

# Making Your Bible Lessons Come to Life

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## The Challenge

We live in an increasing digital age.

*“Gen Alpha has a shorter attention span and is more inclined to learn visually or by experience, which makes traditional teaching methods ineffective.”*

*-Kid Check – Reaching Tech-Savvy Gen Alpha*

## Four Methods to Make the Bible Come Alive

### 1. Use the 5 Senses

- Sight – Visuals (PowerPoint, Video Clips, Props, Costumes)
- Sound – Creative Noises (Sound effects done by you or the children)
- Touch – Feeling (Physical Props)
- Taste – Things that could have been tasted from the Bible story
- Smell – Most Tied to Memory (surrounding smells, candles)

### 2. Two-Minute Warnings

*Have you done anything new or exciting in the past two minutes?*

- Clapping – key phrases or Bible verses
- Silly Voices – by you or the children
- Smartphone – Walk around the room to show a picture
- Mystery Bag – Something in the bag related to the lesson (feel inside or reveal)
- Strike a Pose – Have them stand up and pose like a character in the story
- Turn to Your Neighbor – Restating what just happened or answering a question
- Hand Acting – Have them use their hands to act out what just happened

### 3. Always Check for the Why

Ask pointed questions to help the children process why the lesson, story, or topic is relevant to them today.

## 4. Make the Bible Important

- Open your physical Bible when you teach the lesson
- Help them open their physical Bibles for the lesson (maybe just the main verse)
- Incentivize the children bringing their Bibles (you replicate what you celebrate)
- Teach them adult-y ways to use their Bible
  - How/What to Underline
  - How/What to Highlight
  - Writing notes in their Bible or a spare sheet of paper
  - Use meaningful bookmarks (missionary card or Bible study theme)
  - General Bible Care (cases, holding, not throwing)
- Talk about what you are learning from your personal time with God
  - Minister out of the overflow of your abiding relationship with Christ
  - Sync up with their personal Quiet Time
    - Word of Life Quiet Time Diaries for All Ages
    - <https://wolstore.org/collections/quiet-times-1>
    - Scan the QR Code



## Bonus: Try Out Word of Life Curriculum

- Dynamic Bible Lessons
- PowerPoint Visuals
- Small Group Discussion Guides
- Activity Sheets for Preschool Ministry
- Parent Connection Resources
- Get 13 Free Lessons for Your Church
  - Go to <http://multiply.life> (or scan the QR Code)
  - Create a free account
  - Enter your church information
  - Get 4 Free Lessons for Preschool Ministry
  - Get 4 Free Lessons for Elementary Ministry
  - Get 5 Free Lessons for Student Ministry
  - Contact your Word of Life Youth Ministry Coach for more information



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