

LIVE | FLEXIBLE & BIBLE-RICH



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AGE LEVEL:
Grades 1-6

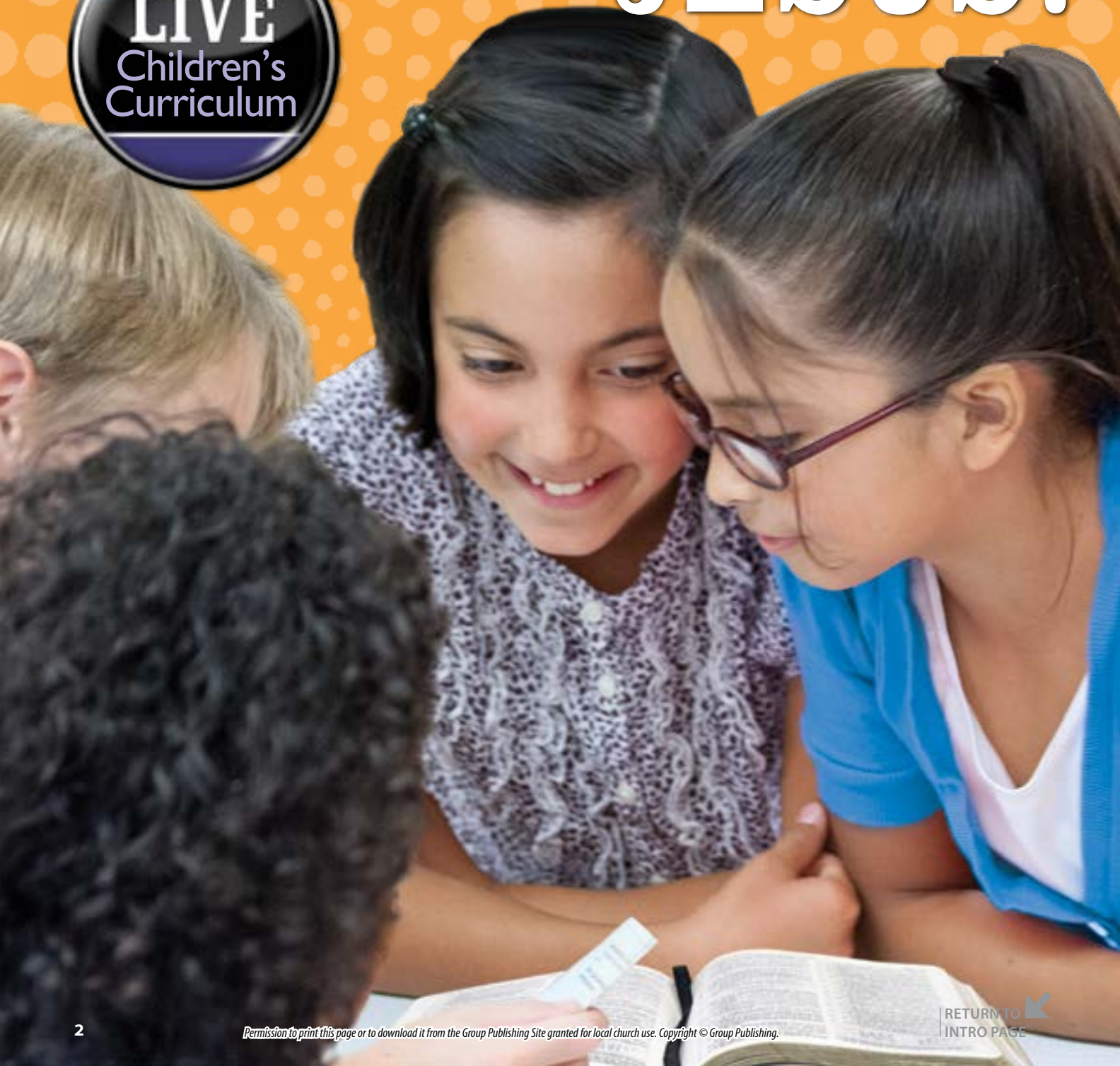
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- ✓ LIVE FOR JR. & SR. HIGH



Help kids live like Jesus

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Real. Bold. Love.

