

Welcome and Play Time 10 Min

These lessons are designed for 2-6 year olds. If the children in your group are older or younger adjust the lesson to fit. When you're adjusting make sure that you leave the Word of God as it is. It is more important for kids to hear the Word and have the words of the Bible written on their hearts than it is for them to be entertained. We teach our kids by example and reading straight from the Bible is a great way to model being an approved Word handler!

Use this time as people are arriving for the kids to get comfortable with each other and settled in so that Mom and Dad can enjoy small group.

Bible Lesson Activities 20 Min

**Activity 1 - Wrangler Phil** Last week we talked about how careful we had to be with God's word. Your parents work hard to make sure that you know about the Bible and God's Word. Sometimes people have different ideas about things and they make up stories or even tell lies about what something means to make it look or seem better.



Here is my friend Wrangler Phil. (See attached sheet with pictures). Over at Wrangler Phil's house they do lots of silly things. They make up stories and lies to make their food taste better. Wrangler Phil's mom gives him this: (hold up picture of a plate of brussels sprouts) and says, "Eat your chocolate!" **What is wrong with this picture?** Does anyone know what these are? (Brussels sprouts) Do they taste like chocolate? Not even close. But Wrangler Phil's mom calls them chocolate, so they must be chocolate right? When someone tells you something that seems funny you need to ask your Mom or Dad about it to find out the truth.

At Wrangler Phil's house they do some other strange things. When Wrangler Phil's mom says, "Go take a bath," they go in the back yard and do this: (show picture of muddy girl). **Is this what your bath time is like?** I hope not! Why do we take baths? To get clean right?! What is Wrangler Phil's family doing when they take a "bath?" (Getting dirty) It is important to know what someone means before you agree to do it!

**At dinner time and before bedtime and anytime during the day when we want to talk to God what do we do?** (Pray) Wrangler Phil's family sits down before dinner for "prayer time" they all say this:

May your boots never pinch, Your crops never fail, May you eat lots of beans, And stay out of jail!!



**Does that sound like a strange prayer to you? Who do we pray to?** (God the Father) **Does anyone know why we say "In Jesus Name" at the end?** Before Jesus came, people had to talk to God through a high priest because man was sinful and couldn't be in the presence of our Holy God. When Jesus came and died on the cross he took the punishment for all the sins that kept us from talking to God on our own. He was perfect and his death allowed us to talk to God like we are perfect. We say "In Jesus Name" because Jesus is the one that allows us to talk to God ourselves. **What was wrong with Wrangler Phil's family prayer?**

## Activity 2: Craftsmen

Do you know anyone who makes things out of wood? It takes lots of skill and hard work to make a chair or a table or anything out of wood.

Look around the room you are in. Is there anything made out of wood in the room? Pretend to be builders. Take toy tools or pretend tools around the room and give each child an opportunity to "build" with care. Point out the aspects of building that take more care like the connections or any carving work. If your room doesn't have any wood furniture then bring small wooden carved items from home to show the children.

**God wants us to take as much care with reading and sharing his Word as we would if we were making a piece of furniture or building a house.**



## Activity 3: B-I-B-L-E Right and Wrong

The Bible tells us what the TRUTH is! We're going to take a little test to see how well you've been listening. I'm going to say some things about the Bible and if they are true then say "RIGHT". If they are not true then say "WRONG".

- **We have to be very careful to only read it once a YEAR.** (WRONG. Joshua 1:8 (ESV) says, "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.")
- **God's word, the Bible, is true all the time.** (RIGHT. John 17:17 says, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.")
- **It is too hard to learn about God or what He wants us to do.** (WRONG. Psalm 25:5 says, "Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.")

The Bible holds everything we need to know God. We need to read it all the time and be very careful with what it says because it is the truth. God will teach us to know Him as we read His Word.

Sing "The B-I-B-L-E"

The B-I-B-L-E! Yes that's the book for me! I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E!

## Bible Reading Time & Scripture Memory 10 Min

Have a small snack for the kids like pretzels or cheerios to help encourage quiet mouths and listening ears. Pray and thank God for the truth he gives us in His Word. Don't be afraid to just read the word to them. These kiddos memorize naturally through hearing the Word, and we want them to be familiar with the Word they will use later.

### Read 2 Timothy 2:14-19 (NASB) Read from a Bible if you have one available

14 Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. 15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 16 But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."

**Discuss with the children what the verses mean.** Paul has been teaching us and Timothy in the book of 2 Timothy that we have an important message that we need to guard and protect for Jesus. In these verses Paul is reminding Timothy how very careful he has to be as he is reading and sharing God's Word with people. **What did Wrangler Phil's family do that was wrong?** Just like in these verses they were making the words mean wrong things. This is very dangerous. **What does Paul say we need to be like?** A diligent (hard working), and precise (careful with details) workman. **Where is the place we need to look to find truth?** The Bible! The Bible is God's gift to us. It holds truth and He will teach us how to do the right thing as we seek Him and read the Bible.

We've been learning some verses and this is a great way to write God's truth on our hearts! Can anyone remember last week's verse (2 Timothy 2:11 It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him.)

Lets learn another one! Sing to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" (or make up your own tune!)

**Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15**

## Coloring Sheet 10 Min

Have older children help the younger children with their coloring sheet. Talk about the Bible reading as you color. Help reinforce the Bible verse and what it means as they color.

