

# Adventures with GOD!

## INTRODUCTION: GOD'S WORD (C.3.SPRING)

LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-11

**GOALS FOR THE TRIMESTER:** Learn that the Bible is God's word, and is the perfect rule for faith and conduct for followers of Christ to adhere to. Learn how to use the Bible in order to help children understand the Bible's message. The word of God is daily food for each Christian.

**MESSAGE FOR THE TEACHER:**

The word of God is a love letter from God to God's children. In the Bible God reveals God's purposes for creation and humanity. We see the story unfolding in the lives of ordinary people, some of whom choosing faithfulness to God, and others choosing disobedience. The Bible helps us understand who God is and who we are in God. The Bible shows us how we are to live. The word of God shows us the sacrifice Jesus made to be reconciled to the world. The Bible is a priceless gift, one we should get to know from cover to cover, learning from it, and applying its message to our daily lives.

Learning to study the Bible is an important skill for Christians to learn. As a teacher, you have the great responsibility of showing children what it means to love God's word and to let God's word be your guide. Take time to read Psalm 119. Bask in the intensity of the love David had for God's word (God's law). Allow the richness of the psalm and the images it presents to touch your heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and help you fall in love with God's word. It's only when we love God's word that we can speak authentically to the children about the power it has in our own lives.



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As believers, we need to make decisions based on God's purposes for our lives. Through Scripture, we learn about these purposes and how to make good decisions. We are guided by Scripture and the Holy Spirit. As children are learning to make decisions, we have the opportunity to help them understand the difference between healthy and unhealthy decisions. In each lesson during this trimester, children will have the option to choose between three activities: an investigation, an experiment, or an application. It could be helpful to organize the classroom space for three different centers or areas: Center of investigation, Center of experiments, Center of application.

When the time comes to work in the centers, invite children to choose which center they will participate in. If there is time, children can visit more than one center. Each center should have at least 3-4 children working together, and they will each have an opportunity to share what they learned with the class. It's important to prepare instructions and materials for each center before the class time begins. As children work, visit each station to see how the groups are doing, and what questions or needs they may have.

One of the goals for the trimester is to memorize the books in both the Old and New Testaments. In each of these lessons, you'll find suggestions for different activities to help the process of memorization, but feel free to get creative and use your own ideas, as well. This trimester is filled with great challenges for both you, as a teacher, and the children. May God bless you as you embark on this adventure.

