

**BIBLE PASSAGE**

Jeremiah 36

**LIFE POINT**

God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible.

**CHRIST FOCUS**

Jesus taught that God's Word is true.

**LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING**

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**SUGGESTED USE DATE:** June 11

**BIBLE VERSE**

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2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)

**SCHEDULE AND PROPS****Huddle Ups (Optional)**

Supplies (for each small group):

- “Spelly Feet”—24 index cards, marker, tape, sheet of paper
- “Bible Alphabet Hunt”—Bibles (1 per every 3 kids)

**Countdown Video (3 minutes)**

Props: none

**Worship Song (3 minutes)**

Props: none

**Welcome and Prayer (5 minutes)**

Props: none

**True2Life Drama (or Mooseberry video) (3-5 minutes)**

Props: bag of marshmallows

**Connection Point Game (10 minutes)**

Props: 5 marker boards, 5 markers, 5 erasers, 5 chairs, timer

**Worship Song (3 minutes)**

Props: none

**Bible Story (10 minutes)**

Props: Bible, various storybooks with which your kids are familiar

**Worship Song and Offering (3 minutes)**

Props: none

**Connection Point Bible Verse (5-8 minutes)**

Props: poster board or marker board, marker, sticky notes, die

**Connection Point Missions (5-8 minutes)**

Props: none

**Real Life Connections (3-5 minutes)**

Props: none

**MUSIC AND MEDIA**

- **Countdown:**  
Countdown video
- **Worship Song:**  
“Oh, How You Love Us”
- **Welcome and Prayer:**  
Life Point and Bible Verse slides
- **True2Life Drama:**  
Mooseberry Life Application video (optional)
- **Connection Point Game:**  
Connection Point Game slide
- **Worship Song:**  
“Light in the Darkness”
- **Bible Story:**  
Bible Story and Christ Focus slides, Notebook Bible Story video (optional)
- **Worship Song and Offering:**  
Worship song of your choice
- **Connection Point Bible Verse:**  
Connection Point Bible Verse and Bible Verse slides
- **Connection Point Missions:**  
Connection Point Missions and Connect to Missions slides; “North African and Middle East Intro” missions video
- **Real Life Connections:**  
Real Life Connections, Real Life Questions, and Life Point slides

## **HUDDLE UPS (OPTIONAL)**

Huddle Ups are for churches that have a drop-off time before the session begins or a pick-up time as parents arrive at the end of the session. It's a great time for interaction with a small group leader through games, conversations, or review questions. Play the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups and the beginning of the session.

- ➔ Estimated time: varies according to schedule
- ➔ Tech: none
- ➔ People: Small Group Leaders
- ➔ Supplies *(for each small group)*:
  - “Spelly Feet”—24 index cards, marker, tape
  - “Bible Alphabet Hunt”—Bibles *(1 per every 3 kids)*

### **HUDDLE UP: PRE-SESSION “SPELLY FEET”**

*Prep: Write 1 letter per card: A, E, H, J, K, L, M, N, O, R, S, U. Make 1 set per group of 6 kids. On a sheet of paper write Joshua, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Jonah, Nahum, Mark, Luke, John, Romans, James.*

- Form groups of six kids.
- Give each group a set of letters.
- Lead kids to tape a letter to the top of each shoe.
- Name a Bible book listed on the sheet of paper.
- Challenge groups to use the letters on their feet to spell the Bible book. *(Allow kids to reference your list as needed for spelling help.)*
- Explain that if a child has two letters needed to spell the word he must do some fancy footwork to get the letters in the correct order! *(For example, if a child has letters J and N, he must devise a way to arrange his feet so the group can spell “John.”)*
- Call another Bible book and play again.
- Explain that God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible.
- Mention that many of the books that the kids spelled are named for the men who wrote them.
- Watch for the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups. Guide your small group to join the others to begin worship.
- **Leader tip for smaller groups:** *Tape letters to feet and hands.*

- **Leader note for larger groups:** *Form groups of seven and add two additional letters, C and T. In addition to the Bible books already listed, groups also can spell Ruth, Esther, Micah, and Acts.*

