

# Week 1 / Pre-School

## Introduction to the Bible

### Session plan

**Core value:** 'The Bible is powerful and sharper than a sword'

#### Key Verses:

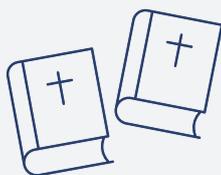
##### Isaiah 40.8

*'The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.'* (ESV)

##### Hebrews 4.12

*'For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword.'* (ESV)

#### Resources:



Two Bibles



Puppet



Toy sword



Bibles or images of Bibles for each child



ORIGINS  
& MEANING



EXODUS  
& FREEDOM



EXILE  
& PEACE



MESSIAH  
& LOVE



SPIRIT  
& COMMUNITY



HOPE  
& HOME

## Opening activity: Sword Fights

Ask children if anyone would like a sword fight (if children don't volunteer, then do this with willing adult). Hand your volunteer a Bible and with your own Bible pose as if ready to sword fight. Act out a mini sword fight with the two Bibles.

**Note:** This needs to be slow and gentle (given the age group) as you lead in a simple sword fight using the Bibles.

### Zoom tweak

Ask families on screen if they want a sword fight with you. Encourage them to go and find something safe like a straw or a toy sword they may have to hand – DON'T show them your sword is a Bible until the final moment. Say that on your count of three everyone can sword fight each other on screens. The leader sword fights with the Bible – if they don't notice, after a minute or so, ask them to stop and see what you fought with.

## Activity: Puppet Capers

Perform the following script using a puppet. (Use any puppet you have – ensure it is one with a mischievous personality. Here we use Carlos the Camel).

**Carlos:** What are you doing?

**Leader:** This book changes people's lives.

**Leader:** Having a sword fight.

**Carlos:** Elmer changed my life.

**Carlos:** You are using books to have a sword fight? CRAZY!!!

**Leader:** Really? How?

**Leader:** This isn't just any book, Carlos – this is 'the book of all books!'

**Carlos:** After reading it I painted myself in rainbow stripes – that was a BIG change.

**Carlos:** Yes, but it is NOT a sword.

**Leader:** A change you didn't keep! You don't seem to have rainbow stripes today?

**Leader:** It is actually sharper than any two-edged sword.

**Carlos:** No, the rain washed them away!

**Carlos:** Have you lost your marbles? It's a book, made from paper – NO SHARP EDGES (to children) she's crazy!!

**Leader:** The Bible is so powerful it will change your life forever! It is that powerful!

**Leader:** This book is the BEST book in the world!

**Carlos:** Way more powerful than a sword?

**Carlos:** It is no way better than Elmer.

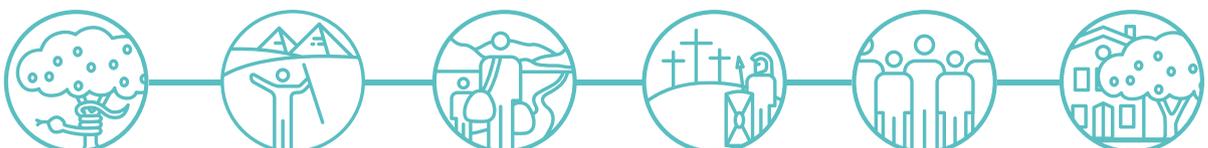
**Leader:** Way more!

**Leader:** It actually is, as this is a book full of God's words.

**Carlos:** I have an idea. Let's have a sword fight – but you use this (hand a toy sword) and I will use the Bible – (to children) I am SO going to win with the most powerful book in the world, full of God's words! Woohoo!

**Carlos:** God's words? NO WAY!

*(Have a small sword fight where the puppet wins)*



## Creative prayer

Arrange an assortment of Bibles or pictures of Bibles in a circle on the floor. Allow each child to hold their Bible or picture of one up like a sword (show the children how to do this). Quieter children can simply place their hands on the images/Bibles. Ask them to close their eyes. As they do, standing still, allow them to pretend to do a slow-motion sword fight (again demonstrate).

As they do this, say the following prayer:

### Pray

*Thank you for the Bible*

*Thank you it's the BEST book in the world*

*Thank you God for giving us a book full of your words*

*Thank you that it's more powerful than a sword*

*Amen*

### Zoom tweak

- Pre-ask families to have a Bible at hand
- Or email the front cover image of a Bible for them to print off

## Next Session:

### Session 2: Origins & Meaning

