Scripture, and Scripture is inspired by God. (*Read 2 Timothy 3:16.*) The word inspired simply means that God told the people who wrote the Bible what to write. To help you understand the purpose of the Bible and what it means to Christians, I've gathered some things that show what the Bible is like.

(*Reach into the bag and pull out the road map.*) Here I have a road map. How many of you have traveled a long distance in a car with your parents? Did they use some kind of road map to guide them? There are all kinds of maps—paper maps, maps from the computer, and even maps from something called a GPS system. But the purpose of every map is the same: to show you how to get from one place to another. The Bible is like a road map because it shows you the way to get to heaven and live with God forever. (*Read Psalm 25:4–6.*)

(*Reach into the bag and pull out the sharp knife.*) Ooh! This looks like a very sharp knife, doesn't it? A knife is used for many things. It can slice meat into pieces, cut open a bell pepper, and cut off the rotten part of an apple. A sharp knife can even be used to open a box or plastic packaging.

The Bible is like a sharp knife because it can show you what you are doing wrong and open your eyes to understand what you should be doing. Like a knife, the Bible helps you cut off anything in your life that is rotten or not good so you can focus on what is good. The Bible also opens your eyes to the truth of God's love and salvation. (*Read **Hebrews 4:12–13**.*)

(*Reach into the bag and pull out the lightbulb.*) Oh, look, I found a lightbulb! A lightbulb is very important because it helps you see where you're going when it is dark in a room or even outside. Without a lightbulb, you can't see where to go when it's dark. Just like a lightbulb gives light so you can see where to go when it is dark, the Bible helps you see the path God wants you to take in life. (*Read **Psalms 119:105**.*)

(*Reach into the bag and pull out the announcement.*) Here's a (*indicate type of announcement*) announcement. Announcements are exciting because they tell good news about someone. (*Share why the announcement you are holding—such as a birth announcement, a wedding announcement, or a graduation announcement—is good news.*) The Bible is like this announcement because it tells everyone the good news that Jesus Christ was born. The Bible also announces the good news that Jesus died for your sins and rose again. (*Read **Luke 2:10–11** and **John 3:16–17**.*)

(*Reach into the bag and pull out the cookbook.*) Ah yes, a cookbook! Have you ever helped someone make a recipe from a cookbook? If so, did you have a difficult time trying to decide which recipe to make since more than one looked scrumptious and made your mouth water? A cookbook is filled with many wonderful recipes for making delicious food. The Bible is like a cookbook because it is filled with many wonderful truths about God and who He is. (*Read **Psalms 103:1–5**.*)

(*Reach into the bag and pull out the ruler.*) Oh, look, here's a ruler! When you need to measure something, a ruler can tell you how long, wide, or tall the object is. Do the measurements on a ruler ever change? Of course not! A ruler sets a standard that never changes. The measurements on your ruler will be the same on another student's ruler. The Bible is like a ruler because it is God's standard for how you should live. The Bible has not and will never change. (*Read **Isaiah 40:8**.*)

(Show each item again and review how the Bible is like each one.) Let's look at each object again and review how it can remind you of what the Bible is about:

- The road map: The Bible is like a road map because it shows Christians how to live.
- The sharp knife: The Bible is like a sharp knife because it shows what you are doing wrong and opens your eyes to understand what you should be doing.
- The lightbulb: The Bible is like a lightbulb because it helps you see the path God wants you to take in life.
- The announcement: The Bible is like an announcement because it tells the good news about Jesus being born, dying on the cross, rising from the dead, and returning to heaven.
- The cookbook: The Bible is like a cookbook because it is filled with many wonderful truths about God and who He is.
- The ruler: The Bible is like a ruler because it is God's standard for how you should live, and it will never change.

This week, boys and girls, see if you can find other objects that remind you of the Bible. Look around your classroom, in your home, and even outside. When you find something that reminds you of the Bible, share it with your parents, a brother or sister, a friend, or your teacher.

(Teacher concludes presentation.)

Invite your class to sing "God Wrote Us a Letter" and "The B-i-b-l-e."

End chapel by closing in prayer and thanking God for the Bible.