

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

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OBJECTIVE:

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KEY PASSAGE:

2 Timothy 3:10-17, Paul's Charge to Timothy

MEMORY VERSE:

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SUMMARY:

Taco Bell wants us to "Think Outside the Bun." When it comes to living a life for Jesus, we aren't supposed to go it alone. We need other Christians to help us and we need God's word to guide us.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us the Bible to help us find our way.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

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LARGE GROUP:

Write each word of the verse on a poster board. Bring enough kids on stage so each kid can hold one of the words. Then have the kids unscramble the words and put them in order on stage so it can be read by the audience.

SMALL GROUP:

Have the kids collaborate on a musical version of the Bible verse. Can it be sung to a popular tune, or can you invent your own?

SKIT

INSIDE THE BIBLE

ITEMS NEEDED:

Two small tables
Two chairs
Two phones with tripods or stands
A Taco Bell bag

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

Pat – A YouTube host specializing in fast food
Jim – A YouTube host who talks about faith

Each week, the set for these skits will be the same: two small tables with a chair behind each table.

Pat and Jim sit at the tables with a bag of Taco Bell. Pat sets up her phone on a small tripod or stand to film herself.

PAT: Hey, guys, it's Pat, and it's time for another edition of Fast Food Fun! And hey, look who's with me this week!

JIM: What's up, dudes?

PAT: That's right, it's Jim with the Fast Faith show. He seems to keep crashing in on me every time I do a show, so when he suggested we do a joint show, I said, might as well stop fighting it.

JIM: If you haven't already, click the subscribe button to tell YouTube you love us. Now on with the show. Pat, what are we eating today?

PAT: Well, Jim, as you know, there are a lot of burger places in the fast food business, but today, I decided to think outside the bun.

JIM: Ooooh, you got tacos!

PAT: Yes I did, and they look amazing.

SKIT

JIM: You know, Pat, it's funny you were thinking outside something today, because I'm thinking inside something.

PAT: Is that so?

JIM: Instead of thinking outside the bun, or even outside the box, I want to think inside the Bible!

PAT: Inside the Bible? What's that mean?

JIM: Pat, how many times have you faced a problem and tried to solve it on your own?

PAT: Oh, all the time!

JIM: And how often does that work out for you?

PAT: Sometimes. A few times. No, almost never.

JIM: Pat, we weren't meant to face life's problems alone. God gave us His wisdom in a book called the Bible. We can find the answers to life's big challenges in there, and with God's help, we can make the right choices.

PAT: Cool. But the Bible is sometimes hard for me to understand. What do I do then?

JIM: That's when we can take it to a parent, a pastor, an older sibling, someone with a little more understanding than we have. They can pray with us and help us to decide the best thing to do.

PAT: Jim, that sounds so much better than trying to do everything on my own.

JIM: Like I said, we weren't meant to face life's challenges alone. We can rely on God to give us direction, but we have to start thinking inside the Bible!

PAT: That's amazing, Jim. Even more amazing than this double decker taco!

JIM: Here, let me try that!

Jim takes a bite.

PAT: Hey, save some for me!

JIM: Guys, click that like button, then grab that Bible. It's time to think inside the Bible! See you next time!

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

Three different fast food burgers and a Taco Bell taco

Let's play a game, guys. It's called, "One of these things is not like the others." Can you tell me which of these foods is different, and why?

Taco Bell wants you to "Think outside the bun." Often times, when you need to grab a bite in a hurry, they are the only alternative to sandwich places. Taco Bell thrives on being different, and they're always thinking outside the bun for new and exciting menu ideas.

God wants us to think inside the Bible when we face problems in our lives. He did not make us to face life's challenges alone, and He wants us to rely on the Bible for wisdom. The more we think inside the Bible, the wiser we will become. Whether we read by ourselves or with someone who can help us understand it more, the Bible will enable us to think outside the box and do what is right.

When you have a problem this week, don't go it alone. Think inside the Bible, and you'll find the answers you need.