### **HUDDLE UP: POST-SESSION “BIBLE ALPHABET HUNT”**

*Prep: none*

- Review the Life Point: **God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible.**
- Invite a volunteer to tell something she learned about the Bible that she did not know before coming to church today.
- Emphasize that God wants people to read His Word and learn from it.
- Guide kids to form groups of three. Provide each group a Bible.
- Explain that groups will go on an alphabet hunt through the Bible.
- Name a Bible book. Challenge groups to find the Bible book and search for a word that begins with the letter *A*. *(For example, name the book of Genesis. Kids may find the words animal, Adam, Assyria, Abel, ark, Abram, altar, and so on.)*
- Allow groups to share their findings.
- Name a new Bible book and challenge kids to search for a word that begins with the letter *B*.
- Continue as your time allows or until you reach the end of the alphabet.
- Remind kids that each word they found is there because God inspired a writer to put it there!
- Encourage kids to spend time reading God's Word this week.

### **COUNTDOWN VIDEO**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Countdown Video*
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

*(Play the Countdown video to signal the beginning of worship time. Kids will count aloud as they join the large group.)*

## WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: “Oh, How You Love Us” *(lead sheet available on DVD-ROM)* or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

### **WORSHIP LEADER**

Welcome to worship! I’m glad that you chose to be here today. Let’s begin by singing about God’s amazing, wonderful, never-ending love!

*(Show the music video.)*

*(Kids stand to sing.)*

## WELCOME AND PRAYER

- ➔ Estimated time: 5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Study Leader
- ➔ Props: none

### **BIBLE STUDY LEADER**

Hey, kids! It’s great to see you today! I know all of you are super smart kids, so I’ve decided to test your knowledge. I found some big words this week. I’ll tell you the word, and you guess what it means. *(Say each word and allow kids to guess its meaning. The definition of each word is in parenthesis for your convenience.)*

- Investigate *(to study and examine the facts)*
- Temporary *(something that does not last; brief)*
- Chronological *(arranged in the order of time, as in oldest to most recent)*
- Inspired *(to fill with the urge or ability to do something; word that describes how the Bible differs from other writings; to be guided by God)*

Those were some really hard words! Today you will hear that **God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible**. That means that God helped people write the words that He wanted us to know.

*(Show Life Point slide.)*

**God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible.** Say that with me: **“God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible.”**

The Bible is different from all other books because it is inspired by God. Although the Bible has many writers, God is the Author. He chose each of the human writers and guided their writing.

Because the Bible’s words are from God, we can know that they are true and can be trusted. Read with me 2 Timothy 3:16.

*(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)*

*(Lead kids to read your preferred version.)*

### **BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):**

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The Bible is more than a book of stories. It is God’s Word. The Bible can teach us how to live, correct us when we do wrong, and lead us to do what is right.

Let’s pray. After we pray, we will check in with the True2Life team *(or the Mooseberry kids)*.

*God, thank You for Your Word. Thank You that we can know the Bible is true. Please teach us to trust Your words and obey them. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.*

**TRUE2LIFE DRAMA**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Mooseberry Life Application* video (optional)
- ➔ People:
  - Ron (*a church kid who is learning about God*)
  - Dave (*Ron's neighbor who loves baseball*)
- ➔ Props: bag of marshmallows

*Dave and Ron enter from opposite sides of the stage. Dave carries a bag of marshmallows.*

**Dave:** Hey, Ron! Where are your marshmallows?

**Ron:** Why would I have marshmallows?

**Dave:** Haven't you heard about the newest thing? People are seeing how many marshmallows they can eat before they get sick. You just keep eating until you can't eat anymore.

**Ron:** That sounds awful. Who decided this was a thing?

**Dave:** I don't know. Lots of people, I guess. I don't know who they are.

**Ron:** So you want to follow people, and you don't even know who they are?

**Dave:** Sure. This challenge is better than the one last week. I heard some people ended up in the hospital after that one.

**Ron:** You CANNOT be serious! Where are you hearing this stuff?

**Dave:** I don't know. I read it somewhere.

**Ron:** Dave, this is crazy. Why would you want to make yourself sick just because someone you don't even know said it's cool?

