

Batteries For The Bible

LOWER ELEMENTARY LESSON PLAN

Theme: The Bible

Scripture: Hebrews 10:16

Memory Verse: This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds. - Hebrews 10:16

The Children's Sermon

God wants to write His laws in your heart, a perfect place to keep them for all eternity. Imagine your heart like a treasure chest, and inside this chest, God places His precious laws. These aren't just any rules; they're special guides to help us live the best life possible.

And when His laws are written in your heart, they will help and protect you! It's like having a superhero's shield inside you, guarding you against making bad choices. This shield helps you choose kindness, honesty, and love, even when it's hard.

The more you fill your heart with God's word and the more time you spend making friends with Jesus, the better prepared you will be to find the scripture verse you need. It's like having a map in your heart that shows you the right path to take. When you're lost, or don't know what to do, God's laws in hearts guide you back to the right path.

God's word is a flashing caution light; if heeded, it will prevent many heartaches and sorrows. Just like when you're playing a game, and you see a sign that says, "Stop!

Danger ahead!" God's laws work the same way. They warn us before we make a mistake that could hurt us or others.

When you choose to obey God's word, to walk your highways with God, He will reward you. That reward is not always immediate, but the reward is certain! Sometimes, the reward is feeling happy inside because you did the right thing, or seeing someone smile because you were kind.

The Bible needs to be the first and final authority in our lives because His word is perfect. It's like having the best instruction manual for life. When we follow it, we can build a beautiful life, just like following instructions helps you build a cool toy or a model.

Now, let's talk more about how to keep God's laws in our hearts. First, you can read the Bible or listen to stories from it every day. It's like eating healthy food for your heart. The more you feed it with God's words, the stronger and happier it will be.

Praying is another way to keep God's laws in our hearts. When you talk to God, you're telling Him that you want to learn more and follow His laws. It's like calling a friend for advice because you trust them.

You can also sing songs about God's love and His laws. Music has a special way of sticking in our minds and hearts. It's like when you can't forget the tune of your favorite song. Singing about God's laws helps you remember them better.

Sharing God's laws with friends and family is a great way to keep them in your heart too. When you talk about what you've learned, it helps you understand it better. It's like

when you explain how to play a game to a friend; you become even better at the game yourself.

Remember, God's laws in hearts are not just for you. They're meant to be shared with the world. When you live by God's laws, you become a light for others. You show them the way to happiness and love.

Let's pray: Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for giving us the Bible. Help us to fill our hearts with your Word. Helps us to become "BEST FRIENDS" with Jesus. Teach us to keep Your laws in our hearts always. Help us to share Your love and laws with everyone around us. Amen.

Keeping God's laws in hearts is a journey, a wonderful adventure. It's not always easy, but it's the best way to live. With God's laws written in your heart, you'll never walk alone. You'll have the best guide with you every step of the way.

So, let's make a promise together to try our best to keep God's laws in our hearts. Let's help each other and remind each other of God's love and guidance. Together, we can make the world a better place, filled with love, kindness, and happiness.

Remember, God loves you very much, and He's always there to help you keep His laws in your heart. Whenever you're unsure or afraid, just talk to Him. He's listening, and He'll always guide you back to His loving laws.

Thank you for listening, and remember, keeping God's laws in hearts makes us the best friends with Jesus and brings us closer to God's love every day.

Bible Memory Verse

This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds. - Hebrews 10:16

You Will Need:

- Colored construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers with heart and brain shapes

Get Ready:

- Cut the construction paper into heart and brain shapes before the class.
- Set up a table with markers, crayons, and stickers for easy access.

Do This:

1. Give each child a paper heart and a paper brain. Explain that these represent our hearts and minds where God wants to write His laws.
2. Ask the children to decorate their heart and brain with markers, crayons, and stickers. While they work, encourage them to think about what it means to have God's laws in their hearts and minds.
3. Have each child share their decorated heart and brain with the class, and talk about one way they can follow God's laws in their daily life.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- A large piece of poster board

- Colorful markers
- Sticky notes
- A Bible

Get Ready:

1. Write Hebrews 10:16 on the poster board in large, clear letters.
2. Cut the sticky notes into heart shapes.

Do this:

1. Read Hebrews 10:16 aloud to the children: "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them."
2. Explain that this verse means God wants His words to live in our hearts and minds, just like we remember important things like our home address or our best friend's name.
3. Give each child a heart-shaped sticky note and a marker. Ask them to write or draw something they remember about God's words or a favorite Bible story.
4. Have them come up one by one to stick their heart on the poster board around the verse. As they do, they can share what they wrote or drew.
5. Conclude by saying that just like our poster is filled with reminders of God's words, our hearts and minds can be too when we read the Bible and remember what it says.

