



## **Bible Tips for Grades 1-5**

Grade 1 is when children will transition from using a storybook/picture Bible to an actual, full Bible with all the books, chapters, and verse numbers! It can be overwhelming for kids to be handed a full-sized Bible in Kidmax and asked to look up a key verse or passage, especially if they haven't had access to one before. Our classrooms use the NIRV translation, which is similar to the NIV our adults use, but is written at a grade 3 reading level. Here are some tips to introduce your small group to the Bible:

### **Getting Started**

- Get everyone to turn to the table of contents. Explain that the Bible is not one book, but 66. The table of contents shows every book, in the order they appear. There are also page numbers so you can find the books easier.
- Ask if anyone knows what the Old and New Testaments are. Explain that the Old Testament was written before Jesus was born, and the New Testament was written after Jesus was here on earth.
- Ask if anyone knows why the Bible is one big book, and not 66 little books. Explain that the Bible is in fact one big story, the story of God and what he's done for us. Every year in Kidmax, we start at Genesis in September and go all the way to Revelation by June. We do this to help us see the big story that is unfolding.

### **Digging In**

- In the Table of Contents, find the name of the book you're looking at for today. Note the page number — if all kids are using our NIRV Bibles, it'll be the same page number for everyone.
- Once everyone finds the book, point out how the name of the book, and chapter number, is across the top of each page. Ask the kids if they see big and little numbers on the pages. Explain that the big number is the chapter, and the little numbers are the verses. Have each child find the chapter and verse you're looking for.
- Ask who is comfortable reading out loud. Those who are can take turns reading out loud, one verse at a time.

### **Wrapping Up**

- Ask if anyone has any questions about reading the Bible. You could encourage them to use today's take-home card to read the Bible Story again at home this week. Maybe they can show their family how to use the Bible.
- If a child in your class does not own a Bible, speak to your Coordinator about getting them one.

# **Created to Be...**

God helps us be who he created us to be.

*The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outside of a person. But the Lord looks at what is in the heart.*

*1 Samuel 16:7*

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**Bee**

**Cow**

**Rock**

**Rain**

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**Butterfly**

**Flower**

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**Whale**

**Sun**

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