

Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 4: Bible

1st and 2nd Grade

Theme Verse

"The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God remains forever" (Isaiah 40:8).

Objective

Biblical truths never change.

Teach

What do you think the oldest land animal is? Is it an elephant? An owl? Did you know there is an Aldabra giant tortoise named Jonathan, and he is 187 years old? That is an old tortoise! I have a hard time imagining something that old. Sadly, one day that tortoise will be too old and eventually die. Even Jonathan was young a long time ago, but the oldest animals were once the young ones that changed over time.

Did you know there's something that is thousands of years old that never changes? It's the Bible! The Bible never gets too old and never changes. The Bible is always the same. Maybe someone you know has a copy of the Bible that has been used so much that it is now beaten up and worn-out. But even with worn out pages and covers, the words inside don't change. Isaiah 40:8 says, "The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God remains forever." The Bible is different from every other book in the world because it is the only one written by God. While it was not His hand that wrote every word, He told each of the writers in the Bible what to say. This means the Bible was "inspired" by God. Since the Bible was inspired, we can trust everything it says. Everything we read in the Bible is true and unchanging. The same Bible we read when we are kids, we can read as adults, and it does not change!

Discussion Questions

- 1. What never changes, no matter how old or worn out it gets? (The Bible)
- 2. How did God give us the Bible? (By telling or "inspiring" the writers what to say)

Play

Set out an ice cube on a paper towel or in your hand at the beginning of your dinner. Tell your child that just like the ice cube that begins melting, everything changes as time passes—except the Bible. We can trust that the Bible will never change!

Sing

"The B-I-B-L-E" (Go Fish)

Live it Out

Throughout the week, ask your children how long they think something will last. What would happen if we left this sandwich on the counter? Will that cow live forever? Even if one copy of the Bible is destroyed, the words of the Bible can never be fully destroyed because it is God's Word, and it lasts forever.

Closing Prayer

Thank You for giving us the Bible so that we can read Your Word. For the rest of our lives, we don't have to worry about the Bible changing because it will always be the same. Thank You for speaking to us through the Bible. We love You, Lord. Amen.