

Before and After the Sunday School Lesson **Building Bible Skills While Having Fun!**

Have a back-up plan of activities to help with relationship building and Bible literacy.

Before the Session

Read through the conference. The first part is discussion, and as you read through it, pause and ask for conferees ideas as well. Learning from other's classroom successes helps everyone. Your conferees may know of other websites, apps, downloads, etc. that can help the group.

Resources to Collect & Prepare

PLEASE NOTE: If you have limited time, just pick three or four easy ones to demonstrate. There are pictured examples of most of these that you can use and talk about in your conference. If you have limited time, I suggest the song download, memory verse balloon pop, basketball dribbling and jumprope, and the connect four game.

- Books of the Bible song (your own, or download Randall Goodgame & Slugs and Bugs: Sing the Bible with Slugs & Bugs (iTunes)
- Books of the Bible Igloo:
 Small boxes and markers: Old Testament 39 boxes, New Testament 27 boxes or all 66 boxes. You could also use small containers such as Crystal Light containers, or whatever you have
- Hungry Hungry Hippos
 Scooter Boards (Walmart.com about \$13 each) or skateboards if you already have some, ball pit balls or objects with the Verse of the day or bible books written on them, plastic dishpan
- Memory Verse Balloon Pop
 Balloons, marker
- Snowball Hockey
 White balloons, markers, pool noodles
- Paddle Ball Books of the Bible
 Paddle Ball, Books of the Bible Poster
- Basketball Dribbling
 Basketball
- Jumprope
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 WalMart Sack Juggling
 At least three thin WalMart shopping bags
- Books of the Bible Hopscotch
 One long piece of butcher paper or bulletin board paper (12 ft long?)
 Marker

- **Connect Four Game**
Poster board, yardstick for marking, marker, sticky notes, curriculum review questions.
- **Portable Books of the Bible Clothespin Game**
Small clothespins from Hobby Lobby (39 and 27 for Old and New Testaments)
Marker, cardstock or foam, small container (Crystal Light Cylinder), small copy of the books of the Bible poster or a bookmark with the books listed.
- **Books of the Bible Bottle Caps**
(copy of books of the bible circles attached)
1 " round punch from Hobby Lobby (or just cut out with scissors)
Bottle caps (Hobby Lobby or left over from previous VBS in your resource room.
Button magnets (optional)
- **Books of the Bible Info Cards**
Print out from ministry-to-children.com - You could print out enough copies to use as hand-outs if you wish.
- **Whatsinthebible.com**
Go to that website and print out a few examples to use in class. You could print out enough copies to use as hand-outs if you wish.
- **Altered book/journal**
Journal, markers, look on Pinterest for examples and copy.
Any add-ons you wish, tiny envelopes, flowers, stickers, pictures, die cuts.

Audio/Visual Needs

Cd player or your phone and Bluetooth speaker to play the books of the bible songs, and perhaps a laptop and smartboard to pull up the websites noted to explore during class.

During the Session

Step 1 – 10 - 15 Minutes –

Discuss with conferees challenges in the classroom such as early arrivers, not enough bible skills being taught, bored children, extra things available for the child who zooms through each activity, closing activities when the lesson ends and there's extra time. Cover the first page of the conference model, allowing others to share helpful websites and activities that they may use.

Step 2 – 20 minutes – 40 minutes depending on your time limit.

Demonstrate how to make and/or play the Bible skills games that you have chosen.

Wrap Up – 5 minutes

Briefly cover any of the games listed that you were not able to play in the conference.

Handouts

The conference copy including the extra pages of "Books of the Bible Circles" is the handout.