

KIDMUNITY | God's Word, My Life

Lesson 10: Rooted in God's Word

Large Group Script

Bottom Line:

I can live by God's Word in everything I do.

Memory Verse:

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Joshua 1:8

Supplies Needed

- Large Bible (to hold up)
- Slide with Joshua 1:8 (memory verse)
- 2 small LEGO sets (identical)
- 2-3 kids per team
- Flash paper copy of LEGO instructions (or shredder/prop to destroy instructions)
- Stopwatch/timer
- Large road map and/or car atlas
- (Optional) printed MapQuest page
- Phone with GPS

Welcome & Hook: Lego Challenge Without Instructions

"Let's start today with a challenge! I need two teams of 2-3 kids to come up here."

(Hand each team a small LEGO set. Hold up the instructions dramatically.)

"Normally, you'd use these to know exactly how to build it. But today, we're doing something different."

(Light the flash paper instructions – whoosh! Or shred/tear the instructions in front of the kids. Toss the pieces in the air.)

"Uh oh! No instructions for you! You'll have 3 minutes to build your set the best you can without knowing how it's supposed to look. Ready? Set? Go!"

(Run the game with timer. Kids scramble. After time, compare their attempts to the box picture.)

“Wow, that was tough, wasn’t it? Without instructions, you didn’t know where to start or how the pieces fit together. You were just guessing. That’s kind of what life is like without God’s Word. We try to figure things out on our own, but we end up lost or confused. God gave us His Word so we’d know how to build a life that works.”

Transition to Scripture

“Let’s look at a time in the Bible when God’s people were facing something really big, and see what God told their leader about how to live.”

Bible Teaching: Joshua 1:8

“A long time ago, God’s people, the Israelites, had been freed from slavery in Egypt. Moses led them out, but instead of going straight into the Promised Land, they wandered in the desert for 40 years. During that time, God was teaching them to trust Him and follow Him with all their hearts.

Finally, the moment came to enter the land. But Moses wasn’t going to lead them in. That job was given to Joshua, Moses’ helper. Can you imagine how Joshua felt? Nervous. Overwhelmed. A whole nation depending on him. Battles ahead. And his mentor, Moses, wasn’t going with him.

So God gave Joshua these words of encouragement.”

(Read directly from the Bible.)

“Joshua 1:8 — ‘Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.’”

“God told Joshua not to be afraid, because He would be with him every step of the way. But God also gave him three clear instructions:

- **Keep this Book of the Law on your lips.** Talk about it. Teach it. Remind yourself and others of God’s Word.
- **Meditate on it day and night.** Think about it all the time. Fill your mind with God’s Word morning and night.
- **Do everything written in it.** Don’t just talk about it. Don’t just think about it. Live it out.

That's how Joshua would be strong and successful — not because of his own power, but because his life was guided by God's Word."

GPS Illustration

"You know, kids today have it easy when it comes to finding directions. You have GPS right on your phone. But it wasn't always that way.

Back then, we had to use maps."

(Hold up large road map, struggle to fold/unfold it.)

"You'd try to figure out which road was which, and then spend forever trying to fold it back.

Or you'd call a friend and they'd say, 'Turn left at the gas station... if you pass the Dairy Queen, you went too far.' My parents had a giant atlas in the car with maps for every state!

Then came MapQuest — you typed in your address and destination, printed out directions, and hoped you didn't miss a turn.

Then came the GPS — a screen in your car that talked to satellites and told you where to go. And now? GPS is in every phone."

(Hold up phone.)

"Here's the point: without directions, you're just guessing. You'll probably get lost. But with GPS, you know exactly where to go.

That's what God's Word is like. Without it, we're just guessing how to live life. But when we follow God's Word — talk about it, think about it, do it — our lives go in the right direction. We live strong and lasting lives."

Bringing It Home

(Read Joshua 1:8 again to close.)

'Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.'

"Joshua's instructions are our instructions too. God's Word is our foundation, our instructions, our GPS. Remember our Bottom Line today:

I can live by God's Word in everything I do.

This week, don't just guess your way through life. Let God's Word guide you — in your thoughts, your words, and your actions.”

(Close in prayer.)