

Get to Know Your New Bible: An Intentional Approach to Gifting Bibles to Students

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Get to Know Your New Bible

- **4 Week Class**
- **For 2nd-5th Graders and their parent/mentor**
- **Covers how to use *a* Bible & how to use *their Bible***
- **Walks through what we believe**
- **Connects kids, parents, and families**
- **Ends in a special presentation of the kids “new” (and also used) Bibles following the study**



How this class came to be

Goals

- **Create pathways for regular Bible study at home and church**
- **Connect kids, parents, and families together as they grow in God's Word**

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Do you give away Bibles?
If so, what does it look
like in your setting?

Getting Started



2ND-5TH GRADERS + PARENT/FAITH MENTOR

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW BIBLE CLASS

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 4

4 WEEK WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS
REGISTER TODAY!



Promoting the class in layers

- How to sign up
- How to learn more

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW BIBLE CLASS

QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE:

Q: IS PARENT ATTENDANCE REQUIRED?

A: It is very important that students attend with either a parent or significant adult in their life. For families who are unable to send a parent, we welcome the child's grandparent, aunt or uncle, family friend, baptismal sponsor, or another adult to fill that role.

Q: WHAT IF I CAN'T MAKE IT ALL 4 WEEKS?

A: We ask that all participants attend all 4 weeks in order to be gifted with this particular Bible in worship. If you are hoping to take this class but these four Wednesday evenings do not work with your schedule, please let Amy Schmidt know. With enough interest, this class could potentially be offered at an alternate season/time in the future.

Q: WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE BIBLE?

A: Please join us! This class will be taught in a way that whether someone is holding a Bible for the very first time OR they've studied it their whole life, they'll fit right in! We will never put you on the spot. We design this class to make it as easy and comfortable as possible for everyone to discover the basics of the Bible.

Q: WHAT IF I ALREADY KNOW HOW TO USE A BIBLE?

A: Please join us! While this class is an intro to the Bible, it also provides time for families to connect with one another, features time to highlight key verses, explore God's Word to us, look at our church's beliefs, and see the big picture of salvation. Plus, this Bible has unique study features designed to guide children and families in their personal devotion life!

Q: WHAT IF MY CHILD ATTENDS CHRIST SCHOOL AND ALREADY RECEIVED A BIBLE?

A: Students who have already received their "Faith Alive" Bibles at school are absolutely welcome to attend this Bible Class too! We designed this class to compliment the great ministry happening in our school. We intentionally chose a different Bible (the "Growing in Faith" Bible) to give our students, which has very different study features and family resources, but it is in the same ESV translation as the Bibles used at Christ School. Students at Christ School will also enjoy this time with their parents/faith mentors, discover even more about the Bible, and learn to use it in new ways!

Q: MY CHILD ATTENDED LAST YEAR. SHOULD THEY ATTEND AGAIN?

A: Students are absolutely welcome to attend again. Please bring the Bible they already received with you. While the class will go over similar material from last year, it will be a great review, a chance to connect with other families, and there will be new opportunities to highlight even more key verses.

Q: IS CHILDCARE AVAILABLE?

A: Yes! We offer nursery care for infants through 1st grade on Wednesday evenings during our Get to Know Your New Bible Class. Please help us get a count for nursery by registering your child(ren).

Q: WILL THERE BE FOOD?

A: Pizza and drinks are available for purchase in the Commons, 5:45-6:10pm. We do our best to estimate how much will be needed, but when it's gone it's gone!

No Pressure

- **...to remember: Assume everything is new**
- **...to have the answers: Never ask a question with a right or wrong answer**
- **...to know the lingo: Say it two ways**
- **...to be fast: Give tasks open-ended follow-up activities to feel like we've finished together**
- **...for it to be easy: It's not always easy**

Meet the Audience

- **Weave between talking to “parents/mentors” and “kids”**
- **Weave between movement & focus**
- **Give options for all knowledge levels**
- **Give options for various energy levels**

Bring on a Team

- **Mentors**
- **Studiers**
- **Donors**
- **Crafters**
- **Prayer Warriors**
- **Team Leaders**