Help kids **LIVE LIKE JESUS!**



Get kids into the BIBLE and the BIBLE into kids... for less than \$3 a week!

LIVE Children's Curriculum helps kids develop a friendship with God...strengthen their Bible skills...and learn key Bible truths. You'll cover topics such as getting to know God, building trust in God, sticking with God, and putting God first. LIVE is conveniently available in three yearly volumes that can be used in any order (see below for program details).

With LIVE, customizing lessons to fit your kids, teachers, church, and schedule is easy! You can easily edit, add content, and reorder lessons however you choose.

LIVE also includes access to an easy-to-use online system that gives you the tools to organize your teams, communicate schedules, and stay connected with your teachers and volunteers through a message center and news feeds—all from one central location. And you can give them as much, or as little, access as you choose.

Each yearly volume contains:

- Online access to 52 customizable lessons
- Sing-along DVD filled with music videos and countdowns
- 4 quarterly music CDs packed with Scripture-based songs for each lesson
- Access to all the online tools to lighten your administrative load

Now get ready to make LIVE your curriculum!

Plus...

FREE MOBILE APPS FOR TEACHERS



LIVE Children's Curriculum		
YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
Getting to Know God: Bible Basics	Getting to Know God: Who God Is	Getting to Know God: What God Does
Building Trust in God: Communication	Building Trust in God: Being Yourself	Building Trust in God: Living With Faith
Sticking With God: Knowing His Love	Sticking With God: Knowing His Hope	Sticking With God: Grasping His Grace
Putting God First: My Life	Putting God First: Remembering What God Has Done	Putting God First: Serving

Our suggested Scope & Sequence—use it in any order that works for you!

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YEAR 1



YEAR 3



YEAR 2

Only \$149 per year!
(52 lessons)

Each yearly volume contains 52 customizable lessons, one DVD, four music CDs, and online access for one year.

LIVE CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM

- ▶ YEAR 1 • ISBN 978-1-4707-1160-3
 - ▶ YEAR 2 • ISBN 978-1-4707-1161-0
 - ▶ YEAR 3 • ISBN 978-1-4707-1162-7
- ONLY \$149 EACH IN CANADA \$172.49

SEE WHY LIVE CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM WILL WORK FOR YOU!

- ✓ **1 AGE LEVEL:** Created for kids in Grades 1–6 (combined)
- ✓ **SCOPE AND SEQUENCE:** 12 quarters (3 years)
- ✓ **FORMAT:** Large group/small group, Sunday school, midweek, children's church
- ✓ **LENGTH:** 60–90 minutes



Check out this 2-minute overview.



Get kids into the BIBLE and the BIBLE into kids!

This "Scripture-focused" curriculum is perfect for 1st–6th grade ministries with its small-group/ large-group format. The outline below shows the flow of a sample lesson, but LIVE gives you the power to easily modify any aspect of the lesson—and distribute it to your team instantly.

1

WELCOME

Each session begins with a fun welcome activity that allows kids to build relationships with one another, have some fun, and begin thinking about the session.

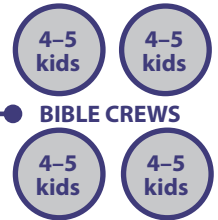
(up to 10 minutes)

2

LET'S EXPLORE!

Kids form multi-age Bible Crews and dig into the Bible. They read, study, do fun activities, and share what they're learning.

(up to 30 minutes)



3

LET'S PRAISE!

In this section, kids worship in response to what they've learned.

(up to 10 minutes)

4

LET'S PRAY!

The prayer time is experiential and personal. We want kids talking one-on-one with God.

(up to 10 minutes)

EXTRA ACTIVITIES:
At the end of each session, you'll find extra-time activities that you can use to extend kids' learning.

(10–30 minutes)

HIGH FIVES:
There are always encouraging "high five" endings for each session as the students leave.

(5 minutes)

AT HOME

Family Devotions from the Student Packet can be printed out to send home or e-mailed directly to parents.



GETTING TO KNOW GOD: BIBLE BASICS
Week 1: The Bible Is Our Instruction Book for Life

This includes:

Leader Preparation
 Lesson Guide

LEADER PREPARATION

BIBLE BASIS

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is God's Word, an instruction manual to his people. The Bible was written over the span of 1,500 years, by 40 different authors, across three continents, and in three different languages. It still contains one primary theme: knowing Jesus. It speaks as clearly today as it did centuries ago, giving its readers guidance and wisdom. Use this lesson to introduce your children to the wonder of applying God's Word to their lives.