**Dave:** (*thinking*) That's a good point. I haven't thought of it that way. But if you don't follow what's popular, what do you follow?

**Ron:** Well, I try to follow the Bible.

**Dave:** How come? I mean, the Bible is just a book, right? What makes the Bible so special?

**Ron:** The Bible isn't like any other book. God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible. God told people what to write, and they wrote His words.

**Dave:** Really? They wrote GOD's words?

**Ron:** Yes, they did! All of the words in the Bible are from God. That's what makes the Bible so special.

**Dave:** I don't know. I've heard some really strange things about the Bible. One time my grandmother told me that a man named Jesus died and came back to life! Is that true?

**Ron:** It is! There are some really amazing stories in the Bible, and they are all true!

**Dave:** Wow. Maybe I need to read the Bible instead of reading crazy stuff on the Internet.

**Ron:** I think that would be a great thing to do! I have an extra Bible at home if you want to borrow it.

**Dave:** Yeah, I think I do!

**Ron:** Come on over! I'll get it for you, right now.

**Dave:** Thanks!

*(They begin to exit. Dave stops and looks at the bag of marshmallows as Ron exits.)*

**Dave:** (*calling after Ron*) Hey, Ron! Do you want a marshmallow?

*(Dave runs offstage after Ron.)*

*(END SCENE)*

**CONNECTION POINT GAME**

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Game* slide
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, 5 kids
- ➔ Props: 5 marker boards, 5 markers, 5 erasers, 5 chairs, timer

**GAME INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Space 5 chairs across the front of your game area.
- Choose 5 kids.
- Lead each player to sit in a chair.

- Give each player a marker board, marker, and eraser.
- Explain that you will give a clue, and players will have 20 seconds to write the answer on their marker boards. (If you teach younger kids, allow 30 seconds.)
- Instruct players to quickly stand when they finish writing the answer on their boards.
- Lead players to reveal their answers after time expires.
- Award 1 point for each correct answer and 5 additional points to the first person who answered correctly.
- Guide players to sit and erase their boards.
- Call another clue.
- Keep a point tally and play as time allows.
- **Use these clues for younger kids:**
  - Not happy. (*sad*)
  - He is God's Son. (*Jesus*)
  - Part of your body that has toes. (*feet*)
  - A large, round light in the nighttime sky. (*moon*)
  - All of the words in the Bible are from Him. (*God*)
- **Use these clues for older kids:**
  - Twelve o'clock at night. (*midnight*)
  - The number of books in the Bible. (*66*)
  - The nut of an oak tree. (*acorn*)
  - The color made by mixing red and blue. (*purple*)
  - The Author of the Bible. (*God*)

### CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Game slide.)

It's game time! Today's game requires good listening, quick thinking, and fast writing! Who would like to play? (Choose five kids. Lead players to sit in the chairs. Provide players with game supplies.)

Players, each of you has a marker board and marker. I will give a clue and start the timer. You will have 20 seconds to write your answer on your marker board and stand in front of your chair. Keep your answer hidden until time is up. After 20 seconds, each of you will show your answers. If you answered

correctly, you earn one point. If you were the first person to stand with the correct answer you will get an extra five points!

Do all of you understand how to play? (*Answer any questions and play the game.*)

What a game! Our players wrote their answers fast! Great job, everyone!

How did the players know what to write on the marker boards? (*Allow for responses.*) They listened to me, and I helped them know what to write.

Today you've heard that **God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible**. God chose people to write the words in the Bible. The people listened carefully to God, and He helped them know what to write.

Let's sing another song. After we sing, we will hear about a man whom God chose to write His words.

### WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights (*optional*)
- ➔ Music: "Light in the Darkness" (*lead sheet available on DVD-ROM*) or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

### WORSHIP LEADER

The Bible says in 2 Peter 1:20-21 that all Scripture comes from God. The *Scriptures* are the words in the Bible. God used many different people to write about Jesus and God's plan for people. All of the Bible—every word—comes from God. Let's stand and sing before we hear today's Bible story.