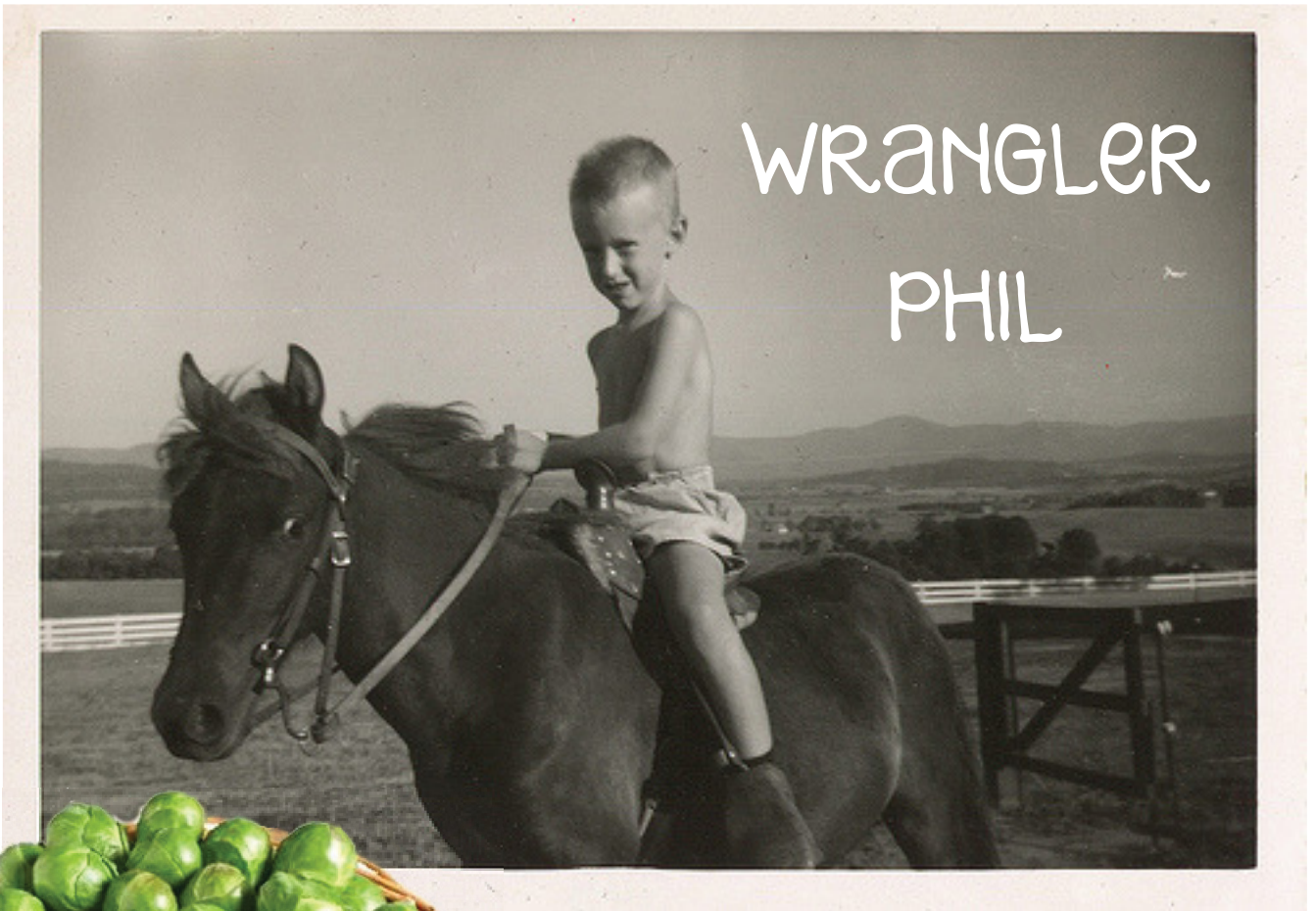
## Closing/Clean Up 5 Min

Clean up and make sure everyone has shoes on, coloring sheets in hand and everything is put back in the room. Be encouraged! You have just shared some great truth with these kids. Pray for them this week that the seeds planted will penetrate their hearts and that they will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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2 Timothy 2:11

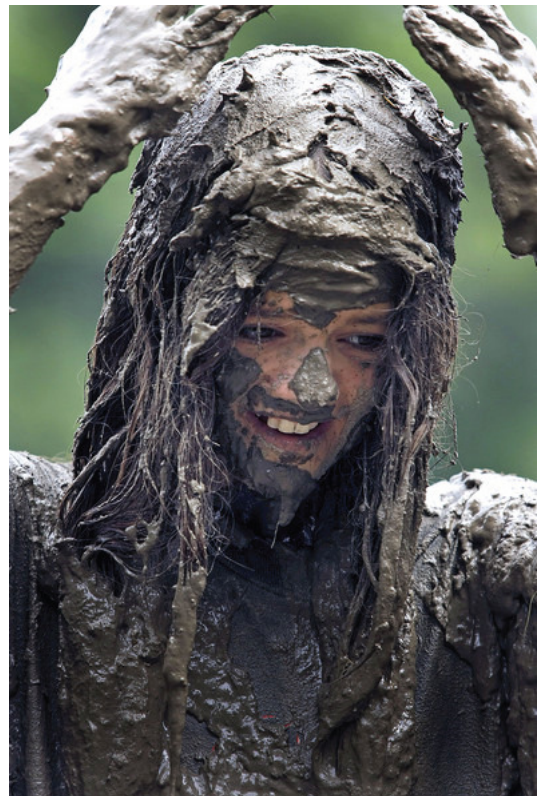




Chocolate



Prayer time



Bath Time