

Words to Live By

Scope and Sequence

- Target Grade: Kindergarten
- Intended Use: Summer
- Lessons: 13
- ESV & NIV

Words to Live By is a study for young children presenting 13 of the 76 Bible verses that are part of the Foundation Verses Scripture memory program. Each lesson presents a Bible verse, explains it, and gives children ideas for putting the verse into practice in real life. God's Word is not just to be learned but to be lived, not just taken in by the ear; but also embraced in the heart and acted on by the will. Ultimately, the goal of teaching these verses is so that children will understand, embrace, and walk in the truth.



Lesson 1: The Greatness of God

Foundation Verse:

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. (Psalm 95:3, ESV)

For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. (Psalm 95:3, NIV)

Main Idea: God is the greatest of all.

Lesson 2: God's Great Love and Faithfulness

Foundation Verse:

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. (Psalm 36:5, ESV)

Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. (Psalm 36:5, NIV)

Main Idea: God's love for His people is never ending.

Lesson 3: Joyful Songs to God

Foundation Verse:

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
²Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! (Psalm 100:1-2, ESV)

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. ²Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. (Psalm 100:1-2, NIV)

Main Idea: We should rejoice in who God is and sing praises to Him.

Lesson 4: Give Thanks to God

Foundation Verse:

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (1 Chronicles 16:34, ESV)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. (1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV)

Main Idea: We should thank God because He is good and loving.

Lesson 5: Trust God with All Your Heart

Foundation Verse:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5, ESV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; (Proverbs 3:5, NIV)

Main Idea: Trust God completely in everything and not your own wisdom.

Lesson 6: God's Word Gives Light

Foundation Verse:

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105, ESV)

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Psalm 119:105, NIV)

Main Idea: God's Word will guide us.

Lesson 7: God Is with Us

Foundation Verse:

“Fear not, for I am with you;” (Isaiah 43:5a, ESV)

“Do not be afraid, for I am with you;” (Isaiah 43:5a, NIV)

Main Idea: When you are afraid, remember that God is with you.

Lesson 8: Don't Give in to Others and Do What Is Wrong

Foundation Verse:

My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. (Proverbs 1:10, ESV)

My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them. (Proverbs 1:10, NIV)

Main Idea: When someone tries to make you do something wrong, don't give in to that person.

Lesson 9: Becoming Wise

Foundation Verse:

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future. (Proverbs 19:20, ESV)

Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise. (Proverbs 19:20, NIV)

Main Idea: To become wise, we must listen to advice and accept instruction.

Lesson 10: Gracious Words

Foundation Verse:

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. (Proverbs 16:24, ESV)

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. (Proverbs 16:24, NIV)

Main Idea: Kind words are like sweet honey, making others feel better.

Lesson 11: Jesus Helps Us When We Look to Him

Foundation Verse:

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13, ESV)

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13, NIV)

Main Idea: Jesus can help us to be content if we ask Him for help.

Lesson 12: Do Good and Share

Foundation Verse:

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have... (Hebrews 13:16a, ESV)

And do not forget to do good and to share with others... (Hebrews 13:16a, NIV)

Main Idea: God is pleased when we do good and share.

Lesson 13: Seek God and Pray

Foundation Verse:

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! (Psalm 119:10, ESV)

I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. (Psalm 119:10, NIV)

Main idea: We should seek God with our whole heart.

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