(Show the music video.)

(Lead kids to sit as song ends.)



**BIBLE STORY**

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Christ Focus and Bible Story* slides; *Notebook Bible Story* video (optional)
- ➔ People: Bible Study Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible, various storybooks with which your kids are familiar

**Option 1:** Use the suggested props and tell the following Bible story.

**Option 2:** Play the *Notebook Bible Story* video.

**Option 3:** Tell the *Optional Bible Story* available on the DVD-ROM. This session's optional Bible story: "Peter Wrote Letters," 1 Peter; 2 Peter.

**BIBLE STUDY LEADER**

(Show Bible Story slide.)

How many of you enjoy reading? (Allow for responses.) I like to read, too. What kinds of books do you like? (Allow for responses.)

I brought some books that I think you may have read. (Show a few books. Lead kids to give short summaries of the books or tell their favorite characters. Mention the names of the authors.)

These authors wrote some really fun books, but how are these books different from the Bible? (Allow for responses.)

The Bible is God's Word to people to help them hear God, know God, and obey God. The Bible is different from every other book because the Bible is inspired by God. The words in the Bible are God's words!

Let's hear about a man named Jeremiah. God chose him to write the Old Testament book of Jeremiah!

(Open Bible to *Jeremiah 36*.)

Jeremiah was a prophet in the kingdom of Judah. He delivered messages from God to the people. It was a sad time because the people did not obey God.

Jeremiah had been delivering God's messages for a long time. He told the people that God would judge them unless they turned back to Him. The people did not like what Jeremiah said, so they ignored his messages. One day God spoke to Jeremiah.

(Read *Jeremiah 36:2-3*.)

**"Take a scroll, and write on it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah, and all the nations ... . Perhaps when the house of Judah hears about all the disaster I am planning to bring on them, each one of them will turn from his evil way. Then I will forgive their iniquity and their sin."**

Jeremiah called for a scribe named Baruch (BAY-rook). A scribe is "a person who writes what someone says." Baruch listened as Jeremiah told all of the words that God had spoken to him. Baruch wrote the messages on a scroll as Jeremiah spoke. When they finished, Jeremiah gave Baruch instructions.

(Read *Jeremiah 36:6,8*.)

**You must go and read from the scroll—which you wrote at my dictation—the words of the LORD in the hearing of the people ... . So Baruch ... did everything the prophet Jeremiah had commanded him. At the LORD's temple he read the LORD's words from the scroll.**

A man was at the temple and heard Baruch read from the scroll. The man went to the king's palace and told the royal officials about what he had heard. The king's officials wanted to hear God's message, too! Baruch came to them and read from the scroll.

When the men heard that God planned to severely judge the people of Judah, they were afraid and told the king.

(Read *Jeremiah 36:21*.)

**The king sent Jehudi (jih-HYOO-digh) to get the scroll, ... . Jehudi then read it in the hearing of the king and all the officials who were standing by the king.**

It was wintertime, so King Jehoiakim (jih-HOY-uh-kim) sat by the fire while Jehudi read aloud the scroll. As soon as Jehudi read just a few words, the king would cut the scroll with a knife and throw it into the fire! Soon the scroll was nothing but ashes!

Even though the scroll warned the people that they had not obeyed God, the king and his servants were not ashamed or afraid. The king ordered that Jeremiah and Baruch be arrested, but God kept them safe. Then God spoke to Jeremiah again.

(Read Jeremiah 36:28.)

**“Take another scroll, and once again write on it the original words that were on the original scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah burned.”**

God told Jeremiah to write the words again on a new scroll and to add that King Jehoiakim would be punished. Together Jeremiah and Baruch obeyed God and wrote His message.

(Close Bible.)

(Show Christ Focus slide.)

Jesus taught that God’s Word is true. Jesus read the Scriptures to the people and encouraged them to obey God. Jesus said that people should live by every word that comes from God (*Matthew 4:4*).

You can trust that the Bible is always true, right, and good. God placed every word so that you can know Him and obey Him.

