

WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

What's your Favorite Book?

BEFORE THIS LESSON

Review the following verses in your Bible and put a bookmark or sticky note so you can easily turn to it.

- Proverbs 15:1
- Matthew 19:19

LEAD YOUR LESSON

SAY: **Paree Looy's!** I'm so glad you're here today! Do you like to read books? Raise your hand if you have books at your home. (Pause.) What are the names of some of your favorite books? (Pause) All schools use books. Books are important in every school, including our Sunday school. Every Sunday school lesson each week will be from a very special book to our faith . . . the Bible! (Show students a Bible)

SAY: **Let's talk about what this Bible looks like.** Have students give you words that describe the Bible. They should come up with words like "big," "lots of pages," "black" (or whatever color your Bible is), etc. After everyone has had a chance to share their answers,

SAY: **Good job coming up with these descriptions! The Bible is all of the things that you described, but there's one more thing about the Bible that we can't see from the outside. We have to read it because the most important part of the Bible is what is written in the inside.** The Bible contains the most important stories ever written! **Wow! That's pretty awesome, isn't it? The Bible is my favorite book. Do you know why? The Bible helps me find solutions to all kinds of problems. The Bible teaches us to do what's right.** Do you ever have trouble with a brother or sister? Maybe a friend? Do you ever have times when you feel sad? Lonely? Let's see what the Bible says to help us figure out some of the Tough Situations in our lives. Read each "Tough Situation" below and allow students to share what they would do to solve the problem. Then read the Bible's solution.

Tough Situation #1: You are angry with your brother or sister for touching one of your toys without your permission. Maybe they even damaged something that belongs to you. What would you do? (Pause for students to share their solutions)

The Bible's Solution: Found in Proverbs 15:1 – Open your Bible and read the solution to students.

Tough Situation #2: You did something you knew you weren't supposed to do and your mom or dad found out. What would you do? (Pause for students to share their solutions)

The Bible's Solution: Found in Matthew 19:19 – Open your Bible and read the solution to students.

SAY: **Aren't you glad that the Bible can teach us so many important things? Do you know who gave us the Bible?** (Pause.) **God gave us the Bible! Every Sunday we are going to learn so much from the Bible! Let's thank God for giving us the Bible and for teaching how to do what's right.**

Have everyone form a big circle and stand in the middle holding the Bible. Let everyone place his or her hand on the Bible.

SAY: **Let's end our lesson today with a prayer.** (If your students don't know how to make the sign of the cross, teach them using the instructions on the next page.) **MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS** saying, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." **Dear God, we thank You for giving us the Bible. We know that this instruction book is your way to speak to us to help us to live a good, Christian life. Amen.**

Do you know how to cross yourself?



Join the thumb, index and middle fingers of your right hand.



Then move your hand first to your forehead and say

“anoon hor”
(in the name of the Father);



then to your chest and say

“yev vortvo”
(and of the Son);



then to your left shoulder and say

“yev hokvooyñ”
(and the Holy Spirit);



then to your right shoulder and say

“serpo”
(Holy);



and conclude by putting your open palm on your heart and saying

“amen.”
(amen).