

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: A Christian grid helps you sort out good ideas and bad ideas

Key Question: What happens when we listen to bad ideas?

Memory Verse: *And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.* **John 8:32**

Overview: We're starting a new series called the Grid. Grid is just a fancy word for how you look at life. We all have a way we see the world around us and it determines what we care about and ultimately shapes the person we become. If you're a kid, you see the world through a kid grid. You're worried about getting homework done, having fun at recess, and teasing your siblings. But, a parent has a different grid. They see the world as an adult. They're worried about paying bills, teaching their kids good values, and having a good job. In this series, we're going to talk about what it means to have a Christian grid. It works the same whether you're a kid or an adult. The Christian grid means you see everything around you from God's point of view. And, the best way to know God's perspective is through the Bible. The Bible is God's truth. It's full of good ideas that help us to live to honor God. And, it helps us to identify bad ideas that we need to avoid. Here's why having a Christian grid is important. The world is full of information and opinions. We need to know what's worth listening to and what's not. We need to know the Truth!

CLASSROOM AGENDA

- 5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.
- 5 min **WARM UP:** Make a list of some things kids are always thinking about. What about teens? What about adults?
- 5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)
- 20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.
- 5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.
- 5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [2 Timothy 3:16](#). What does it mean that the Bible is inspired by God? How does the Bible help us?
- 10 min **PLAY:** Do the group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 5 min **CLOSE:**
 - Share prayer requests and pray as a class.
 - Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents.

TEACHER TIPS

Don't forget that you set the tone for your kids. Smile!

How we think matters and figuring out where our ideas come from is important. Good ideas lead to good choices and bad ideas lead to bad choices. As Christians, we need to make sure we get our information from the Bible because it's God's truth.

Answer: We make bad choices that hurt us and make God sad.

If we just go through life listening only to our friends' opinions, or just doing whatever we want, we will make bad choices. That's why God gave us the Bible. It's the Truth that helps us to know a good idea from a bad idea. When we have the truth, we can make good choices that honor God and protect us from harm. When we ignore God, and do our own thing, that makes God sad because he can't protect us if we don't listen to him.

Bonus Questions: What book helps us to know a good idea from a bad idea? Why is it important for us to obey the Bible? **4-5th:** Why shouldn't we trust a friend's opinion over the Bible? Has a friend ever encouraged you to do something you knew was wrong? How did you know it was wrong?

The Bible is inspired by God because God wrote the Bible. He spoke his message to specific people who wrote it down. The Bible isn't full of people's opinions but full of God's words. It is THE truth. The Bible helps us in many ways. It tells us how to trust in Jesus and how to live to honor God. It helps us to determine a good idea from a bad idea.

Make sure kids bring their Family guide home or tell them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities 2nd-5th

Option #1

God's truth balloon toss

- As a class, come up with a list of things that are found in the Bible (ex. Don't lie, be kind, share with others, Jesus forgives) and right them all over a blown up balloon.
- Then, have the class get in a big circle. Have kids put one hand behind their back so they can only use one hand to bat the balloon. Explain that the goal of the game is to hit the balloon to a person in the circle without letting the balloon fall to the ground. If a player hits the balloon, and nobody can get it, that person has to sit down.
- Here's the point of the game- just like they don't want the balloon to fall to the ground, we shouldn't let God's word fall to the ground, either. We should listen and obey what the Bible says.



Supplies needed

- 1 blown up balloon
- Black permanent marker

Bonus Activity:

Play **Fast Facts**.

See who's the fastest to answer correctly.

1. The ___(Bible) is full of good ideas.
2. ___(Jesus) died for our sins.
3. The first rock of the Christians grid is ___(truth).

Option #2

The Bible is full of good ideas craft

- Give each kid a plastic or styrofoam cup.
- Give each kid 4 large craft sticks.
- Give each kid a cup template. (**page 5**).
- Have the kids cut out each good idea and the memory verse.
- Have kids glue the memory verse to the cup.
- Have kids color each craft stick a different color. Then, have them glue one good idea onto each stick.
- Have kids put the sticks in the cup. Tell them to put it somewhere in their room where they can see it and remember that the Bible is full of good ideas that they need to follow.

Supplies needed

- Plastic or styrofoam cups, 1 per kid
- Large craft sticks, 4 per kid
- Cup template (pg.5), 1 set per kid
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue

Bonus Activity:

Play **True or False**.

See who's the fastest to answer correctly.

1. The Bible is full of good ideas. (T)
2. Jesus died for some of our sins but not all. (F)
3. The first rock of the Christian grid is knowledge. (F)

The Rock of Truth | The Grid for Kids #1

 www.pursuegod.org/the-rock-of-truth-the-grid-for-kids-1/

Hey kids! Today we're starting a new series called "The Grid for Kids". It's a 5-week series that you can do at home with your family. In fact, there's a special chapter-a-day Bible reading plan that you can use, too... if you think you can handle it. It's all online at pursueGOD.org/grid-kids.

Your "Grid" is all about how you _____

Now in this series, we're not actually talking about grids for different ages. We're going to talk about a special kind of grid – one that works for anyone, from kids to adults. This series is about having a "Bible Grid".

A Bible Grid helps you _____ good ideas and bad ideas

Think about it like one of those filters you play with in the sandbox. You know, the one with tiny holes in it for the sand. When you pour sand through it, the tiny pieces fall through and the big pieces stay on top.

That's what a biblical grid does. When you put bad ideas (the sand) and good ideas (the rocks) through it, the good stuff stays on top. In this series we're going to see five different rocks – good ideas that come from having a Bible Grid. And here's our first rock:

The first rock of a Bible Grid is _____

That's what a Bible Grid is all about. We want to know the truth. Everyone has opinions, right? Even kids do! But Christians believe that what God says is true – and it's more important than anyone else's opinion. That's the first rock of a Bible Grid.

MEMORY VERSE [John 8:32](#) "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Talk About It:

1. Make a list of some things kids are always thinking about. What about teens? What about adults?
2. What are some bad ideas that a lot of kids believe? Where do those bad ideas come from?
3. What does it mean to have a Bible grid? How does it help you to see the world?
4. Make a list of some of the things you have learned from the Bible.
5. Read [2 Timothy 3:16](#). What does it mean that the Bible is inspired by God? How does the Bible help us?

Bonus Questions: Use these passages to have more conversations this week.

1. Read [1 John 1:6](#). What are some choices you can make this week that honor God?
2. Read [Philippians 4:8](#). Why should we only think about things that honor God? What is likely to happen if we think about things that aren't good?
3. Read [1 Peter 1:14-15](#). Holy means to be set apart. What are some things Christians should do that sets them apart from the rest of the world?

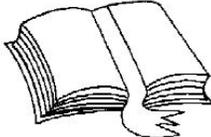
Answers: see life, sort out, Truth

PUZZLE #1

PUZZLE 1
BOOKS OF THE BIBLE
Find the hidden words.

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KEY QUESTION →

MEMORY VERSE →

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John 8:_____

PUZZLE #2

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