



Teaching The Word to Children: YOU Can Do It!

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Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children." Deuteronomy 4:10

WHO teaches the children and WHY?

- Everyone who is no longer a child
- God commands it so that we will remember and ...
- It is His eternal plan for the redemption of His people as He builds His Kingdom on earth

What do we teach?

- *These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:6-9*
- *We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. Psalm 78:4*

Word Based and Relationship Driven Discipleship

LET'S START WITH THE WORD **ONE STORY**...

- IN THE BEGINNING...**CREATION** Genesis 1

RELATIONSHIPS (vs. 26) WITH GOD, MAN, SELF, ALL CREATION

- THE **FALL**...IT ALL BREAKS Genesis 3
- THE **PROMISE**... THE WAR BEGINS...WE WIN Genesis 3:15

The WORD, from this point on, is about what God **Has done, Is doing**...and **Will do** to win the war, to accomplish the **DELIVERANCE** of His people.

JESUS DOES IT ALL

Read/Teach with 4 simple directives:

1. Read the passage of Scripture.
2. What does this say? Paraphrase through the passage point by point.
3. In each point, what do we learn about Jesus, our God?
4. What does this make us do, because of who He is?



ALWAYS REMEMBERING...CREATION, FALL, PROMISE (THE WAR WE WIN), AND DELIVERANCE.

IF IT IS NOT ABOUT JESUS, YOU MISSED THE POINT.

Luke 19: 1-10 Jesus and Zacchaeus

He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost

Resources for Strengthening your Confidence in Teaching the Word <https://www.pcabookstore.com/>

- Read Aloud Bible Stories, by Ella Lindvall
- The Child's Story Bible, by Catherine Vos
- Tales the Tell the Truth, series from The Good Book Company
- Kaleidoscope: Kids Bibles Reimagined series

DON'T FORGET THE RELATIONSHIP

- GET TO KNOW AND LOVE THE CHILDREN IN YOUR LIFE, FAMILY AND CHURCH.
- THEY WILL SEE THE WORD ALIVE IN YOUR LIFE.
- PRAY, PRAY, PRAY FOR EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN THE WORD AND SPEAK TRUTH INTO THE NEXT GENERATION.

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us. Glory to God in the church! Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes! Ephesians 3:20-21

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