

KIDMUNITY | God's Word, My Life

Lesson 06: The Bible is Alive

Large Group Script

Bottom Line:

God still speaks to us through His Word today.

Memory Verse:

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword... **Hebrews 4:12**

Supplies Needed

- Large Bible (to hold up)
- Slides with Hebrews 4:12
- Slides of Gen Alpha slang words (with True/False answers)
- Slides of 1920s slang words (with True/False answers)
- Slide with outdated instructions (VHS, floppy disk, dial-up, etc.)
- Slide with funny outdated laws
- Sword prop (foam sword for safety)
- Slide with microscope, X-ray, and CAT scan images
- Optional: seed/acorn or picture of an oak tree

Welcome & Hook: Living Words

[Hold up Bible.]

"Today's memory verse is Hebrews 4:12. It says:

'For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword...'

That's kind of strange, right? Words that are alive? Words that are active? And sharper than a sword? That's not how we usually describe words. We're going to unpack what that means today – but first, let's start with a game."

Game: Dead Words vs. New Words

Invite 2 adult volunteers and 2 kids to the stage.

Gen Alpha Questions (for the Adult)

1. True/False: If someone says you have “rizz,” it means you’re really boring. (*False – it means charisma or charm.*)
2. True/False: “Cap” means a lie, and “No Cap” means you’re telling the truth. (*True*)
3. True/False: If someone says “bet,” it means they’re mad at you. (*False – it means okay or deal.*)
4. True/False: “Drip” means your clothes are out of style. (*False – it means your clothes look cool.*)
5. True/False: If a song “slaps,” it means it’s really good. (*True*)

1920s Questions (for the Kids)

1. True/False: If something is the “bee’s knees,” it means it’s really cool or the best. (*True*)
2. True/False: “Giggle water” was another word for milk. (*False – it was alcohol or soda pop.*)
3. True/False: “23 Skidoo” meant it was time to leave quickly. (*True*)
4. True/False: If someone said everything was “Jake,” it meant everything was going wrong. (*False – it meant everything was fine.*)
5. True/False: A “dewdropper” was a hard worker who woke up early. (*False – it meant lazy young man.*)

Dismiss volunteers with applause.

Dead Words Fade

“Pretty funny, right? Slang changes. The words that sounded cool in the 1920s don’t mean anything today. And the words we use now will sound silly to kids 100 years from now.

It’s not just slang. Lots of words lose meaning over time.”

Old Instructions

- “Be kind, rewind.” (VHS tapes)
- Install a floppy disk.
- Set up AOL dial-up internet. (“You’ve Got Mail!”)
- Develop film at Walgreens.

Funny Laws

- Alabama: It is illegal to wear a fake mustache in church that makes people laugh.

- Arizona: Donkeys can't sleep in bathtubs.
- Georgia: No ice cream cones in your back pocket on Sundays.
- Connecticut: A pickle must bounce to be considered a pickle.
- North Carolina: Bingo games can't last more than 5 hours.

"These words mattered once, but not anymore. They're dead words."

God's Word is Living and Active

"But the Bible is different. Hebrews says, *'The Word of God is alive and active.'* That means even though it was written thousands of years ago, it still speaks truth today.

Think about trees. An oak tree drops acorns, or a pine tree drops pinecones. Those seeds land in the ground, take root, and grow into new trees. Living things produce more life. That's what God's Word does. When it's planted in your heart, it grows and changes you."

Stories of Transformation

- **Augustine of Hippo (354–430 AD, North Africa)**
Brilliant but reckless, chasing pleasure and ignoring God. One day he opened the Bible to Romans 13:13–14 about turning away from darkness. Those words pierced his heart, and he gave his life to Jesus. Augustine became one of the greatest church leaders in history.
- **John Wesley (1703–1791, England)**
Already a preacher, but unsure if God truly loved him. One night in London, someone read from Romans. Wesley later wrote, *"I felt my heart strangely warmed."* That moment changed him forever, and he helped lead a revival that spread across England and America.
- **William Wilberforce (1759–1833, England)**
A wealthy politician living comfortably until he encountered the Bible. God's Word gave him a new mission: end slavery. He spent decades fighting for freedom, and in 1807 the slave trade was abolished. In 1833, slavery itself was outlawed in England – just days before Wilberforce died.

Sharper Than a Double-Edged Sword

[Hold sword prop.]

"But Hebrews doesn't just say God's Word is alive and active. It says it's *sharper than any double-edged sword.*

Back then, a double-edged sword was the sharpest weapon anyone knew. It cut both ways. It pierced deep. That's the picture — God's Word goes straight to the heart.

If Hebrews was written today, maybe it would say God's Word is like a **microscope**, or an **X-ray**, or a **CAT scan** — because those tools can see what our eyes can't. They go beneath the surface, deep inside.

That's what God's Word does. It's not about hurting us. It's about revealing truth. It cuts through our excuses. It digs past the walls we put up. It shows us what's really in our hearts — our thoughts, our attitudes, our motives. God's Word pierces because it's true.”

Wrap-Up & Challenge

“So when Hebrews says the Word of God is alive, active, and sharper than a sword, here's what it means:

- God's Word isn't dead or outdated — it's alive.
- It produces life, like a seed that grows into a mighty oak.
- It transforms lives, like Augustine, John Wesley, and William Wilberforce.
- And it pierces our hearts, showing us the truth we need most.

God's Word is alive, and He wants to speak to you through it.”

Lead kids in reciting Hebrews 4:12 together.