



Blessing of the Bibles/Third Grade Bible Presentation

Leader:

Today is a special day because you are getting what looks like a book. It has a cover, pages, words, and pictures. When you open it, you'll notice that the pages of this book are so thin yet they are rich with stories of creation, growth, trust, sacrifice, and rebirth. These thin little pages connect you to one another and to everyone who has come before you. They also connect you to all of creation and also to God. The more you read this book the more you will realize this isn't just a regular book because these pages are still alive. Every time you open a Bible, you will have a different experience and you will always be changed.

As you read:

May you find yourself in one or several of these stories.

May you find comfort in reading how God uses people who struggle with choices, struggle to know who they are and where they belong.

May you be able to see that God uses people who ask questions and have doubts.

May you find the freedom to be who God is creating you to be, the best version of yourself.

May you find the confidence to love yourself so that you can fully love others.

May you find encouragement when the rest of the world is silent.

May you find challenge when you disagree with options that seem too easy.

Even though this book stopped being written, may the words you encounter on these pages help you live a life that continues the stories.

At this time Bibles may be presented. After everyone has received their Bible, close with the following.

Let us pray:

God, thank you for speaking to us in so many ways. We can hear you in laughter and songs, we can feel you in a friend's hug and a warm breeze, and through the Bible we can read words that can take root in our hearts. Thank you for your Bible. Thank you for the variety of ways we read stories that show how following you means joys and jags, questions, and doubts as well as joys and freedom. We know the pages of these Bibles are alive and vibrant. Help the words they contain jump to life to everyone who opens them. May each of these Bibles become beloved treasures, sources of life, as well as a constant friend. We ask this in the name of your Son, whose life, love, and resurrection help bring these pages to life. Amen.