

The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, That's the Book For Me

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Decorations

At the front of your meeting location, place a music stand. Put a Bible on it with flowers flowing off to one side. Puddle the fabric at the base of the stand with several musical instruments on it. Place Bibles and instruments on the tables. Write or type one or more verses from Psalms 119 onto musical score paper. Some suggested verses Psalm 119:10,11,14, 16, 32, 34, 35, 72, 76, 96, 103, 111 or 171. Score paper can be found at teacher supply stores. Roll them into scrolls and tie with ribbon with musical notes on it. Place on the tables or give to each guest as they leave so they can take a medley of God's Word home with them.

Refreshments

In Bible times Jewish mothers would drop honey on Scripture scrolls to teach their children from the earliest age that God's Word is sweet and should be memorized. Psalm 119:103 says, "How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Serve slices of Scripture cake.

Scripture Cake

Print a fill in sheet for women to complete as each verse is read in order to find the next ingredient. Use the King James translation for this exercise.

- 4 1/4 cups 1 Kings 4:22 (flour)
- 1 cup Judges 5:25b (butter)
- 2 cups Jeremiah 6:20
(sugar sweet cane)
- 2 cups 1 Samuel 30:12b (raisins)
- 2 cups Numbers 17:8 (almonds)
- 2 tbls. 1 Samuel 14:25 (honey)
- 1 pinch Leviticus 2:13 (salt)
- 6 Jeremiah 17:11 (eggs)
- 1/2 cup Judges 4:19b (milk)

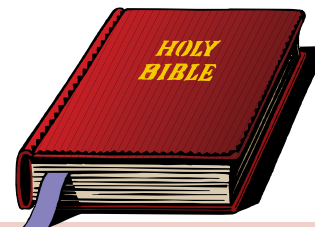
Follow the instructions as given in Proverbs 23:14 (beat together). Bake as a loaf for 50 minutes at 325 degrees. Slices best after cooling for one hour.

Program Ideas

To set the tone for the program, open by singing through the Psalms. Have a contest to see who can find the following Scripture passages the fastest. When the verse is found, the correct chorus must be sung aloud or spoken. Award musical prizes such as kazoo's, whistle candy or noise makers.

- ❖ Psalm 100:4 "I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart"
- ❖ Psalm 119:105 "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet"
- ❖ Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd"
- ❖ Psalm 42:1 "As the deer"
- ❖ Psalm 113:3 "From the rising of the sun"
- ❖ Psalm 8:1 "How majestic is Your name"
- ❖ Psalm 51:10 12 "Create in me a clean heart"
- ❖ Psalm 89:1 "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever"

- ❖ Psalm 146:1 "Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah"
- ❖ Psalm 118:24 "This is the day"
- ❖ Psalm 47:1 "Clap your hands all ye people"
- ❖ Psalm 18:3 "I will call upon the Lord"



I Have a Wonderful Treasure

I like the chorus, "I have a wonderful treasure ... gift of God without measure, and so we travel together, my Bible and I!" because it reminds me of how precious God's Word is. What treasures are found in Psalms.

Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm and the longest chapter in the entire Bible. There is important meaning for us in this portion of Scripture. It is a continual meditation of the beauty and importance of God's Word for our lives. He (God) is referred to in almost all of its 176 verses. This collection or instruction manual for living a godly life is outlined as an acrostic. For each of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, eight verses are given. This was most likely useful in the ancient tradition of memorizing the Scriptures to ensure these vital instructions would be passed from generation to generation. Remember in Bible times, only the affluent could afford to own a copy of the Scriptures. We can and should learn a lesson from times past! If we are to travel together with God's Word, then we must commit it to memory.

Psalm 119:11 instructs us to hide God's Word in our heart so that we will not be prone to sin against our Heavenly Father. Evangelist Dwight L. Moody said it best: "Sin will keep you from this Book or this Book will keep you from sin."

There is much to learn from God's Word in Psalm 119:

- * Verse 129 His statutes are wonderful! They are meant for our good.
- * Verse 130 When we study the Word of the Lord, we will receive illumination and understanding.
- * Verse 131 We should long after His instruction for our life.
- * Verse 132 We find ourselves in an intimate relationship with God through the Scriptures.
- * Verse 133 Clear direction is found within the pages of the Bible.
- * Verse 134 Freedom is obtained in the study of God's Word.
- * Verse 135 As we study the law of the Lord, He will give us wisdom to apply it to our lives. We have no need to fear the study of the Bible.
- * Verse 136 As Christians, our heart's desire and passion should be the knowledge of God's Word.

How can we really know the heart of God if we do not know His Word? Verse 165 of this powerful chapter says, "Great peace have they who love Your law, and nothing can make them stumble." When we have a firm footing in the precepts of God's wonderful Word, we can be assured of a solid foundation on which to stand. Then and only then are we equipped to run this race and get to the finish line!