

TEACHING BY USING STICK FIGURE BIBLE LESSONS

Welcome to an exciting way of teaching the Bible. These lessons are outlines and the pictures are visual aids to help people remember the lesson. The advantage of this method is that even those who cannot read can be taught the Bible. The goal of this method of Bible teaching is that the students come to understand the Word of God, apply it to their lives, and then re-teach the lessons to other people.

Equipment you will need:

1. Bible
2. Stick Figure Bible Lesson book for Teacher
3. Stick Figure Bible Lesson books for each class member .
4. Large copy of each Stick Figure Bible Lesson

Preparation for Lesson

Instructions and Guidelines for Bible Study Leader

1. Pray for the help and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He is our teacher.
2. Study well. You should spend at least 2 hours preparing for each lesson.
3. Read all the Bible verses in the lesson outline and mark them in your Bible.
4. Memorize some of the Bible verses if possible.
5. Pray about the lesson: Ask God to apply it to your heart. Pray for those you will be teaching.

Teaching Method

1. Pray with class, asking God to help each one to understand his message to them.
2. Teach lesson to class using the large pictures. This takes 30 - 40 minutes.
 - Know the lesson well.
 - Avoid reading direct from the book.
 - Look at the class
 - Look at the chart. Use a pointer to point out the part you are teaching, and the meaning of the various symbols.
 - Ask the class questions as you teach to make sure they understand the lessons.
 - Read the Scripture verses from the Bible, or better still, ask class members to look up the Bible verses and read them. It is important that the class members know that the whole lesson is Bible based.
 - Keep the needs of the class in mind as you teach. Use illustrations from your country that are meaningful to the lives of people in your class.
 - At the end of the lesson, briefly go over the lesson again emphasizing the main points.

3. Pray: asking God to help each person to apply the lesson to their own life.
4. Divide the class into small groups of 3-4 people. Give them 20- 40 minutes.
 - Ask them to take turns teaching the lesson to each other .
 - They should use what ever language they feel most comfortable in.
 - Discuss: How does this apply to our lives?
 - Share with each other what God is teaching them.
 - Being in small groups is very important as it gives each person an opportunity to participate, to ask questions, and to share with others what God is teaching them.
5. Bring whole class back together again.
 - Ask the class if they have any questions.
 - Are there parts of the lesson that are not clear? If so, go through these parts again.
 - Give class members opportunity to share what God has shown them through the Bible lesson.
 - If there are some pastors or church leaders in your group, some could be given an opportunity to re-teach a small portion of the lesson to the whole class.
6. Spend time in prayer thanking God for the new things he has taught each person. Ask for his grace and strength that they will apply these lessons in their lives during the week.
7. Encourage the class members to go back home and share these lessons with others. They can use their Stick Figure Bible Lesson book to reteach the lesson to others: children, family, neighbors, friends, and relatives.
8. Pastors, teachers and church leaders can re teach the lessons to Sunday school classes, mid week Bible study, home group, women' s fellowship, or in Sunday services.
9. If a person cannot read, they can ask someone else to read each section, and then they can explain the pictures.

Bible Teaching Conference

These books can be used by teaching a lesson each week. They can also be used in a five-day Bible Teaching Conference, where leaders from a number of churches come together and stay in one place for 4-5 days. One lesson can be taught each morning, and another lesson each afternoon. Worship services can be held in the evening. In this way all the lessons can be taught in a week. At the end of the week the leaders can take their books and teaching charts and return to their own churches. They can reteach the lessons to their congregation, in Sunday school classes, youth fellowship, women's fellowship or home Bible study. These people can then in turn share it with others.

We remember a <u>little</u> of what we <u>hear</u> , <u>much</u> of what we <u>see</u> , and <u>most</u> of what we <u>do</u> .

Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105 I will keep your law in my heart, so that I will not sin against you. Psalm 119: 11
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