Week 1

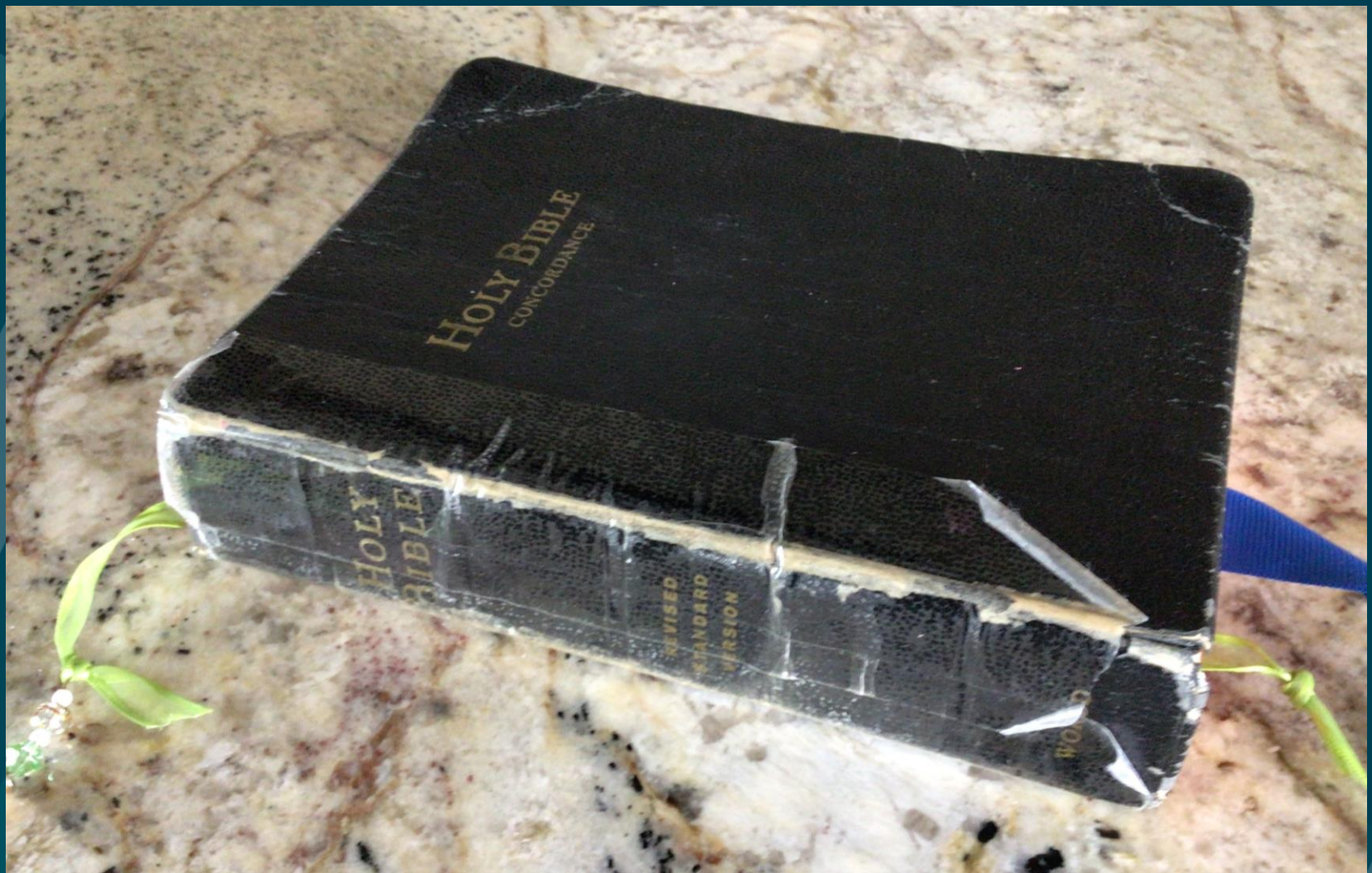
- **Welcome & nametags**
- **Share how the class will flow**
- **Get to know one another**
- **Introduction to the Bible**

Introducing the Bible

- **We start with an economy Bible**
- **What is the Bible & its purpose**
- **Layout, testaments, timeline, books, literature styles**
- **Names of the books of the Bible**

Introducing the Bible

- **Books, chapters, verses and finding your way**
- **Practice together**
- **Come up for new Bibles**
- **Mark with names**



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**What things can make
finding your way around
the Bible difficult?**

Week 2

- **Introductions**
- **Names of the Books of the Bible**
- **Review navigation**
- **Translations/versions & reading level**
- **Get-to-know-you with movement**
- **Walk through study features**

CHARACTER



CHRIST
CONNECTIONS



BIG?
QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS



**Which Bible or Study Bible do
you or your students use?**

Week 3

- **Get-to-know you**
- **Walk through “We Believe” statements**
- **Begin highlighting “We Believe” verses with yellow highlighters**

We Believe...

God Reigns



God Loves



We Sin



God Saves



God Gives



We Live



Week 3

- **Keep learning Bible book names**
- **Split parents/mentors and kids into separate rooms**
 - **Parents: Highlights & Blessing**
 - **Kids: Bible Covers**



**What are the blessings and
benefits of having
highlighted verses in your
Bible?**

Week 4

- **Continue highlighting “We Believe” verses**
- **Keep that earworm of a song going**
- **Share announcements & what’s next**
- **Split kids & parents/mentors**

The Presentation

- **Make Bibles available during the week for others to highlight & mark**
- **Bibles are wrapped in gold & labeled**
- **Families come forward in worship for the Bible presentation**



**How do or would you
encourage students to keep
using their Bibles?**

What we'd (maybe) do differently

- **Add a week or two**
- **Provide the same Bible to the parent/mentor**
- **Bring in knowledgeable caregivers to help on the final week**
- **Implement memorization & highlighting across our Children's Ministry**

Blessings We've Seen

- **Kids using Bibles with confidence**
- **New parents stepping into Bible Studies**
- **Continued positive feedback**
- **Encouragement from those watching**
- **Mentorships**
- **Purposeful focus for future planning**

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printables, and more at
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Notes on the Slides

- **Fonts: Oswald, A Little Sunshine, and perhaps Kelson or Curse Casual. Dafont.com has a couple of those.**
- **Embedded videos have been removed**
- **I made *some* edits for clarity**
- **Notes are limited. Feel free to reach out to talk through any pieces!**





**What is one thing you'll take
away from this session?**

Thank you!

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