

THROUGH THE BOOK OF JUDE

LESSON #1

TEACHER'S GUIDE

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: The Bible tells us what is true and false.

Key Question: Why did Jude write this letter?

Memory Verse: *In the last days, some people will make fun of the truth. They will follow their own ungodly desires.*
Jude 1:18, NIRV

Overview: The book of Jude may be one of the smallest books in the Bible but it has a very big message. The book was written by a guy named Jude. He was an important person in his day. He was the younger brother of Jesus and was one of the key leaders that helped to strengthen the early church. He traveled around to different cities teaching the people about Jesus and what He did for them on the cross. Jude was also concerned about certain people who were telling lies about Jesus. They said things like, "it's okay to do whatever you want" and even tried to confuse people by saying that what Jesus did on the cross wasn't true. This made Jude angry. He warned the followers of Jesus to stand up to lies and to listen only to the truth. Did you know that's true for us today, too? We need to be careful not to believe everything we hear. We should compare everything we hear with the Bible. If it goes against what the Bible says, then we shouldn't believe it. That's why God gave us the Bible; so we could know what is true and what is false.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

- 5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.
- 5 min **WARM UP:** Do you like to get mail? What do you usually get and who sends it to you? What do you send to other people?
- 5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse (and Key Question for 2nd-5th) on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1.
- 20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.
- 5 min **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then answer the KEY QUESTION.
- 5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Proverbs 30:5](#). How do you feel when someone breaks a promise or lies to you? What does it mean to you that God keeps His promises and only tells the truth?
- 10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 5 min **CLOSE:**
 - Share something you learned today.
 - Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Don't forget that you set the tone for your kids. Smile. Have fun. Pursue God together.

Allow each kid to share. The point: Receiving things in the mail is fun. It's a fun way to receive messages from other people. The book of Jude was a letter written to a group of people with a very important message.

Answer: He wanted to warn the people not to believe lies but to stand up for the truth. The Bible is God's word. It is the truth. He gave it to us so we could know what is right, wrong, true and false. That's why it's so important to read your Bible so you know what the truth is and can identify a lie when you hear it.

Bonus Questions: How do you feel when a friend tells you something that isn't true? Why is lying a bad thing? How often do you read your Bible?

4th-5th: What do you think it was like for Jude to be the little brother of Jesus? What do you think would've been hard for Jude?

God never lies and He never breaks a promise. We can trust that God will always come through on what He says. That's why He gave us the Bible so we can know the truth and be protected from lies.

Give each a kid a chance to share something they learned from today's lesson.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities K-1ST

Option #1

TRUE OR FALSE GAME

- Divide the class into 2 teams
- Give each team a bell or ringer
- Read each statement below. The first team to ring in first gets to answer "true" or "false"
- Each correct answer gets a point

Statements:

1. Everything in the Bible is true.(T)
2. The Bible says, "Love your neighbor". (T)
3. Hitting someone makes Jesus happy. (F)
4. Jesus is the only way to Heaven. (T)
5. Genesis is the last book in the Bible. (F)
6. One of the 10 commandments is "Eat your Vegetables". (F)
7. Praying makes Jesus happy. (T)
8. It's okay to lie. (F)
9. We should tell others about Jesus. (T)
10. We must eat at Chick-fil-A to go to Heaven. (F)

Supplies needed

- bells or ringers

Bonus Activity:

Play the **Silly Memory Verse** Game: Have the kids stand and say the **memory verse** together. Then, have them say it again while **jumping and down**. If you have time, come up with other creative ways to say the verse while doing something silly.

Option #2

TRUE OR FALSE BALL TOSS

- Have kids stand in a circle
- Give one kid the ball to start
- Read a statement from below to the kid holding the ball
- If they answer correctly, they get to stay in the game and toss the ball to someone else
- If they miss the question they have to toss the ball and sit down.

Statements:

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Supplies needed

- ball

Bonus Activity:

Play the **Silly Memory Verse** Game: Have the kids stand and say the **memory verse** together. Then, have them say it again while **clapping their hands**. If you have time, come up with other creative ways to say the verse while doing something silly.

1 Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. Jude is one of the _____ books in the Bible.
2. Jude was the little brother of _____.
3. Jude wrote this _____ to tell people the _____.
4. The Bible tells us what is _____ and _____.

2 Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. Do you like to get mail? What do you usually get and who sends it to you? What do you send to other people?
2. What do you think it was like to be the brother of Jesus?
3. Why do you think Jude wrote a short letter instead of a long letter?
4. Read [Proverbs 30:5](#). How do you feel when someone breaks a promise or lies to you? Why is it important that God doesn't lie to us?
5. How can the Bible help us to know what is true or just a lie?

3 Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

"...In the last days some people will make fun of the truth. They will follow their own ungodly desires."

Jude 1:18

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week.

- Read [Psalm 43:4](#). In what book do we find God's truth? List 2 things God tells us to do in the Bible?
- Read [Psalm 97:10](#). List some things that are evil to God? How can our love for God protect us from doing bad things?
- Read [1 Corinthians 13:6](#). How do we typically feel when we do wrong? How does honoring God help us to be happy?



NAME: _____

ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1st Grade

Kids

BIG IDEA

The Bible tells us what is true and false.

MEMORY VERSE

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Jude 1:18



Church is where we learn the truth from God's word