

Delight In God's Word

Theme

We take delight in God's Word.

Object

A few popular children's books; your favorite book as a child; a Bible

Scripture

Psalm 1

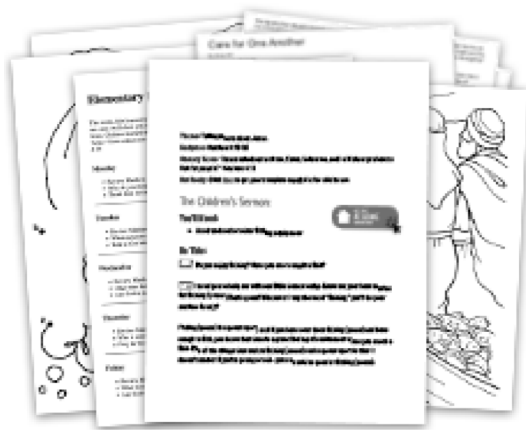
Who here likes to read? (Show the books you brought, and read off the titles.) I love to read. Books are often filled with amazing stories that take us to far-off places. Let's go around in a circle and have everyone share your favorite book, whether it's one of the books here or a different one. If you don't have a favorite book, that's perfectly okay. Just say "pass." (Comment on several of the book titles you hear from the kids.)

Books are great because they can teach us things and tell exciting stories. Who is your favorite character in a book? (Allow kids to answer and comment on some of the characters.)

When I was younger, my favorite book was _____. (Share about your favorite book and why you liked it.) And my favorite character is _____. (Share about your favorite character.)

I love to read, and one of my favorite books actually changed my life.

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Now this book (hold up the Bible) is life-changing. Everyone say, "God's Word." (Pause.) The Bible is the greatest book of all time. It contains God's words to us, and they're helpful to lead, comfort, instruct, and encourage us. Unlike many of the other books we read that tell make-believe stories, the books in the Bible are 100% true, meaning they happened in real life. And the people in the Bible were real people.

The Bible is made up of 66 books.

There are 39 books in the Old

Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. Despite there being so many books in the Bible, God's Word tells *one* great story. The story of the Bible is all about the one true God who created everything and loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to save us. That's why the Bible is the most amazing book. No matter how many times you read it, God can always teach you something new.

Today we're going to learn about delighting in God's Word. Just as you get excited about the next book in your favorite series, we can learn to get excited about God's Word and enjoy hearing what He has to say to us.

God, thank You for the Bible. We are grateful that You love us so much that You sent Your Son Jesus, and You tell us all about it in the Bible. Help us make time for Your Word and take delight in it. In Jesus' name, amen.