



Circle Up

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

ASK

- What is your favorite part of the Bible?

SAY

Today we'll find out God's word helps us live right. Living right makes us happy, and it makes God happy. When we choose to live right that means we make good choices. We don't always know the right choice, and that's okay. That's why we have the bible. God will help us know the right choices to make when we learn his words and talk to him.

Watch

Watch today's teaching video lesson; use the YouTube App on your classroom's smart TV or to search for "Talk - about Video 11: "The Right Choice"
<https://vimeo.com/365090890>

ASK

- **When have you been in situations like the ones in the video?**
- **How did you know what to do?**
- **What other examples can you think of to show that God's Word helps us to live right?**

Have Fun Together

Use these activities to have fun together while learning about God.

Act it Out

Materials Needed: Bible, white paper plate, markers, stuffed animal, fancy plate, pointer finger

Read Daniel 5

Say: **The Bible tells about a kingdom where lots of God's friends lived. Some of the people were friends with God, and they made special plates to celebrate God. Show nice dinner plate. The plates God's friends made were very special and meant to be used only for celebrating and remembering God. Set out paper plates and makers, lead kids to make special plates to celebrate God.**

Say: **The Bible tells about a king who decided to have a big party in his kingdom. This king wasn't friends with God, and he didn't care about making good choices. He even worshiped fake gods! Hold up the stuffed animal. This isn't a real animal - it's fake! It's like the fake gods the king celebrated.**

Say: **So, since this stuffed animal is not real, what do we know it can't do? It can't eat, sleep, or make sounds. The king's fake gods couldn't do anything, either! They were just made of wood or metal. But the king still got out fancy dishes for his pretend gods!**

Say: **He used the fancy dishes that were supposed to be used only for celebrating and remembering the one real God. He didn't care. All along, he was making very wrong choices and celebrating the pretend gods!**

Say: **In the middle of his party, something strange and surprising happened. A big finger appeared! Hold up a Finger. And the finger started writing on the wall! Make scribbles on the whiteboard or large sheet of paper.**

Say: **No one understood what the big finger had written. Point to your scribbles. We can't tell what this says, either. The king asked all different kinds of people to tell him what the writing on the wall said, but no one could tell him! Then the king heard about a man named Daniel. Daniel was God's good friend, and Daniel knew what the Bible, or God's word, said. Have kids give a thumbs up.**

Say: **The king invited Daniel to read what was on the wall, and Daniel could tell because he knew they were God's words. Daniel knew God's word helps us live right. Daniel told the king he was in trouble for making a lot of bad choices. But the king was so happy Daniel could read the writing that he gave Daniel a purple robe! It showed everyone that Daniel was important. He became very important because he knew God's word helps us live right.**

Game

Materials: treasure clues, fun stickers

- Hide a clue near each designated location so clues lead in a circle from one location to another. Place clues so they're near the objects but will take some effort for the kids to find.
- Assign an adult or teen family member to one location to start, and give him or her the final clue.

Pray

Dear God, thank you for helping us to make good choices. Help us to use your word to guide our ways.
In Jesus' name we pray, amen!