


# HILLSIDE STUDENTS

## The Bible

### CONNECT


 Set out snacks! Add new students to the groups app! Take Attendance!

 **Play Fishbowl!** Fishbowl is a fan favorite and a great indoor game. If your group has never tried it, now is the time!


For instructions on how to play, you can check out this link:

<https://youtu.be/QO-2s4CEd1w?si=emFa1ynKuuvloj2S>

Your group can adjust the time per round as well as which round you choose to play just depending on what your group needs/wants!

 **Huddle Up:** Use this moment to re-gather the group! In your own words, let them know why we do group and what to expect the rest of the night. If needed, have the group share names/fun facts/highs & lows/etc!

### WATCH

 **Set up Discussion:** The Bible is a collection of 66 books that tell the Story of God and His People. One way we can connect with God and His Story is to study to Word of God!

 Pre-Video Question: Have your group answer one or both questions below!

- If you could add anything to the Olympics, what would you add? (ex: eating ice, 9-square, mowing the lawn)
- Would you rather have snakes for legs or snails for fingers?

Split up into smaller groups and navigate the discussion below:

### READ + DISCUSS

- What stood out from the video?
- **Read Joshua 1:8 & Psalm 1:1-3.** According to these passages, how does Scripture impact us?
- Has there been a time when regularly reading the Bible has a positive impact on you? Tell us about it!
- **Let's Practice!** Have everyone read Psalm 19:7-14 on their own. Work through the SOAP method (worksheet available on page 3) and then come back together to discuss how it went.
- What did you like about using SOAP to read Psalm 19? What was challenging about it?
- How could you repeat something like this on your own this week? (What will you read? When will you read it? And who can you talk to about it?)
- **Read Acts 2:42.** How can remaining in community help you grow in the habit of reading Scripture? And, how does reading Scripture make your time in community better?

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When we open the Bible and read stories, promises, or wisdom written thousands of years ago, we can know that they are completely relevant to our lives today- Because ALL scripture is inspired by an unchanging God who loves us and has invited us to be a part of His story.

Here's the thing though: Sometimes we convince ourselves that the Bible isn't relevant to our lives.

We may not say it out loud, but our actions and the way we spend our time might communicate...If it isn't as entertaining as TikTok, video games, or sports- then it's not worth my time. Or if the Bible is saying things I disagree with, or my desires disagree with, then it must be wrong or outdated. Or if the Bible isn't easy for me to understand, then it probably just isn't for me.

But anyone who has had their lives changed by the Word of God, would tell you that none of those feelings towards the Bible are actually true.

This week, tell your students about how studying scripture has changed YOUR life and help them find a rhythm of Bible study that works for them.

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**Read Joshua 1:8** *Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*

**Read Psalm 1:1-3** *1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.*

**Read Psalm 19:7-14** *7 The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. 9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. 13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. 14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

## SOAP METHOD

**Scripture:** Read these verses.

**Observe:** Look back at the verses you read and take notes about the following things.

★ Star: Draw a star next to anything that sticks out to you from the passage.

? Question Mark: Draw a question mark next to anything that you have a question about in this passage.

➡ Arrow: Underline or draw an arrow to any word(s) that help you remember what you want to take away from this passage.

🔄 Recap: In your own words, summarize the verses you just read.

**Apply:** Answer the questions below to help you apply this passage to your life.

What is one question I would want to ask God about this passage?

What is God trying to teach me or show me from these verses?

What am I going to do about it?

**Pray:** Write out a prayer to God based on what you just read!