



# Devotions

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**John 1:1**, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (KJV)

**BOTTOM LINE:**

God and His Word are one and the same.

**▶ TO THE TEACHER:**

- Statistics tell us that only 15-20% of teenagers have a devotional life.
- Chances are if Johnny doesn't have a devotional life when he graduates from children's church, he won't develop one as a teenager.
- if kids learn to spend time in His Word, they will be spending time with God.

It is vital that you think long term when you are teaching kids. In other words, begin with the end in mind. Don't just think about what am I going to teach next week. Think about what do you want the kids in your class to be doing when they graduate to the youth ministry? Where do you want your kids to be spiritually when they turn eighteen?

History tells us that 80% of the children that grow up in church will leave the church when they graduate from high school. I don't think it is any coincidence that statistics also tell us that only 15-20% of teenagers have a devotional life. Only 15-20% of our teenagers read their Bible on a regular basis.

When children enter children's church (1st grade) most of them can't read yet. They are totally dependent on mom, dad or someone else to read the Bible to them. Your goal during the grade school years is to help transfer this responsibility from the parent to the child.

Chances are if Johnny doesn't have a devotional life when he graduates from children's church, he won't develop one as a teenager. The reverse is also true. If Johnny does have a



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devotional life by the time he is ten or eleven years old, chances dramatically improve that he will maintain his devotional life through his teenage years.

The Bible says that God and His Word are one. So, if kids are spending time in His Word, they are spending time with God. I believe that the primary way that God speaks to us is through His Word.

This principle is so important that you could talk about it every week and it wouldn't be too much.



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## LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic	Adventures of the Masked Hero #5
_____	6. Motion Comic Follow-up	
_____	7. Bottom Line	God and His Word are one and the same.
_____	8. Memory Verse	John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (KJV)
_____	9. Drama	The Best Book Ever
_____	10. Object Lesson	How To Be A Success
_____	11. Short Film	"Devotions"
_____	12. Short Film Application	
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson	Don't Hide The Bible
_____	12. Altar Call	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	



MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero  
Finding God: Episode #5

TO THE TEACHER:

**Goal:** get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- It looks like Johnny got in trouble for sneaking out of camp.
- How did his Mom punish him? He had to do a lot of chores.
- Have you ever felt like Johnny did?
- You sinned and asked God to forgive you, but you still feel bad about it. Does that mean that God didn't forgive you?
- Absolutely not.
- What can you do if it seems like God is far away?
- Do what Johnny did. Read your Bible and do your devotions.
- Sometimes you may not feel like doing devotions, but that is when you need to do them.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



**DRAMA**

***“The Best Book Ever”***

**CHARACTERS:**

Low Price Lou

**PROPS NEEDED:**

Small table, square cloth and 5 different kinds of Bibles

**DRAMA SCRIPT:**

(Teacher and Low Price Lou are standing behind a table with the Bibles on it. The Bibles are covered with a cloth.)

Teacher: We have with us a very special guest. Low Price Lou has been selling his product for many years and actually got started going, quite literally, door to door. Isn't that right, Low Price Lou?

Low Price Lou: Well, yes, as a matter of fact you are correct. I started when I was seventeen. I would load up my dear mother's minivan and begin my day's journey, never knowing who I would come into contact with, but knowing they needed what I had.

Teacher: Low Price Lou, can you show us your product? I heard it is quite extraordinary.

Low Price Lou: (Unveils the stack of Bibles. During his presentation he will pick up several books and refer to them.) You see this book, the Bible, is very special. Within its pages it contains everything you need to know to live a long and productive life.

Teacher: Really?

Low Price Lou: Yes. It is full of intrigue and history. But it is not limited to a historical book. The Bible is full of historical accounts from the fathers of our faith, but it is a daily lesson book on how to conduct our life today.

Teacher: What do you mean?

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***“The Best Book Ever” Drama Script — Continued***

Low Price Lou: Anything you need to know, the answer is right here.

Teacher: Really?

Low Price Lou: Yes, really. Give me a question you need an answer to, Teacher.

Teacher: Oh, well, Low Price Lou. What does it have to say about friends?

Low Price Lou: Oh man, there is a lot to say. First of all there are many accounts of friendships. Some good and some bad.

Teacher: Really?

Low Price Lou: Yes. This special book covers our health and healing. How to prosper and what to do with your money. How to rest, what to do about your enemies, living long on the earth, how to make friends, what to do if you are afraid and the list goes on and on.

Teacher: It seems to me that the Bible is too good to be true. What a great book, but it seems like there is too much. How can you enjoy it?

Low Price Lou: In small portions.

Teacher: Small portions? Explain, Low Price Lou.

Low Price Lou: As I stated earlier, this book has it all. Anything you need help with, it covers it. But the only way that you can get the full benefit, or profit from it, is to take it in small portions. If you take time every day to read it and then meditate on what you read.

Teacher: Meditate? That sounds kind of ....

Low Price Lou: Meditate simply means to think about it. If you take time every day to read the Bible, you can begin to learn the verses of scripture and commit them to your memory. When you do that, these pages come alive. It is no longer ink and paper, it becomes alive in you.

Teacher: Low Price Lou, I had no idea how special the Bible really is.

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***“The Best Book Ever”*** Drama Script — *Continued*

Low Price Lou: The Bible is a very special book. It only becomes special when you read it and spend time in it every day.

Teacher: It sounds very promising.

Low Price Lou: Anyone can pick up the Bible and benefit from it. As you can see there are many styles, colors, shapes and sizes. There are many different translations, large print, small print, Bibles with dictionaries and maps and some without. Whatever you choose there is one for you. You just have to find one that you can read and you like.

Teacher: So it looks like we all need to choose our Bible and read it.

**THE END**





**OBJECT LESSON**

***How To Be A Success***

**TAKE HOME POINT:**

To be a success follow God's plan.

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

Pictures of famous, successful people like past Presidents, