

The most important thing in the World... Making TIME for the Bible!

For parents the biggest issue is often having a reminder in the home. For Sunday School teachers the problem is usually getting Bible verses in the rest of the week. This little Bible Clock helps with BOTH problems. The theme of all the verses, "God Is", is an important truth for all children. A little story we like for younger children is that the clock has hands and a face...just like you. Looking at it is supposed to remind a child to put his or her hands on a Bible and turn their face toward God. This bit of preparation gets a child ready to read and to understand. After finding the verse and reading it out loud the child is ready memorize it. The parents job is to focus on one word at a time and do their best to help the child understand. If you don't have time to memorize the verse leave the Bible open on your child's night stand.

In just a few minutes classroom time Sunday School teachers can impact the entire family of every child in their class. All you will need is the largest sturdiest paper plates you can find, some scissors, paper and a little brad that attaches one or two hands to the clock...plus an inexpensive glue stick for each child. If you glue the clock face to the paper plate at the beginning of the class the glue will be dry enough to send home after the church service is over. If you have time and magic markers invite the children to color the outside edge of their clock. You might even offer a small prize to a child who memorizes a verse a day. When the clocks go home pass out a copy of this parents guide.

DEAR PARENT: PLEASE...help your children move the hour hand of his/her clock as they learn one scripture a day. You may have to help them look up the whole verse if they are to earn their prize (the books of the bible are listed in order and by page number in the front of most bibles). Doing this once a day for each scripture on the clock should leave your child with the most important truth of all..."God Is". It could also be the beginning of a lifelong habit of trusting God's word. At the very least it WILL give them the feel of a Bible in their hands. After they have memorized one verse move the hand of the clock forward to the next verse. None of us feels adequate to be spiritual leaders even to our own children but we can't give up before we start. How we pray you will join with your children in asking God to make just each verse REAL to you personally. No one can understand Scripture without prayer and you can't pray rightly without scripture.

An extra touch for very young children: There is an old Hebrew tradition of putting a drop of honey on the cover of the Bible and having the child taste it before they open the Scriptures. It is not especially hygienic but it will be a memory your child carries with him the rest of his life. It might be worth a try...at least once.

We have promised your child a special gift if he/she memorizes all the verses on this clock. It is not a large gift but winning it could give your child a real sense of accomplishment. We hope you can do your best to be a helper he/she will surely need..