Snack Activity: Hearts of the Covenant Cookies

You'll Need:

- Pre-made sugar cookie dough
- Heart-shaped cookie cutters
- Edible markers or food coloring pens

- Parchment paper
- Baking sheets

Get Ready: Preheat your oven according to the sugar cookie dough package instructions. Roll out your dough on a flat surface.

Do this:

1. Use the heart-shaped cookie cutters to cut out cookie shapes from the dough. These hearts represent our hearts, which God promises to write His laws on, as mentioned in Hebrews 10:16.
2. Place your heart-shaped cookies on the baking sheets lined with parchment paper and bake according to the package instructions. Let them cool after baking.
3. Once cooled, use the edible markers or food coloring pens to write simple Bible verses or draw symbols like crosses or doves on each cookie. This symbolizes the 'laws' God writes on our hearts. You can use short phrases like 'God is love' or simply 'Hebrews 10:16' to remind us of God's promise to us.
4. Share these cookies with friends and family while explaining the significance of the symbols or verses you've chosen. This activity not only provides a tasty treat but also a meaningful way to remember and discuss God's covenant with us.

Game Activity: Heart & Mind Hopscotch

You'll Need:

- Sidewalk chalk
- A small stone or beanbag
- A large, open concrete area

Get Ready: Draw a large hopscotch grid on the concrete. Instead of numbers in each square, write words alternating between 'Heart' and 'Mind'. At the start, write 'Hebrews 10:16' to remind the kids of the verse they're learning about.

Do this:

1. Have the children line up behind the start of the hopscotch grid. Explain that Hebrews 10:16 talks about God putting His laws into our hearts and minds, so we'll hop on 'Heart' and 'Mind' to remember God's words are always with us.
2. The first player tosses the stone or beanbag onto the first square. If it lands on 'Heart', they say a way we can keep God's words in our heart (like 'praying'). If it lands on 'Mind', they say a way to keep God's words in our mind (like 'reading the Bible'). Then, they hop through the grid, skipping the square with their stone or beanbag, and return. They must hop on one foot in single squares and both feet in side-by-side squares, except for the square with the stone or beanbag.
3. Play continues with each child taking turns. If a player steps on a line, misses a square, or loses balance, they start over on their next turn. The game encourages memorization of the scripture and understanding of keeping God's law in our hearts and minds.

Craft Activity: Heartfelt Scriptures

You'll Need:

- Red and white construction paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Glue stick
- A Bible or printed verse from Hebrews 10:16

Get Ready: Cut the red construction paper into heart shapes, one for each child. Cut smaller hearts out of the white construction paper.

Do this:

1. Give each child a red heart and a white heart. Explain that the red heart represents our own hearts, and the white heart represents God's words and promises to us.
2. Read Hebrews 10:16 together: 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.' Discuss how this verse tells us that God wants His words to be in our hearts, guiding us and helping us to remember His love.
3. Have the children write Hebrews 10:16 or a simple phrase like 'God's words are in my heart' on the white heart. Then, they can glue the white heart onto the red heart. Encourage them to decorate around the edges with markers or crayons to make it their own.
4. Conclude by reminding the children to keep God's words close to their hearts, just like the craft they made today.

Prayer Activity: Hearts and Hands for God's Word

You'll Need:

- Colorful construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors

Get Ready: Cut the construction paper into large heart shapes, one for each child.

Do this:

1. Read Hebrews 10:16 together: 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.' Explain that God's words are so important, He wants them written in our hearts, not just on paper.
2. Ask the children to think about their favorite Bible story or verse. If they can't think of one, suggest a few well-known stories or verses.
3. Have each child draw or write something on their heart shape that represents their favorite Bible story or verse. It could be a picture, a word, or a phrase.
4. Once everyone is done, invite the children to share their hearts and explain what they drew or wrote and why it's special to them. Conclude by praying together, asking God to help keep His words written in our hearts and to help us live by them every day.