TEACHING PREP

The short overview below is designed to help you prepare for your lesson.

Supplies You'll Need: *Getting to Know God: Bible Basics (Year 1/Quarter 1)* CD, *LIVE Children's Curriculum (Year 1)* DVD, CD player, TV/DVD player, 8-inch piece of string for every child, scissors, Bibles, marker, newsprint, tape, 15-inch length of rope per crew, scissors, "Situations and Solutions" handout, and "It's Knot a Problem" handout

Before This Lesson

- Cut string into lengths of about 8 inches so you have one for each child.
- Print the "Situations and Solutions" handout, and cut apart the sections. You'll need one section per team of four or five kids.
- Print the "It's Knot a Problem" handout. You'll need one copy per team of four or five kids.
- Assemble Bible Exploration Kits (one per four or five kids): Bible, 15-inch piece of rope, "It's Knot a Problem" handout, and one section of the "Situations and Solutions" handout prepared above.
- Write these questions on a piece of newsprint, and post it at the front of the room: "What does Scripture mean?" "Where did it come from?" and "What is it used for?"
- Review 2 Timothy 3:14-17.
- Cue the Track 1 on the *Getting to Know God: Bible Basics (Year 1/Quarter 1)* CD and Track 1 on the *LIVE Children's Curriculum (Year 1)* DVD.
- Huddle briefly with your volunteers beforehand. Answer any questions they have. Encourage them and pray.

PARENT EMAIL

We've provided you with a "Family Devotion" handout to send the Bible learning and faith discovery home. When kids and parents have faith discussions regularly, kids' faith multiplies.

So we've given you two options:

Print the "Family Devotion" handout and make enough copies for each child to take one home.
 Email the "Family Devotion" to families before or after the actual lesson.

Or why not do both? That way you'll double the opportunities for parents to actually get the handout.

LEADER PREP

This section of the lesson is designed to make your life as simple as possible. It tells you at a glance what the lesson is about and what you need to be prepared.

BIBLE EXPLORATION KITS

Slip the supplies for each Bible Crew (small group) into a Bible Exploration Kit, hand a kit to each crew, and everything is set. You won't waste time handing things out, and kids will stay more focused.

LARGE GROUP
5-10 MINUTES

GETTING TO KNOW GOD: BIBLE BASICS
Week 1: The Bible Is Our Instruction Book for Life

Lesson Guide

WELCOME!

Supplies: *Getting to Know God: Bible Basics (Year 1/Quarter 1)* CD, *LIVE Children's Curriculum (Year 1)* DVD, CD player, TV/DVD player, 8-inch piece of string for every child

1. Play "Into the Bible" (Track 1) from the *Getting to Know God: Bible Basics (Year 1/Quarter 1)* CD or (Track 1) from the *LIVE Children's Curriculum (Year 1)* DVD as kids arrive.
2. As kids arrive, give each one a piece of string and tell kids to ask someone else to follow their step-by-step instructions to tie it in a creative way on one of their fingers. Make sure the strings aren't tied too tightly. Have kids leave their strings on their fingers until they leave.
3. Play "Parrot Countdown" (Track 1) on the *LIVE Children's Curriculum (Year 1)* DVD, and turn the volume way up. Lead kids in cheering along.

SAY: **I'm so glad you're here today! Everyone show me the string on your fingers.**

ASK:

- **What was it like to give instructions to someone else?**
- **What was it like to follow someone else's instructions?**

SAY: **Today we're going to learn the most important instructions ever. We're going to learn about how the Bible is our instruction book for life.**

LET'S EXPLORE!

Supplies: assembled Bible Exploration Kits, marker, newsprint

1. Have kids form Bible Crews of no more than five. Hand out Bible Exploration Kits, and ask crews to turn to 2 Timothy 3:14-17 in the Bible. Ask one child in each group to be the pointer. Ask all kids to read out loud along with you as the pointer points to the words in the Bible.

