

Bible - Children to 6 years of age.

Concept to Connect: The Bible is God's word to us.

Revelation - The Bible was revealed to man by God.

How would you tell somebody something if you could not talk to them?

(Draw them a picture or write them a letter.)

1.) Hold up a Bible and ask, "What is this?"

(Book, Bible, God's Word)

2.) Did you know a long time ago there were no books?

Instead people wrote on rolls of paper called scrolls.

They looked kind of like this. The words would be on the inside.

Take a piece of paper and roll so that it curls up on both ends.

3.) Just like the people who use to read the scrolls, when we read our Bible we hear what God is saying to us.

Do you know who wrote the Bible?

(People, God)

Inspiration - God told people exactly what to write.\

1.) It was kind of like this...Put your child on your lap, give them a crayon and with your help write on the scroll "I love you" using a heart for love.

2.) Explain to your child that everything in the was written by men who were writing what God told them to write.

Illumination - The Holy Spirit helps us to understand what God is saying.

1.) Ask child "Can we read in the dark?" (No)

2.) "What do we need?" (Light)

Another word for light is *illumination*, it helps us to see things that are hard to see. God's Holy Spirit comes when we read the Bible and helps us see things and understand what we need to know.

Interpretation - We must read the Bible every day understand what it says.

1.) Parents, pick something your child does well. It can be something as simple as eating or walking. Explain how learning to do took time. But the more they did it the better they got. In the same way reading the Bible every day will help us to better understand it and to do what it says.

2.) Discuss with your child the importance of reading and obeying/doing what it says.

Bible – Youth 6 to 12 years of age.

Concept to Teach: The Bible is God's word

Question to be answered. (Why do we call the Bible God's word?)

We're going to look at four symbols to help us answer this question.

First is the scroll. Read John 16:12-15

The Bible was revealed to man by who? (God/Holy Spirit)

This is called *Revelation*.

Demonstrate this by having your child write out Proverbs 3:5-6 while you say the verse to them.

Second is the ink and quill. Read 2Peter 1:21

This is called *inspiration*.

God made sure that what people wrote down was exactly what he said.

Now take a sheet of paper and with you being the voice of God have them write "I love you." Pass it back and forth or around until it says this ten times.

Explain that if you continued to write this over and over again for your entire life the message would never change. Through the years God's word has been handed down to us and he continues to make sure his message and word remain the same.

Third we have a light bulb. Read 1Corinthians 2:21

This is called *Illumination*.

It is the Holy Spirit who helps us to understand what the Bible is saying to us.

Ask - Have you ever read something and not understand what it meant?

Share from your own experience a time when directions or instructions did not make sense.

Then have them share?

Sometimes you just need help to get complete understanding. That is where the Holy Spirit comes in.

As we grow spiritually the Holy Spirit like a light helps us to see things in God's word and apply them to ourselves.

The fourth is the magnifying glass. Read 2 Timothy 2:15

This is called *interpretation*.

The Holy Spirit will illuminate the scripture but we must be committed to studying it.

Example, your bike will get you to your friend's house but not if you don't peddle it.

Just like peddling, interpretation takes effort, but it is worth it!