

**Children's Prayer Revival 2005
Sunday School Division
United Pentecostal Church International**

Service Two: The Holy Bible

A holy God gives His holy Word to help us live a holy life.

Bible Verse: Psalm 119:105

Scripture Text: Psalm 119:1-11

Power Line: God's Word is holy.

Objective: to understand how God's Word helps us to be holy.

Supply List

- Worship CD/player, instruments
- Large Bible or book with BIBLE written on it
- Chair
- 3 signs from last week's lesson (honest, just, pure)
- Map, flashlight, mirror, cookbook/recipe, owner's manual
- Phone or ringer

Before the Session

- Give Alonzo a copy of the script for the skit.
- Prepare for the object lesson.
- Print words to the songs on posterboard or overhead.

Schedule

I. POWER of Worship

- A. Praise Generators: "The B-i-b-l-e," "Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet"

- B. Offering
- C. Testimony: God's Word is true.
- D. POWER Line: God's Word is holy
- E. Truth Conductor: Alonzo Prays Again
- F. Review: Definition of Holy

II. POWER of the Word

- A. Energy Outlet: Sword Drill
- B. Illustrated Sermon
 - Object Lesson: The Word is like . . .
- C. Invitation and Prayer

POWER of Worship

Praise Generators

Choose songs that are familiar to or easily learned by your audience. Include songs about the Bible (The B-i-b-l-e, Read Your Bible, Pray Everyday," "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet," etc.). Allow time for children or leaders to testify about how God's Word has affected their lives.

Truth Conductor

Alonzo comes to the front, kneels at a chair, and begins to pray.

Alonzo: Well, Lord, I'm glad I learned that You are holy. I really do want to know more about You.

At this point, have someone lightly tap Alonzo on the head with a Bible, then lay it down beside him.

Alonzo: *(looks down)* **What's this? Oh, the Bible, right.** *(Places the Bible on the chair.)*

Well, Lord, like I was saying . . . tell me more about Yourself.

Telephone rings. Alonzo gets up, answers the phone and sits down on the Bible. Annoyed, he pulls it out from under him and lays it on the floor.

Alonzo: **Oh, hey Jo-Jo. Naw, I'm not busy. What's happenin'?** Naw, I can't go to Bible study tonight. I'm shootin' some hoops with some of my buddies from school. You know, I'm tryin' to tell them about the Lord. What do you mean—what do I know about the Lord? I've been askin' Him to tell me stuff. I found out He's holy. Yeah. Okay. Talk to you later.

Gets up, hangs up the phone, and trips over the Bible. Picks it up and acts like it is a basketball—pretends to dribble it and shoot a basket. Lays it back down on the chair. Phone rings again. Alonzo answers the phone and sits down on the Bible again. Pulls it out from under him and puts it on the floor. Uses it for a foot stool.

Alonzo: **Hey, man! What's up?** *(Pauses)* Nope, haven't done much today. Well, I prayed a little bit. I've been askin' the Lord to show me more about Himself, but so far I haven't seen much. But I'll keep tryin'. Why don't you come over—I got a new video game. Yeah. See you later.

Gets up, hangs up the phone, and trips over the Bible. Annoyed, Alonzo picks up the Bible and acts like he is going to throw it—

Teacher: **Wait!** *Takes the Bible away from Alonzo.*

The Bible is God’s holy book. Who remembers what the three parts of holiness are?” (Have children recall and bring signs out again: Honest, Just, and Pure.)

The Word of God is honest, just, and pure. Everything we know about God, we learn from His book. That’s why it’s important to read the Bible. Do you believe it’s honest, just, and pure?”

POWER of the Word

Energy Outlet

Sword Drill—hot potato style. Form one or more circles depending on the number of children you have. Children pass the Bible around the circle until music stops or the leader says, “Stop!” The leader calls out a Bible verse and student reads it. To expedite the game and to help students who would have a hard time finding the verses, premark the Scriptures or position helpers to aid in looking up and reading the Scriptures.

Use the following Scriptures.

- **John 17:17** “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is *truth*.” (It is honest.)
- **II Timothy 3:16** “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in *righteousness*.”
(Righteousness is the same word as just. It is just.)
- **Proverbs 30:5** “Every word of God is *pure*: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.” (It is pure.)

Stop after these first three and reiterate how these show the Bible’s holiness. Then continue with the following Scriptures as time allows. Be sure to use Psalm 119:105.

- **Luke 11:28** “But he said, ‘Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.’”
- **Romans 10:17** “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
- **Ephesians 6:17** “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”
- **Psalms 119:89** “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”
- **Psalms 119:11** “Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee.”
- **Psalms 119:105** “Thy word is lamp unto my feet and light unto my path.”

What are some things these verses tell us about the Bible? Solicit responses.

Truth Conductor

Set out the map, flashlight, mirror, recipe book, and owner’s manual. Hold up the items one at a time. **How are these items like the Word of God?** Allow children to respond; add explanation to show how the Word of God helps us find our way, discover God, see our need for change, have successful lives, etc.

We learned last week that “The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works” (Psalm 145:17). The Bible says that the Scriptures testify of Jesus—or tell what He is like (John 5:39). If we want to know more about the Lord, we have to read His Word. Do you think there’s anyone in this room who needs to hear this?
 Try to lead them to recall the person praying earlier. **Alonzo wanted to know more**

about God. Where should he have been looking? God reveals Himself to us through His holy Word.

Invitation and Prayer

God's Word tells us what He is like, how to be saved, and how to live a holy life. God's holy Word tells us we need to repent of our sins, be baptized in Jesus' name, and that He will fill us with His Holy Spirit. If you would like to know the Lord better, obey His Word today. Allow children to pray.

Sing "Thy Word Is Lamp unto My Feet."