Afterward, SAY: **I'd like each group to answer the questions on this piece of newsprint. Have one person in your group read the first question, and then everyone take a turn giving an answer. It's OK if you have the same answer as someone else. When you finish one question, go on to the next.** Allow time.

ASK:

- **Why do you think we need instructions from God?**
- **On a scale from one to 10, tell how you rate yourself on how well you follow God's instructions.**

2. SAY: **Let's try something that relates to today's Scripture. In your Bible Crews, take the "It's Knot a Problem" handout and your rope out of your Exploration Kit. Have crews try the activity.**

When everyone has finished the activity, ASK:

- **What was the easiest or hardest part of this activity?**
- **What are some things in your life that seem as hard to figure out as this activity?**
- **Where can we find solutions to these problems?**

Have someone find and read the Key Verse, 2 Timothy 3:16, aloud.

SAY: **The Bible is our instruction book for life. God uses the Bible to guide us in our lives and teach us to do what's right. And the Bible helps us follow Jesus.**

3. SAY: **Jesus will help us find solutions to our problems. Everything in the Bible points to him and his example of how to live. There are plenty of difficult things to figure out in our lives. I'm very thankful that God gave us the Bible. The Bible is our instruction book for life! Let's see what the Bible says to help us figure out some of the difficult things in our lives. In your Exploration Kit, you'll find a strip of paper with a situation in which you might need help from**

SMALL GROUP
20-30 MINUTES

the Bible. Your job is to create a skit that shows both the difficult situation and the Bible's solution. You'll have five minutes to prepare, so don't waste any time!

4. Visit each crew several times to make sure its skit is appropriate and to help find answers in the Bible. Direct crews to their Bible concordance to find additional verses. After five minutes, ask each crew to present its skit. Allow time.

ASK:

- **What did these skits tell you about the Bible?**
- **Why can we say that the Bible is our instruction book for life?**
- **How would you explain to a friend that the Bible is our instruction book for life?**

LET'S PRAISE!

Supplies: *Getting to Know God: Bible Basics (Year 1/Quarter 1)* CD or *LIVE Children's Curriculum (Year 1)* DVD, CD player or TV/DVD player

1. SAY: **When I realize that God cares for me so much that he gave me the Bible, I'm amazed. What a privilege it is to know God and to know that the Bible is our instruction book for life. Let's praise and thank God for this!**

2. Set up the *Getting to Know God: Bible Basics (Year 1/Quarter 1)* CD or the *LIVE Children's Curriculum (Year 1)* DVD. PLAY:

- **"He Cares For You" (1 Peter 5:7)** (CD Track 2) (DVD Track 2)

What are you worried about now?

Trying to figure it out now-

God knows right where you are now.

You know it's all in his hands now.

You know he cares for you;

He always cares for you.

You know he'll see you through;

He'll always see you through.

(Chorus)

Cast all your anxiety

On him

Because he cares for you.

He cares for you.

Cast all your anxiety

On him

Because he cares for you.

He cares for you.

Jesus cares for you.

(Repeat from beginning.)

What are you worried about now?

Trying to figure it out now-

God knows right where you are now.

You know it's all in his hands now.

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- **"No Greater Gift"** (CD Track 3) (DVD Track 3)

No greater gift than God's great love

For his children, every one.

Not a gift that we can earn,

LARGE GROUP
5-10 MINUTES

So much more than we deserve.
 No greater gift than God's great love
 For his children, every one.
 It would take a million words
 To thank you for your love!

No greater gift than God's great love
 For his children, every one.
 Not a gift that we can earn,
 So much more than we deserve.
 No greater gift than God's great love
 For his children, every one.
 It would take a million words
 To thank you for your love!

Ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah, hey!
 Ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah, hey!
 Ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah, hey!

No greater gift than God's great love
 For his children, every one.
 Not a gift that we can earn,
 So much more than we deserve.
 No greater gift than God's great love
 For his children, every one.
 It would take a million words
 To thank you,
 Thank you,
 Thank you for your love!
 Hey!

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• **"Humble Yourselves"** (CD Track 4) (DVD Track 4)

Sometimes we think we know it all,
 We've got it all together.
 But we don't know what's goin' on,
 Who's holdin' us together.
 Yeah, yeah.
 You gotta learn to listen to his voice
 Yeah, yeah.
 You gotta learn to put him first.
 In everything you do, you must

Humble yourselves before the Lord,
 And he will lift you up in honor, in honor.
 Humble yourselves before the Lord,
 And he will lift you up in honor, in honor.
 And he will lift you up.

