

Core Values

Huddle 1: *Biblically Oriented*



SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions.

- Talk to your group about how the Bible is God’s Word.
- Have you ever read God’s Word?
- Do you have a favorite Bible story?

Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

LESSON HUDDLE

Let’s all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out! Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and look out (Pause) **TO OTHERS**.

We will be starting a new series today on the Core Values of our church. Does anyone know what Core Values mean? It is something that is very important or essential. Grace Church has 6 core values that we as a church body believe the Bible teaches us to be of utmost importance. Would you like to hear them?

1. Biblically Oriented
2. Prayerfully Dependent
3. Faithfully Gathered
4. Courageously Generous
5. Ministry Focused
6. Culturally Engaged

Over the next 6 weeks we will be talking about each of these Core Values. Today's lesson will focus on being Biblically Oriented. Who here knows what the word oriented means? That is a difficult word to define. It means being focused around a certain thing. To be Biblically oriented means we are focused on what the Bible says and we will use it to shape our thinking and how we live our lives.

What are some ways in which we could become Biblically oriented? (*Read the Word, memorize scripture, listen to sermons/lessons at church, ask questions we have about the Bible to other Christians/teachers/parents/leaders at church*) These are all great answers! Reading and knowing the Bible is great, but learning to apply it to how we live, how we treat others, and how we spend our time is really what it means to be Biblically oriented.

Lets take a few minutes to look up a few scriptures together. (*Teachers make sure each student has a Bible and you and/or an older student can help the younger students find each passage. Have one student volunteer to read, one point out the truth, and another one or two share a practical application to each passage*)

1. **Ephesians 6:1**: “Children obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.” Can someone tell us the Biblical truth in that passage? (*We are to obey our parents*) Can I have a volunteer give me a specific example of how to do this in our homes? (*When my mom asks me to set the table for dinner, I need to do it without arguing/complaining*)
1. **1 Peter 3:9**: “Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it.” Can someone tell us the truth in this passage? (*Not to repay evil for evil. If we are insulted or offended that doesn't give us the right to be mean in return*) Can I have a volunteer give me a specific example of how to do this? (*When someone teases me on the playground about what I am wearing I will not make fun of them just to make them feel bad*)
2. **Ecclesiastes 6:9**: “Control your temper, for anger labels you a fool.” What is the truth of this scripture? (*It is foolish to not control your anger*) Who can give an example of how to live this out? (*Instead of yelling at my brother for changing the channel during my favorite show, I will walk away and calm down before I speak to him or my parents about it*)
3. **Proverbs 18:13**: “Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.” What is the truth in this scripture? (*Listen before you speak*) Who can come up with an application to this truth? (*When my parents have to cancel a hiking trip we had planned for this Saturday and I complain/whine without listening to the reason they called it off. Then they explain that a bad thunderstorm is coming and we will reschedule next week. I feel pretty foolish for giving them such a hard time when they are only protecting us from being caught outside in a bad storm*)

For many of you this has been your first experience reading from God's word. We want to take this time to help you get a little more comfortable in navigating through Scripture. So we came up with some fun games to help us learn more about the Bible.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Trivia

The first is going to be a trivia game. We will have 2 teams face off like Family Feud. Each team will send one player up to the front and whoever grabs the flag/object on the table first has the first

chance to answer. If that player answers correctly that team will receive 1 point, if the player answers incorrectly the other team gets a chance to answer. If neither team answers correctly, no points are given and the next two players are sent up for the next question.

Materials Needed:

- 1 object to grab
- White board/Score card

Questions:

1. What is the first book in the Bible? (Genesis)
2. What is the first book in the New Testament? (Matthew)
3. Who was thrown in the lion's den? (Daniel)
4. What was the name of the town Jesus was born in? (Bethlehem)
5. Who was the first man God created? (Adam)
6. What was the name of the perfect garden Adam and Eve were placed in (Eden)
7. What is the last book in the Bible? (Revelation)
8. Who did God instruct to build an ark? (Noah)
9. How many books are there in the Bible? (66)
10. Who led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt? (Moses)
11. Who did the angels first tell when Jesus our Savior was born? (Shepherds)
12. Who said these words written in Luke 24:44, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled."? (Jesus)

I hope you had fun with this little Trivia Game! Some of these answers are from the Old Testament and some are found in the New Testament. Does anyone know the difference between the Old and New Testaments? The prophets foretold of Jesus coming in the Old Testament and in the New Testament we can read about his birth, life, death and resurrection. We can also find in the New Testament that Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice and we no longer have to follow the Jewish law found in the Old Testament or sacrifice animals for any sins we commit. Jesus was and is the only one that can live a sinless, righteous life and his death has paid for all of our sins.

Books of the Bible Relay Race

One step of being Biblically oriented is knowing how to navigate through the Bible. Does anyone remember the total number of books in the Bible, it was one of our Trivia questions? The answer is 66, 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.

In the front of your Bible there is a list of Contents and it has all the books of the Old and New Testament listed out. Lets take a few minutes to read through these before our next game.

(Teachers can also play the song from Planning Center App under the music file "His Word is Alive" during class time or for the Books of the Bible relay race)

Materials Needed:

- 4 gift bags/paper bags: 2 for each team labeled Old Testament & New Testament
- 2 sets of cards with all the books of the Bible listed

Two teams on opposite sides of the room race to get the correct book in the correct bag first. You can also have the students run one at a time from the pile of Books of the Bible cards and place their card in the correct bag, tagging their teammate when they complete their leg of the race.

Have a student volunteer check the answers against the table of contents list in their Bible.

Bingo

- Printed Bingo cards for each student
- Markers/coins/cheerios
- 1 set of Books of the Bible cards from the previous game

Hopefully these were some fun games to help you all become more familiar with some of the books of the Bible and a better idea of where you can find them. Just remember, being Biblically oriented does not just mean you know how to read and memorize scripture, but to actually allow it to change your attitude, the way you think, and the way you act on a daily basis.

Lets end in prayer as we focus on being more Biblically oriented.



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