

GETTING TO KNOW JESUS BIBLE READING PACK

TEACHERS' INTRODUCTION

Welcome to The Getting to Know Jesus Bible reading pack. Here are some tips to help you get started:

1. **These pages are designed to be printed double sided.** When printed double sided, each page will contain one week of the reading plan. This makes it easy for you to print copies for individual students to use during class devotion time or to take home.
2. After printing the pages, **fold each page down the center** so that the title "Getting to Know Jesus" is on the front and the memory verse challenge is on the back.
3. There are only **five lessons per week.** This is to help your kids have some breathing room as they complete the reading. If they miss a day, they can make it up later that week. It also can be completed in class in a school setting.
4. In order to conserve paper and ink, **there is no room to write down answers to the questions on these pages.** If you are completing this study in a classroom you can discuss the answers orally. If you want your students to write their answers down, you will need to provide them separate paper to write their answers on. If they are completing the study at home, encourage them to discuss their answers with their parents.

5. Each day includes a Bible reading, questions, and a "pray the Word" section. Encourage your kids to **complete the Bible reading and answer the questions.**

6. The "pray the Word" section will indicate a Bible passage to pray through. To help you pray the Word, bookmarks with the ACTS acronym are included below. Read the Bible passage, then use **the "ACTS" acronym questions on the bookmarks as a guide for praying through the verse.** You will use this same acronym to pray through all of the verses in the "pray the Word" sections. You may need to show your kids how to do this the first few times.

7. The last page of the weekly reading also includes a **Bible memory challenge.** Based on the age and ability of your students, you can choose whether you will have them memorize both verses, or just one, or even a part of one verse. Make it fun by memorizing the verses with your kids.

8. Whether you are completing this study as a class or encouraging your students to complete it on their own, **plan a special reward for finishing the study.** Give your students something to look forward to as they learn to make reading God's Word a habit in their own lives.

If you have any questions or suggestions, I would love to hear from you. **You can email me at annajoy@paththroughthenarrowgate.com**

May God bless you!

Anna Joy

PRAY THE WORD BOOKMARK CRAFT

One of the goals of this Bible series is to help children learn how to pray Biblically. This is accomplished by teaching children to pray using the Bible as their guide.

At the end of each day's Bible reading, there is a "pray the word" section with recommended verses to pray through. Kids can do this by remembering the acronym, "ACTS":

Let's use John 10:14-15 as an example. These verses say: "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep."

Start with **"A" for Adoration**: What do these verses encourage me to adore, worship, or praise God for? I challenge my kids to start with "Dear God, I worship (adore, or praise) You because..." In this case, they might pray, "I worship You because You are the Good Shepherd" or "I praise You because You know everything about me and everyone in the world."

Next is **"C" for Confession**: What sins do these verses bring to my mind that I need to confess? In this case, your kids might say "I confess that I don't always take the time to read Your word and get to know you like I should." or "I confess that I am a sinner and You laid down Your life for me. Please forgive me for sinning against You."

Next is **"T" for Thanksgiving**. This is usually the easiest for kids to understand. They might pray "Thank you, God for knowing me." or "Thank you, Jesus, for laying down Your life for me."

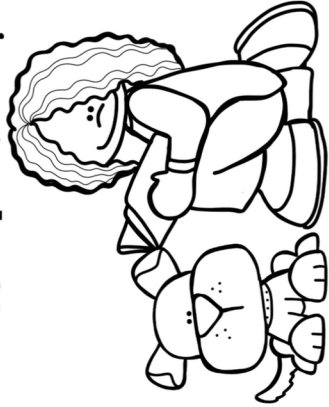
Finally, **"S" is for Supplication**. Is there anything that these verses encourage us to ask God for, for ourselves or others? Your kids might pray, "Dear God, please give me a desire to know You better." or "Please help me to have courage to tell others about You so that they can know You too."

It will be very helpful to go through this exercise during class time, asking kids to share what they see that they can Adore, Confess, Thank, and Ask for from each verse.

These bookmarks are a perfect way for kids to remember how to pray the Word. Copy the pages and supply one bookmark per child. Encourage kids to color the bookmarks and cut them out, if desired and age appropriate.

These bookmarks can also be glued to heavy paper or cardstock, or laminated if desired.

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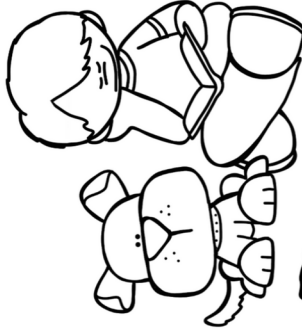
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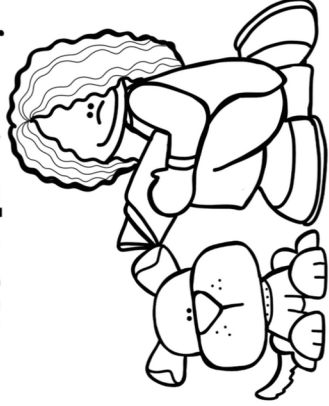
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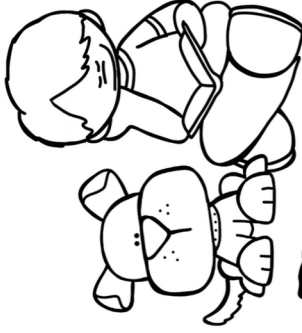
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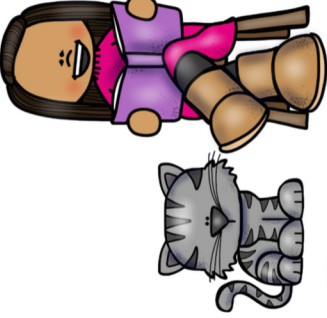
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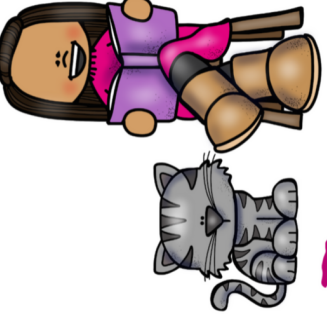
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