



TOP TEN WAYS TO BRING BIBLE STORIES TO LIFE FOR CHILDREN

Multiple Experiences, Multiple Senses!

Research supports the importance of integrated and multi-sensory learning experiences for young children. These simple strategies will help Bible stories ‘come to life’ for the little ones in our classrooms.

1. Have children add sound effects at appropriate times. (Wind, waves, etc.)
2. Have children do a motion or sound when they hear a particular word. (Wiggle fingers when they hear the word ‘star’.)
3. Act out the story with simple props. (Use the climber or other playground equipment to act out Joshua and the walls of Jericho. When it doesn’t fall, talk about why... it wasn’t part of God’s plan!)
4. Do something from the story. (Have a Palm Sunday parade. Set up ‘stops’ for the Christmas story, Holy Week, the Exodus.)
5. Sing a song that goes along with the story. Be intentional.
6. Use crepe paper streamers for wind, waves, sunlight, angels, rivers, oceans, grass, fire, rain, etc. Send the streamers home so the children can retell the story to their families.
7. Give each child a token from the story to use in retelling and/or just take home to remind them of the story. (Candy cane with the shepherds, empty plastic egg for the empty tomb, etc.)
8. Have a surprise object in the “Bible Box” to peak curiosity about the story. (Costume piece, puppets, object that relates to the story.)
9. Play a game based on the story, especially searching games. (Gather ‘manna’ in baskets – foam pieces, search for the lost coin, etc.)
10. Read the Bible story at circle. Make a class or individual prop to use during center time. Use to retell or extend story at the end of the day or week. (Toilet paper tube sheep, Bible story character finger puppets, etc.)