

"WHERE DO I START?" FOR PARENTS

CONGRATULATIONS ON PURCHASING THE "GETTING TO KNOW JESUS" BIBLE STUDY!

If you are reading this, I know that you have a passion to teach your children truth from God's Word and introduce them to the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. You long to help your kids develop a personal relationship with Jesus as their Lord and Savior. I'm so thankful you have this passion!

But, **I'm guessing that you are also super busy.** That's why I wanted to create a resource that you can quickly use in a home setting that is still Bible centered in every aspect. This Bible curriculum will challenge your children to think deeply about Bible truths while also having fun with games and crafts.

Here's how it works:

If you are using this Bible study in a home or homeschool setting, you may choose to have a longer lesson one day a week. **The "Lesson" link** will tell you what you need to do to prepare for the lesson, what materials you will need, and give you a suggested lesson order. You will also find the actual lesson under this link which you can read or paraphrase as desired for your lesson time. These lessons last about an hour, but you can easily customize it to fit the attention span and needs of your own family. You may also choose to or skip the lesson section altogether and just focus on the daily Bible reading pages, activity pages, Bible memory activities, games, and crafts. You choose!

The **"Activity Pages" link will bring up two or three different activity pages.** These pages allow you to tailor the lessons to fit your kids' needs. If your kids are different ages, you may choose to use a different page for each kid. Your kids can all listen to the same Bible lesson and Bible passages, then apply them to their own lives on different levels.

Bible memory is a huge part of this Bible study. Because of that, different Bible verse memory games are offered each week to help your kids have fun while memorizing Bible verses. **Under the "Bible Verse Game" link, you will find any printables and game instructions needed to play the verse game for that lesson. Many of these games are designed to be played in a classroom, but most can be easily tweaked to fit a smaller group or even one student.**

Every lesson includes an active game to help your children review and apply the lesson that they heard, as well as reviewing previous lessons. You will find instructions on how to play the games and question pages under the games link below each lesson. Again, most of these games can be easily tailored to fit one or two kids.

Each lesson includes a craft idea that your kids can make. More than just "busy work", these crafts continue to reinforce the ideas learned in the lesson. Many of the crafts require only crayons, tape, and a printable, but they still turn out super cute - Easy for you to prepare and fun for your children to make and play with!

Finally, each lesson includes a **"Take Home Bible Reading Page"** that encourages you and your kids to continue reviewing the lesson, memorizing the memory verses, and reading the Bible together. This short daily review is written to help your kids truly learn and apply God's Word to their lives and hearts while also developing a habit of daily Bible reading. Learning to consistently read the Bible from a young age can change your children's lives. To use these pages, **print the two pages on one piece of paper (double sided), then fold in half so that the first day shows up on the front of the fold.**

To save you even more time and help you prepare, you will find a **materials list by lesson** link at the top of the download page. This list will give you a peak ahead and help make sure you have everything you need on hand as you teach. I have tried my hardest to select only materials that are common and easily found.

There is also an **attendance cards** link. If desired, you can use the front part of these cards to help keep track of when your children say their memory verse and complete their Bible reading pages.

Finally, you will see a link to the **Bible Memory Verse Cards Set**. This set is designed to be printed, cut apart, and laminated or covered with contact paper, if desired. You could also print the cards on cardstock to make them more durable. I like to hole punch the cards and give each child a single binder clip with the first card they receive. Then, each week they will get a new memory verse card to add to their binder clip. I have been surprised at how much my own children have enjoyed using these simple cards to review their Bible verses.

Just as a reminder, **if you purchased this set, you have the right to make as many copies as needed for your immediate family. If you also decide to use it in a classroom, you have the right to make copies for the individual class or classes that you are personally teaching. You may not distribute the Bible study to other people outside of your immediate family or to other teachers (unless you purchased this as a gift specifically for that person).** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me at annajoylowell@gmail.com . And, if you know of any other families or teachers that would like to purchase, please refer them to NarrowGatePrints.com .

Again, **if you have any questions or feedback or see anything that I can do better, please contact me at annajoylowell@gmail.com.** I would love to hear from you.

May God bless you as you share His magnificent plan of salvation with your precious children!

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