

AMPLIFY: God's Word

Lesson 1: The Word At Work

What we want students to learn: The point of the lesson is that your students would gain a fuller understanding of what we mean by God's Word.

What we want them to do with what they've learned: To evaluate their own attitude toward the Bible and the role it plays in their lives.

Scripture Focus: Genesis 1:1-3, 12:1-4, Psalm 33:6, Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 1:16-20, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Isaiah 55:10-11

Overview: God's Word has always been at work, a powerful force through which God accomplishes great things. We see God's Word demonstrated in a few different ways in Scripture. We see the power of the spoken word of God. We see the intimacy of His commands to individuals. But as Christ-followers seeking to know God and His ways, the most practical way of thinking about God's Word is to consider the Scriptures. The Bible is the enduring, unchanging, and inspired Word of God. It is God's primary way of making Himself and His ways known to us. In the Bible, we experience the power of God's Word to speak through the centuries to draw us closer to God. In this lesson, your students will see examples of each of these aspects of God's Word, and will ultimately be challenged to consider their attitude toward the Bible and its role in their lives.

Lesson 2: The Word in The World

What we want students to learn: The point of the lesson is that students would understand how they are to be communicating God's Word in their day-to-day lives.

What we want them to do with what they've learned: To see that Jesus' person, ministry, and teachings represent the fullness of God's Word to us.

Scripture Focus: John 1:1-2, 14, Revelation 19:11-13, Acts 6:1-7, 8:4, 12:24, 2 Corinthians 4:1-2

Overview: In the first lesson your students learned that the Bible is how we most commonly understand the idea of God's Word. The cool thing is that Jesus is, in essence, the unique and complete Word of God encapsulated in a physical being! Wow! How cool is that? In other words, Jesus was the fullness of God's message of love and redemption walking around on this earth. So while Scripture is God's main way of making Himself known to us, Jesus was the Word incarnate. And the cool thing is that the Gospel, basically the story of Jesus, is God's Word in motion! Jesus came as the Word. The Gospel is the message of Jesus, the "good news" that leads to joy and life. In this lesson, your students will come face-to-face with these powerful truths and consider what their response should be as a result.

Lesson 3: The Word and Us

What we want students to learn: That as Christ-followers, God's Word must be at the center of their lives.

What we want them to do with what they've learned: To be challenged to discover (or re-discover) a joy for encountering God in His Word.

Scripture Focus: Matthew 7:24-27, James 1:22-25, Psalm 119:11, 14, 97, and 105

Overview: There are many narrative themes that run from the Old Testament to the New. One of the most prevalent of them is a longing for God's Word. We see this in Moses, the Israelites, David and in the Prophets, to name a few. And we see this throughout the New Testament. God's people love God's Word. And the Bible is full of instances where we see this truth commanded and supported. Jesus urges us to order our loves around the Word. James encourages us to make it the driving force of our actions. And in the psalms, we see what it looks like to truly have a love for God's ways. The goal of this lesson is to challenge your students to reframe the way they have thought about the Bible, helping them see that it reading it is anything but a chore, and is instead a chance to joyfully meet God in its pages.