(Repeat from the beginning.)

Humble yourselves before the Lord,
 And he will lift you up in honor, in honor.
 Humble yourselves before the Lord,
 And he will lift you up in honor, in honor.
 And he will lift you up.

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LET'S PRAY!

Supplies: assembled Bible Exploration Kits, *Getting to Know God: Bible Basics (Year 1/Quarter 1)* CD, CD player

1. SAY: **The Bible is our instruction book for life. There's no more important book or set of instructions for us to know. Return to your Bible Crews for our prayer time. Place your Bible in the center of your crew, and sit around it. Let everyone place his or her hand on the Bible. Then take turns thanking God for his instruction book for life. Think of one time this week you'll look in the Bible for instructions for how to live your life, and tell God when you'll do it. Leave the string on your finger this week to remind you of your commitment to follow the Bible because the Bible is our instruction book for life. When you've finished, you can pray individually until all the other crews have finished praying. I'll play some music until everyone has finished.**

2. Play "Prayer Time Sound Effects 1" (Track 17) from the *Getting to Know God: Bible Basics (Year 1/Quarter 1)* CD as the children pray.

HIGH FIVES

Supplies: none

1. Teach the kids the following cadence:

**I just know 'cause I've been told
That God's Word is very old.
It shows me the right from wrong
And teaches us to get along.
Sound off, God's Word.
Sound off, God's Word.
(Descending notes) God's Word is my guide
(Ascending shout) Ev'ry day!**

2. Ask kids to form two lines. Have them give high fives to kids in the other line as they march past and recite their cadence. Then have them turn around and march back the other way, giving high fives again.

FOR-EXTRA-TIME ACTIVITIES

I've Got Your Back

Supplies: pencils, paper

Have children form pairs and sit back to back with one partner in each pair facing you. Give each pair two pieces of paper and a pencil. Draw a simple picture on a piece of white paper, and show it to the children facing you. Ask those children to explain to their partners how to draw your picture on their papers. After a few minutes, have partners look together at the drawing and then trade places. Show a new picture, and repeat the process. Talk about what it's like to give instructions and how God's instructions compare to ours.

Create a Bible Dictionary

Supplies: paper, markers, dictionary, CD player, *Getting to Know God: Bible Basics (Year 1/Quarter 1)* CD

Ask kids to create one or more pages, each with a new word, for a Bible dictionary. Have kids suggest words from today's lesson—*inspired* and *Scripture* are two suggestions. Have them write each word on a sheet of paper in fun letters, add a definition, list Scripture references, and make illustrations. Play "The Books of the Bible Song" (Track 8), from the *Getting to Know God: Bible Basics (Year 1/Quarter 1)* CD while kids work. Add each page to a three-ring binder, and watch the dictionary grow!

SMALL GROUP
5-10 MINUTES

LARGE GROUP
5 MINUTES

LARGE OR
SMALL GROUP
10-30 MINUTES

Exploration Handout 1

Situations and Solutions

Tough Situation: Your friends are encouraging you to pick on a new student at your school.

The Bible's Solution:

John 13:34

Tough Situation: You're angry with your brother or sister for touching your things without your permission.

The Bible's Solution:

Proverbs 15:1

Tough Situation: Someone makes fun of you a lot for being a Christian.

The Bible's Solution:

Romans 1:16

Tough Situation: You get jealous when your friend gets the newest and best game system.

The Bible's Solution:

Matthew 6:19-21

Tough Situation: You did something you know you weren't supposed to do, and your mom found out about it.

The Bible's Solution:

Matthew 19:19

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STUDENT HANDOUTS

If a lesson needs handouts, these are provided as printable PDF files. Just print one for each Bible Crew. The Bible is the only student book you will need!

Key Verse

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right."—2 TIMOTHY 3:16

Without God's Word, it's impossible to know how to live a life that pleases Him.

You'll need a length of rope or clothesline. It should be at least a foot long.

IT'S LIKE THIS.

