

Sunday School Activity

SCRIPTURES

(All from the Old Testament) John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 13:13, Mark 3:14, Mark 10:27, Matthew 5:44, John 15:13



Bible Scripture Relay!

MATERIALS

- Bibles
- Poster paper or large construction paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Colored crayons or markers
- "Scripture References" handout (to follow). Cut apart the references. If you need more, make up your own using the blank sheet. Select scriptures from Old Testament.

PREPARATION

- Hang a large sheet of poster paper in the front of the room along with colored crayons/markers on a chair nearby.

DIRECTIONS

MINI LESSON BEFORE PLAYING:

SAY: Does everyone know his/her home address? (Invite students to come to front of the room and write their addresses on your blank poster. For younger students, ask them to tell you their address and you may write them on the paper.)

SAY: Addresses are important. Especially to the post office! They tell the mail carriers where to deliver mail. When the mail carrier knows the address, it's easy for them to deliver the mail. A verse is like an address. A verse tells us how to find a scripture in the Bible. It's easy to find things in the Bible if you know the "address" for the scripture you are looking for.

(You can do this activity by putting students in small groups or individually. Give each group or individual a Bible.)

SAY: Today we're going to learn that it's easy to find things in the Bible. The Bible is a big book, full of lots of words, but if you know the "address," (or verse), of the scripture you're looking for, it's easy to find things in the Bible! Let's give it a try.

At the front of the room, hold up your Bible. Show/model the following to students using your Bible:

SAY: The Bible is divided into 2 parts: The Old Testament is in the front section of the Bible; the New Testament is in the back section of Bible.

SAY: The Book of Genesis is the first book of the Old Testament. Let's see if we can find it! (Pause until everyone has Bible opened to Genesis.)

SAY: Great! Here is an example of how a Bible verse is written: (Write "**Genesis 1:1**" on your poster board.)

SAY: GENESIS 1:1. The name of the book is Genesis (Circle/point to Genesis), the chapter is 1 (Circle/point to 1), and the verse is 1 (Circle/point to the second 1). (Pause and guide children to find GENESIS 1:1 in the Bible.) Read scripture aloud.

SAY: Genesis 1:1 is kind of like the address to find that scripture in the Bible.

SAY: Let's try another one. Let's look up a verse about when Jesus was born. This scripture can be found in the New Testament. (On the poster board write: "**MATTHEW 19:14.**") First, find the book of Matthew. Next, find chapter 19. Finally, look in chapter 19 for the little number 14 . . . that's verse 14. (Pause while everyone finds LUKE 2:7.) Read aloud.

SAY: See? You just found a verse that how Jesus loves children. Way to go! Aren't you glad it's easy to find things in the Bible?

READY TO PLAY!

SAY: Now you're ready to play **BIBLE SCRIPTURE RELAY!** Each group/person will get a Scripture "address card." Look up the Scripture that's written on your card. On the back of your card, copy what the scripture says. **Hint:** All of today's scriptures can be found in the **NEW TESTAMENT!**

Hand out the sections of the "Scripture References" handout and allow students enough time to find the verses. For younger children, select a few "Scripture References" and together, continue practicing how to find them in the Bible.

Scripture References

John
3:16

1 Corinthians
13:13

Mark
3:14

MARK
10:27

Matthew
5:44

JOHN
15:13

