

DATE: Sep. 17, 2025

SERIES: Open Your Bible!

TOPIC: To find Help, Heaven & Hope!

POWERLIFE

Big Questions: Have you ever read the Bible? If so, when do you read the Bible? How often? WHY do you open your Bible? What are you hoping to learn? (**HINT:** You should read your Bible as much as possible!)

Takeaway: God can speak to you through the words of scripture. He can bring help, healing and HOPE! Encourage your students to **OPEN THEIR BIBLE** (or Bible App) to read God's word!

GETTING STARTED

- **WELCOME BACK!** Anyone NEW tonight? Be sure they get supplies (if REGISTERED) For those who are just visiting as a friend, they can get supplies after they officially register.
- **TAKE ATTENDANCE!** If you have any students on your roster who did not show, please make notes if you have an update. Or, if anyone knows them, please text them!
 - Please make notes, and we can follow up with their families as well!

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- **SCHOOL YEAR** – What is something EXCITING about the school year ahead?
 - Is anyone nervous about something in the year ahead?
- **HIGHS/LOWS** – take time to go around the circle – allow space for students to share HIGHS (what's going well right now) and LOWS (what's not so great at the moment?)
 - Leaders, be mindful to offer encouragement (for both!!)

SMALL GROUP COVENANT!

- Take time to begin making suggestions and write down what you would like to include in your group covenant! Students should share their expectations for the group, and leaders should share their expectations, too!
- **NOTE: Each Student and Leader** in your group should sign these covenants!
- **Leave them in your folders for FUTURE reference (every week if needed!)**

WEEKEND WORSHIP JOURNALS

- Please make sure everyone received a Weekend Worship Journal! The goal is to complete the ENTIRE booklet this Fall! Students who do so will receive a PRIZE (that they can redeem at the leader table).

OPEN YOUR BIBLES!

- **Remind students to bring their Bibles EVERY Week!** (we have extras in the rooms or at the Leader Table if anyone needs to borrow one for the night!)
- Have students look up the following verses (pick a different student for each one!)
- NOTE: encourage students to work together & find the pages. HIGHLIGHT each verse!
 - **Proverbs 3:5-6**
 - *What is something you TRUST the Lord with in your life?*
 - **John 3:16**
 - *This is the most popular verse in the Bible. Why do you think that is?*
 - **Jeremiah 29:11**
 - *What does this verse say about God's plans for our future?*
 - **1 Corinthians 13:13**
 - *What are the **THREE** things that will last forever? Which is greatest?*
 - *Go around the group, in your own words, what does it mean to LOVE someone? Describe a time when YOU felt LOVED by someone.*
- **FOLLOW UP FROM LAST WEEK:**
 - Of all the "TITLES" you can have in life (Son/Daughter, Brother/Sister, Friend, Athlete, Musician, Artist, Smart, Funny, Tall/Short, Pretty, Strong, Kind, etc.)
 - WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER that you are a CHILD OF GOD? (open group discussion)

FOR THE WEEK AHEAD!

- Have students look up ONE MORE verse.
 - Ephesians 5:1-2
- QUESTION: How will you "live a life filled with love" this week? (Share ideas!)

PRAY TO END THE NIGHT!

- IDEAS: (pick one! Or multiple!)
- Leaders say a prayer of Gratitude and Blessing over the group!
- Ask if any STUDENTS want to close the time in prayer?
- Ask if anyone has a PRAYER REQUEST this week?
- Hold Hands – go around the circle to pray – squeeze hand to pass.
- Say the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father...")

CHECK OUT AT THE LEADER TABLE!

- Please take a moment to return your folder (and roster attendance) to the leader table. If you have feedback or notes, please leave those with us as well!!

THANK YOU!! HAVE A GREAT REST OF YOUR WEEK!