

MONTH #1 (September)

- Theme:
A FIRM FOUNDATION

- Bible Songs:
“Inspiration of God”
(II Timothy 3:16,17)

“Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth”
(II Timothy 2:15)

- Gospel Song:
“The BIBLE”



NOTE: Activity Sheet 1, which corresponds with this month's lesson theme, is available under the “Reproducibles” tab of this notebook.

Teaching Tips!

Fun and practical ideas for the teacher to incorporate into the lessons
each month, as time allows.

Vocal Warm-Up



Elevators

Hold your hand down flat in front of you and pretend like your hand is an elevator. Start low and have the children “follow” your hand with their voices. “Stop” at different floors along the way and have the children focus their voices on one pitch. As the elevator continues upward, they should continue upward with their voices. When you reach the “top floor” have the elevator descend quickly. The children should follow with their voices.

Vocal Training



Dangers of Over-Singing

Be cautious about constantly asking the children to “sing louder.” This could lead to shouting, which is unhealthy for their voices. Instead, focus on using all of the vocal training exercises in this curriculum to increase their volume. In time, and as the children become more confident, their volume will increase as their good vocal technique improves.

Bright Idea!



The voice that God has given us is an amazing instrument, unlike any other! Spend some time talking with the children about the amazing voice that God has given them and how it works. Find some fun facts about the voice, the only musical instrument that God created, and how it is set apart from other instruments.

Platform Pointer



No Scratchers and Fixers!

As we stand before the congregation and sing our songs for the Lord, let's remember:

- **Do your best to keep your hands at your side when singing in church.** Each time you scratch your face, wipe your nose, fix your hair, etc... you draw attention to yourself. Our goal is to draw attention to the Lord and away from ourselves! Get all of those itches out and hairs in place BEFORE you go onto the platform!

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•SONG REHEARSAL: (Use DVD to introduce songs to the children.)



-*Inspiration of God*

-*Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth*

•MUSIC LESSON:



Review of How To Use Your Songbook

-*Supplies needed: Children's Songbook*

Many of you have been in choir before and you know how to use your songbook. For some of you, this is your first time to be in a choir! We are excited you are here! This choir book is just for you! (*Hold up the book for the children to see.*) Let's talk about how we use this special book.

1.) Take good care of this book. Don't toss it on the floor or bend the cover or the pages. Music like this does cost money!

2.) Hold the book up so you can see it and see your director as well.

3.) Learn to follow the music and the words as you sing. (*Pass out the books to the children.*) Where does the song begin? (*Using one of the songbooks, hold it up and point to the start of the song.*) The beginning of the song is where the music notes and the words start. The words have music notes right above them. They work together in a special way. We need to know the words of the song, don't we? But we also need to know the tune of the song. We need to know if the tune goes higher, lower, or stays on the same note. The music notes tell us what the tune is. Following the music is really not hard at all. We will learn more about this in a later lesson. Let's sing this song together while following along in our books.

•SONG REHEARSAL: (Use DVD and/or Songbook to introduce the song to the children.)



-*The Bible*

•BIBLE / OBJECT
LESSON:



What is "Inspiration?" (II Timothy 3:16)

-*Supplies needed: pen and paper*

1.) I need to write a letter. Can someone help me? (*Choose one of the older students to help you write a short letter. You can dictate to them what you want to say.*)

2.) I used [child's name] to help me write that letter. This is what the word "inspiration" means in our Scripture song. (*Read II Timothy 3:16*) God told the men who wrote the Bible exactly what they were supposed to write. The Bible is not the words of men, but the very Words of God. It is amazing to think that when I read the Bible I am reading the exact words of God!

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3.) Because the Bible is inspired, we can trust it and obey it. You never have to worry about the Bible telling you a lie. You never have to worry about God not keeping His promises to you in the Bible. We know that the Bible is truth, because God Himself is Truth. We should trust God's Word and obey it above all else.

4.) Because the Bible is the inspired Word of God, we should believe it even when men tell us it is not true. There are people in the world who do not believe the Bible is God's Word. They will tell you that you should not believe the Bible. For instance, they will tell you that we were not created by God. This is not true. The Bible tells us that the great God, who created heaven and earth, created each one of us. We can and should believe the Bible because it is God's Word, instead of believing only what men say. I am so glad that we have the Bible to tell us God's truth!