

# KIDMUNITY | God's Word, My Life

## Lesson 06: The Bible is Alive

### Small Group Guide

#### 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

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## Activity One: Match the Verse to Its Impact

### Introduction for Leaders

This activity helps kids see that God's Word is powerful because it speaks directly into real life. Each verse is short and memorable, and each one carries a unique impact like courage, comfort, wisdom, guidance, or love. Kids will practice matching verses with the effect they can have on someone's life. The goal is to show that Scripture is not just old words but alive and active, making a difference today.

### Supplies Needed

- 6 verse cards (see list below)
- 6 impact statement cards (see list below)
- 2 or 3 full sets of verse and impact cards for older kids so they can work in smaller groups

### Verse Cards

1. Joshua 1:9 – "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
2. Deuteronomy 31:6 – "The Lord your God goes with you, he will never leave you nor forsake you."
3. Psalm 56:3 – "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."
4. 1 John 4:19 – "We love because he first loved us."
5. James 1:5 – "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all."
6. Psalm 119:105 – "Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light on my path."

## Impact Cards

1. I can be brave in scary situations.
2. I am never completely alone.
3. I do not have to fear anything, I can lean on God.
4. I can love others because God loved me first.
5. I can ask God for help when I need to make a choice.
6. I can follow God's Word to know the right path.

## Activity Instructions

Kinder / 1st Grade: Use only three verse cards and three impact cards at a time. Lay out the verses on one side and the impacts on the other. Work together as a group to match them. The leader can guide by reading the verses out loud and asking which impact fits best. Once the matches are made, swap in the other three verses and effects to play again.

2nd / 3rd and 4th / 5th Grade: Divide kids into smaller teams. Give each team a full set of verse cards and impact cards. Let them race to see which group can correctly match all the verses with their impacts first. Afterward, bring everyone back together and review the matches out loud.

## Teaching Connection

"Did you notice how each verse speaks to a different part of life? Some verses give courage, some bring comfort, some give wisdom, and some show us love. That is why Hebrews 4:12 says God's Word is alive and active. It does not just stay on the page; it changes how we live today."

## Discussion Questions

*Kinder / 1st Grade*

1. Which verse was your favorite today and why
2. How does it make you feel to know God's Word can help you right now

*2nd / 3rd Grade*

1. Which verse would help you the most if you were afraid, worried, or unsure what to do
2. How does knowing God's Word is alive make it different from any other book

*4th / 5th Grade*

1. Which verse do you think you would want to remember the next time you face something hard
2. Why do you think God's Word still works today even though it was written thousands of years ago

# Activity Two: Seeds of Transformation

## Introduction for Leaders

This activity uses a simple seed as a visual and tactile object to help kids grasp the power of God's Word. Just as a seed has the potential to grow into something strong and life-giving, God's Word, when planted in our hearts, has the power to transform us – not just for a season, but for eternity.

## Supplies Needed

- Small seeds (acorns, sunflower seeds, beans, etc.) – one per child

## Activity Instructions

1. Give each child a seed to hold.
2. Ask guiding questions about the seed:
  - What do you see? (It's small, simple, ordinary.)
  - What could this seed become? (A tree, a flower, a plant that feeds people or animals.)
  - How does it grow? (It needs soil, water, sunlight, and time.)
  - What's amazing about seeds? (They carry life inside them. They can stay buried for a long time, then suddenly sprout. One seed can multiply into many seeds.)
3. Transition: "Words can be like seeds. Sometimes one word, phrase, or message gets planted in our hearts, and it sticks. It shapes us. It grows into something big in our lives."
4. Invite a **leader to share** briefly about a time God's Word changed them – maybe a verse, a phrase from a sermon, or a truth that gave them courage or direction.
5. Give kids space to respond:
  - Has anyone ever heard a word, phrase, or message that really stuck with them?
  - How did it make you feel? Did it change how you acted or what you believed?

## Teaching Connection

"Hebrews 4:12 says God's Word is alive and active. That means it's like a seed. It has power inside it. When planted in your life, it can take root and grow into something beautiful and strong. Augustine, John Wesley, William Wilberforce – their lives were changed forever by God's Word. And God can do the same in you."

## Reflection & Prayer Moment

- Invite kids to quietly look at the seed in their hand.
- Say: “Just like this seed can grow into something much bigger, God’s Word can grow in your heart. Let’s take a moment to ask God to plant His Word deeply in us.”
- Lead a short prayer:  
“God, thank You for giving us Your Word. Just like a seed grows into a tree, may Your Word grow in our hearts. Help it take root, help it shape us, and help it bear fruit in our lives. Plant Your truth deep inside us, so that we will be strong in You. Amen.”

(Option: give kids a few moments of silence afterward, encouraging them to whisper their own prayer to God if they want.)

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## Discussion Questions

### Kinder / 1st Grade

- What do you think a seed needs to grow big and strong?
- How can God’s Word help you when you feel scared or sad?
- What is one thing you can do this week to remember a Bible verse?

### 2nd / 3rd Grade

- How did holding a seed help you understand what God’s Word can do in someone’s life?
- Which of the verses we matched today feels most powerful to you and why?
- If God’s Word is like a light for your path, what kind of choices could it help you make?

### 4th / 5th Grade

- How do the transformation stories of Augustine, John Wesley, or William Wilberforce show that Scripture is active and not just history?
- What difference does it make to know that God’s Word can see into our thoughts and motives like an X-ray or microscope?
- If someone told you the Bible is just an old book, what would you say to show them it is alive and powerful?