

Christian Life based on the word of God

Objectives

To inspire the students study the word of God in depth and make necessary changes to align their lives to the Will of God.

Starter: Elaborate on the story of conversion of St. Augustine's conversion. Explain how the Word of God touched the lives of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Ignatius Loyola.(mentioned in the text book). Any personal encounter with the Word can also be added.

Presentation:

Ask the children why they read the Bible? When and how long? Why do they read the bible?

Read out Heb 4:12

Ask the children to List out the attributes mentioned in the verse about the word of God.

(Ans: *Living, active, sharp, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart*)

While elaborating on each of the attribute, explain how Bible is different from any motivational book or story.

The word of God is Life-Giving and Sanctifying. A true disciple of Jesus will follow the Word.

How do we live according to the Word of God?

To align our lives to the Word of God

1. Know
2. Listen
3. Understand
4. Act
5. Pray for Strength

Based on the activity from previous lesson on the Bible passage reflection, ask the kids how they find reflecting on a passage?

Tell them how the Holy Spirit is the guide as we try to learn and understand the Bible.

What should be our intention in reading the word of God?

Use the parable of the sower to elaborate on the receiver's mindset as they receive the word of God

It is only in an open, undivided, yielding heart that the word of God will bear fruit.

How can we distinguish between the right and the wrong interpretations of the bible?

1. Always look at the bigger picture or the context
2. What is the interpretation of the passage by the Church?
3. Ask a priest

Read John 7:17, Jesus tells us who can tell the teaching of God from human teaching.

Ans: *Anyone who resolves to do the will of God.*

To live a life based on the Word of God requires a fundamental change in attitude to let go of the control of our lives to God's able hands and a firm resolve to do His will.

Group Activity:

Bible study on Matthew 4:1-11

Failure analysis report: Satan is asked to write down in detail, why he failed at testing Jesus in the wilderness. In your group, brainstorm and come up with a report in following format:

Temptation Strategy: Write down when where Satan approached Jesus. What was Jesus's Physical condition?

S.No	Offer given	Original intent	Expected Response and its implication	Jesus's Response	Pass/Fail	Key learning from the attempt
1						
2						
3						

Conclusion: Why was the mission a failure? Write in a line or two.

Bible verse: "How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word."
Psalms 119:9

Homework

Write down neatly on a book mark any one of your favorite verses from the bible and let the class know how this verse shaped you as a person?

Habit Formation: Our students should develop the habit to think, reflect upon bible passages in depth as per the Church's teachings. They should be able to ward off wrong interpretations.

Assessment: Evaluate students on how open they are to start reading the bible daily and reflect on it and how they respond to the activity.