LARGE GROUP GAME

BURRITO RACE

ITEMS NEEDED:

Sleeping Bag

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose two teams for this game. Each player will become a burrito by getting into the sleeping bag and either roll or jump to a line across the room and back. The team that can get all of their burritos there and back first wins.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Instead of thinking outside the box we need to think inside the Bible and turn to God's Word for advice.

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INTRO:

When you're in the mood for a burger, how do you decide which burger to get? Do you go for the place that offers the best kids meal? Do you choose the one with the best fries? Or is there one burger that really stands out from the pack?

In the fast food world, there are many options for burger lovers. You can drive down some streets and take your pick from McDonalds, Wendys, Burger King, Hardees, Jack in the Box, White Castle, Rallys, and more. If you're really feeling crazy, and have the time, you can mix and match – grab a cheeseburger from one place and fries from another. But where do you go when you're not in the mood for a burger?

That's when you go to Taco Bell! When you're in the mood for something other than another burger, Taco Bell is there. You won't find anything on a bun inside Taco Bell, but you will find plenty of options for your non-burger cravings. They have burritos, Chalupas, quesadillas, Quesaritos, nachos, Mexican pizzas, and of course, tacos, including hard tacos, soft tacos, and double decker tacos.

There are a handful of fast food places that do tacos, but none of them have the reach of Taco Bell. In most places Taco Bell is the one alternative to sandwiches, which inspired their motto: "Think outside the bun." It's a play on the old saying, "Think outside the box," which is really a phrase that means, "Don't settle for ordinary. Get creative!"

Today we want to inspire you so that you will not settle for ordinary. Rather than facing life's problems alone, we want you to tap into the wisdom of the ages and think inside the Bible. God gave us the Bible to give us wisdom and direction beyond our years, and if we learn to use the Bible the way God intended, we will find we can think outside the box by thinking inside the Bible!

LARGE GROUP LESSON

READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17

MAIN POINT:

Timothy was a young pastor and a student of Paul. For many years, Timothy relied on Paul for advice, but as Paul wrote this letter, he knew he was not going to be around much longer. Paul urged Timothy not to go it alone. He told him to think inside the Bible. Timothy had been taught from a young age the importance of learning the scriptures, and Paul reminded Timothy to rely on the Bible.

God gave us the Bible so we could have His wisdom at our finger tips. The same words that encouraged Timothy as a young pastor are available to inspire us today. We can learn from these 66 books how to face any challenge that comes our way. When you're facing a problem, when you have a tough decision, don't go it alone. Think inside the Bible, and get the wisdom you need.

DRIVE IT HOME:

The Bible is the Word of God. It teaches us who we are, who created us, and why we were created. It tells us how sin entered and corrupted the world, and it tells the story of how Jesus came to save us from sin. In between these stories are stories about countless men and women that show us the right way – and sometimes the wrong way – to deal with life's problems. Over and over, we see that the men and women who leaned on God for their wisdom made the right choices. We see good kings leading their people in worship. We see ordinary men becoming extraordinary evangelists for Jesus. We see ordinary people standing up for justice and becoming heroes, not because they were great, but because God is great.

In every circumstance where we see someone doing something right, we see that did not do it alone. God was with them. These heroes of the faith relied on God and the Word of God to help them have courage and make the right choices. They got on their knees and prayed when they were afraid. They looked to the scriptures for answers. Some, like Timothy, leaned on their spiritual mentors, like Paul, to help guide them. They did not go it alone. They thought inside the Bible.

Kids, you're all going to face many challenges in this life. Challenges to stand up for what's right. Challenges to stand up to temptation. Challenges you can't even imagine. Some you'll see coming; some will come out of nowhere. Whatever the case may be, you do not have to face these times alone. Think inside the Bible. Go to the source of all wisdom, and ask God to speak to you.

