

Using the Bible in Beach Club Love It! Learn It! Live It!

I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure. Psalm 119:162

The Bible is a Treasure

KiDs Beach Club® is a place where kids hang out and find treasure...and that treasure is God's Word. The Bible is full of treasure from God and kids can discover the deep truths of this treasure as they spend more and more time learning God's Word. We want kids to dig deep into the word of God and practice applying it to their lives.

The Bible is central to what we teach in Beach Club. Our goal is for kids to develop a life-long love for learning and living God's Word.

Teaching character words to kids produces moral kids who make right choices. That's good, but there's something better! Teaching character words through Bible story allows God's Word to transform a child's heart and makes an eternal impact as kids are pointed to a Savior who loves them.

Things Kids Should Know About the Bible

- The Bible is GOD'S WORD 2 Timothy 3:16
- The Bible is TRUE John 17:17
- The Bible LASTS FOREVER Psalm 119:89, Isaiah 40:8
- The Bible is PERFECT Psalm 19:7-8
- The Bible is USEFUL Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16
- The Bible should BE OBEYED Psalm 119:17, Matt 7:24-27
- The Bible tells us GOOD NEWS Acts 8:35
- The Bible is for EVERYONE 2 Peter 3:9



As a volunteer, what can I do to help kids love, learn, and live God's Word?

1. Get kids hands on.

Your job as a leader is to give kids as many opportunities to be hands-on with their Bibles. Every week, kids should practice finding things in their Bibles. Help them get comfortable with using the Bible. Be sure to jump in and help a child who might be struggling to find a verse or read a word. We want every child to feel successful in using their Bibles and gain life-long Bible skills.

If you have a large club, it may slow down your pace to wait for every child to find a verse. You can help by stating page numbers in addition to scripture references. Even better, during your "Get Connected" time at the beginning of club each week, lead kids to find and mark that weeks' Memory Link and Bible Story so they can turn to it quickly as directed. Encourage every leader to actively help kids find pages in their Bibles.

2. Teach from the Bible

When teaching a Memory Link or telling a Bible story, always read from the Bible rather than a poster or teaching guide. There's nothing wrong with making a large visual for kids to see, but reading from the Bible first helps kids connect your teaching to God. Keep your Bible open when you teach or tell a story in your own words. This simple visual helps kids see that it's God's Word you are teaching.

3. Apply. Apply. Apply.

James 1:22 says, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." Kids need to understand that Christ followers should obey God's Word. As kids discuss in Surf Teams, talk about practical ways they can apply Bible lessons at home, at school, and in club. Give age-appropriate examples from your own experience. Challenge kids to live God's way and be sure to compliment kids when you see them apply Bible truths in practical ways.

4. Educate your school administration.

Sometimes people simply don't understand the law about Bibles in schools. It is perfectly legal for a student to bring a Bible to school and read it at appropriate times, such as free reading time. Talking points for principals and school administrators are available at www.kidsbeachclub.org.

5. Provide helpful Bible study tools.

<u>Highlighters:</u> Guide kids to highlight each week's Memory Link. Choose highlighters that won't bleed through thin Bible pages. Map pencils work well, just make sure kids don't press hard enough to tear pages.

<u>Book Marks:</u> Ribbons make great bookmarks! Consider providing kids with a bookmark that lists the books of the Bible in order. Or provide a bookmark that promotes your church's kids ministry. A bookmark listing Memory Links and Character Words for the semester is available to download from the Club Leader Tools page.

6. Customize Kids' Bibles.

In a crowd it can be hard to tell whose Bible is who's. Use the Presentation Page to write in kids' names or print names on a label and affix. Another option is to close the Bible and use a marker to write a name on the page edges. Give colorful bookmarks so kids' names stick out the top.

7. Be prepared.

"Wait! I forgot my Bible!" You may want to keep a few extra Bibles on hand for kids to borrow when they forget to bring their own.

There are times when kids won't need to use their Bibles, such as during worship. Have a plan for where kids will keep their Bibles during times of non-use, such as against room walls, or in their Surf Team area.

8. Offer rewards.

If you give out Beach Bucks or Reward Tickets, include ways to earn tickets that involve the Bible, such as bringing their Bibles to club, recording on a daily Bible reading chart, or learning the books of the Bible in order.

Features of the KBC Study Bible

- NKJV Explorer's Study Bible published by Tommy Nelson
- 30 custom full-color tip-in pages that compliment what kids learn in Beach Club
- "Digging In" boxes explain the background of familiar Bible stories and happenings
- "Word Decoders" define hard-to-understand Bible names and terms
- "Bible Explorers" introduce kids to central Bible people
- "Discoveries" capture the experience of daily living in Bible times
- "Bible Treasures" help kids learn from the experiences of Bible people
- Includes a 33 page Dictionary/Concordance

The Great Treasure Day!

This is the day, usually the 5th week of club each year, where you give out free KBC Study Bibles to the kids in your club.

The Great Treasure Day should be a special, memorable experience for your clubbers. In the weeks leading up to your Great Treasure Day, build excitement for the kids. Invite parents, school administrators, and church leaders to attend your Great Treasure Day. Let your local KBC representative know the date of your Great Treasure Day. Take pictures to celebrate with those who could not come.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16