- 1 Hold one end of the rope in each hand, and tie a knot without letting go of the ends. Seems impossible, right? But there's a solution!
- 2 Lay the rope out straight on a table.
- 3 Cross your arms over your chest, then lean over and pick up the ends of the rope with your arms still crossed.
- 4 Unfold your arms.

THERE'S THE KNOT YOU WERE TRYING TO TIE!

It's Knot a Problem

Read 2 TIMOTHY 3:16 out loud once or twice. Then try writing the verse in your own words.

When you try to live your life without God's guidance, it seems impossible to make good decisions. Just like it seems impossible to tie that knot. But the Bible teaches us to do what's right.

How cool is that?



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Family Devotion

Focal Passage:
2 Timothy 3:14-17

Discovery Point:
The Bible is our instruction book for life.

Key Verse:
"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true" (2 Timothy 3:16a)

The Bible is our instruction book for life.

It's Knot a Problem!



You'll need a length of rope or clothesline. It should be at least a foot long.

With your family, **Read 2 Timothy 3:16** out loud once or twice. Then try writing the verse in your own words.

Without God's Word, it's impossible to know how to live a life that pleases God.

It's like this:

Hold one end of a rope in each hand, and tie a knot without letting go of the ends.

Seems impossible, right? But there's a solution!

Lay the rope out straight on a table.

Cross your arms over your chest, and then lean over and pick up the ends of the rope with your arms still crossed.

Unfold your arms.

There's the knot you were trying to tie!

Answer these questions:

☞ How is that like facing problems in our lives that seem impossible to solve?

☞ How can we encourage each other to rely on God to help us with our problems?

Set the knotted rope you made in a place where you'll all see it this week. Every time you look at the rope, remember that God can solve all of your "impossible" problems!

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Pick any problem that comes up during the week. Sit down together, and determine what the Bible says to do to solve it. The concordance in the back of your Bible is a great place to look for specific Scriptures to help you out!

When you try to live your life without God's guidance, it seems impossible to make good decisions, just like it seems impossible to tie that knot. But the Bible teaches us to do what's right.

CUSTOMIZABLE

Scripture references use the New Living Translation (NLT) version of the Bible, but are easy to replace with any translation you prefer.

Guide students toward a **JESUS-CENTERED LIFE** with this **CONVERSATIONAL** curriculum



Downloadable & MOBILE



Digital, customizable, AWESOME!

LIVE Curriculum for junior and senior high students focuses on building strong communication between students, leaders, and God. It's a completely editable curriculum that can be easily adapted to the unique characteristics and ever-changing needs of your church.

LIVE's cohesive, comprehensive plan for your small group or youth ministry follows a 36-week ministry year. The lessons flow from one topic to the next, and each year builds on the previous year.

LIVE gives you the tools to do what matters most. Use as-is or customize it to the personality of your ministry. You can take it apart, shift around the pieces, and use the lessons in whatever order you'd like. Plus, it's all online—so you can easily be on the same page with your leaders.

It's easy to order...

LIVE curriculum seamlessly covers six years of small-group programming from junior high through high school (and beyond with simple adjustments). Organize, plan, and deliver your lessons online—saving you and your leaders time. You'll receive each year of lessons for less than \$3.50 per week.

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LIVE JUNIOR HIGH (2-year curriculum)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unlimited number of students	44999WEB	\$249
QTY	ITEM	ITEM#	PRICE
LIVE SENIOR HIGH (4-year curriculum)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unlimited number of students	ISBN 978-0-7644-6334-1	\$499

GROUP'S R.E.A.L. DIFFERENCE...

The fact that our curriculum works is not a fluke. We call it our R.E.A.L. philosophy:

- ▶ **RELATIONAL**—Kids become friends as they learn.
- ▶ **EXPERIENTIAL**—They do more than listen or read—they experience the lesson.
- ▶ **APPLICABLE**—Children learn to become doers of the Word.
- ▶ **LEARNER-BASED**—They draw closer to Jesus in their own unique way.

GROUP'S MISSION

We equip churches to help children, youth, and adults grow in their relationship with Jesus.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible is the inspired, authoritative Word of God. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in his virgin birth, in his sinless life, in his death on the cross, in his bodily resurrection, in his ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in his personal return. We believe people receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life through Jesus.