Take your Bible to a parent or another spiritual mentor if need be. Read the Bible with them, and ask them to help you understand. Pray, and God will give you answers. God loves when we seek Him out in tough times, and He will show us the way if we are willing to listen.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

You weren't meant to live this life alone, and you aren't meant to make the tough choices alone. We can rely on God for answers. We can rely on the Bible to guide our steps. When life gets hard, think inside the Bible. God will show you the way, just as He did for Timothy!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us the Bible to help us find our way.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

What is your favorite thing at Taco Bell?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

John 4:14

Have the kids collaborate on a musical version of the Bible verse. Can it be sung to a popular tune, or can you invent your own?

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Toss a ball around the circle. Every time someone throws the ball, they have to name something from Taco Bell's menu. No repeating, keep going until you run out of food items. If someone can't think of one, they have to sit down. Keep going until only one player is left.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Does God want us to face life's problems alone?

Where does Paul say Timothy can go for advice?

What does Paul say the Bible is?

Why is it important to look for answers in the Bible?

Where else can we find advice and wisdom for tough choices?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for the Bible and for wise leaders who can help us in hard times.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Why does Paul tell Timothy to rely on scripture?

What does Paul say the Bible is?

Why is it important to look for answers in the Bible?

Where can we go when we need help understanding what the Bible is telling us?

Can you think of a time when someone helped you find wisdom in the Bible?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

YES OR NO

Identify whether these places or things can help us to find advice and wisdom when we need it most.

The Bible - YES

Parents - YES

Laffy Taffy Wrappers - NO

Pastors - YES

Grandparents - YES

Taco Bell's Drive-Thru - NO



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Fast Faith Lesson 4

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THINK INSIDE THE BIBLE



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week’s lesson real:

Take some time to read the Bible together this week. After you read, ask your kids if they understand what that passage is teaching them. Pray together after you read.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why doesn’t God want us to face life’s challenges on our own?
- Where did Paul say Timothy should go for advice?
- Where else can we find wisdom besides the Bible?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week’s memory verse:

“But anyone who drinks the water I give them will never be thirsty. In fact, the water I give them will become a spring of water in them. It will flow up into eternal life.” John 4:14 (NirV)



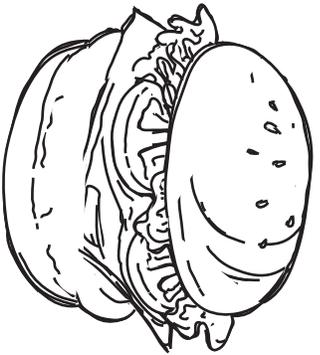
PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

God does not intend for any of us to do life alone. He gave us the Bible so we can have His Word at our fingertips. He also wants us to rely on fellow believers, leaders, mentors, and parents to guide us. Pray that God will give you the wisdom to help your kids understand the Bible and know how to handle their problems.

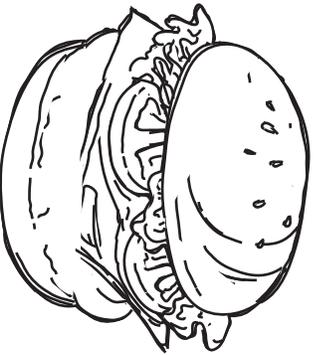
CRAFT ACTIVITY

Bring in some bags or wrappers from Taco Bell. Have the kids cut them up and make bookmarks for their Bibles as reminders to think inside the Bible.



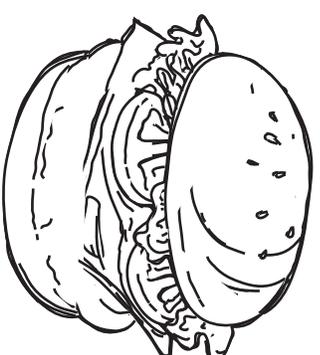
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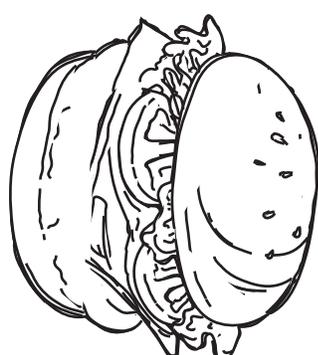
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