### **WORSHIP SONG AND OFFERING**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: mics for singers, lights (*optional*)
- ➔ Music: Use a favorite song or download a worship song of your choice.
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

#### **WORSHIP LEADER**

The Bible is amazing! All of its words are from God! It teaches us, corrects us, and leads us to do what is right. What a gift! Pray with me.

*God, Your Word is true! Thank You that the Bible helps us hear, know, and obey You. Thank You for teaching us to do right and correcting us when we do wrong. Please remind us to spend time with You by reading the Bible. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.*

#### **Optional Giving Segment:**

It’s time to give an offering. Some of the money people give at church helps others hear God’s Word. If you would like to give an offering today, ... .

*(Give your own directions for how the kids can give their offerings. After collecting the offering, guide kids to stand for the worship song.)*

### **CONNECTION POINT BIBLE VERSE**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, all kids
- ➔ Props: poster board or marker board, marker, sticky notes, die

#### **ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- *Select your preferred version of the Bible verse.*
- *Write your preferred version of the Bible verse on a poster board (or marker board).*
- *Say the verse and lead kids to repeat it after you.*
- *Invite a child to roll the die.*
- *Give the child the same number of sticky notes as indicated on the die.*
- *Lead him to place the notes anywhere on the poster, partially covering the verse.*
- *Guide kids to say the verse, supplying the covered the words.*
- *Invite a different child to roll the die and place additional notes on the poster.*
- *Continue as time allows or until kids cover the poster with sticky notes.*

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**CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

Let's say today's Bible verse. Stand and say with me  
2 Timothy 3:16.

*(Show Bible Verse slide—your preferred version.)*

*(Lead kids to read your preferred version.)*

This verse tells us that all of the words in the Bible are from God. God's Word teaches us what is true and helps us know what is wrong. It corrects us when we sin, and it teaches us to do what is right. The Bible helps us know God and how to obey Him.

*(Lead the activity.)*

**CONNECTION POINT MISSIONS**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Missions* and *Connect to Missions* slides; "North African and Middle East Intro" missions video
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader
- ➔ Props: none

**CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Missions slide.)*

Many people are familiar with Africa and think of it as a place to go on a safari or a place to see beautiful animals and wildlife. While that is true, the area of North Africa and the Middle East also consists of several countries with people of different cultures who speak different languages. Let's watch a video to see the work that missionaries do in North Africa and the Middle East.

*(Show the missions video: "North African and Middle East Intro.")*

*(Show Connect to Missions slide.)*

Let's pray for people to find information in their languages to help them learn about Jesus. Also, pray that these people can be connected to someone who can answer their questions about Jesus.

*(Invite a child to lead the group to pray. If no one volunteers, voice a prayer yourself.)*

*God, we pray for the missionaries who serve You in Northern Africa and the Middle East. Please help the*

*missionaries build friendships with the people. Give them opportunities to tell the people about Jesus. Lead the people to find information in their own languages that help them know that Jesus is Your Son. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

**REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Real Life Connections*, *Real Life Questions*, and *Life Point* slides; microphone to take to individuals in group *(optional)*
- ➔ People: Bible Study Leader
- ➔ Props: none

*Lead a conversation with your kids about today's Bible story and Life Point. Show the Real Life Questions slides and discuss each question.*

**BIBLE STUDY LEADER**

*(Show Real Life Questions slides.)*

Can you imagine not having the Bible? How would we know about God or how to obey Him? The Bible is a very special gift. Sadly, there are people in the world who have never seen a Bible or heard about its message. It is so important that we go and tell them the good news! Let's talk about why the Bible is special and how it's different from other books.

*(Show the Real Life Questions slides.)*

- What is the Bible?
- Who wrote the words in the Bible?
- How is the Bible different from other books?
- Why do you think God gave us the Bible?

*(Show Life Point slide.)*

**God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible.** Say that with me: **"God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible."**

I'm glad that you heard the true words of the Bible today. I hope you will come again and hear more from God's Word! I look forward to seeing you next time!

**Leader note:** *If you plan to utilize the post-session Huddle Up, dismiss kids to their small groups.*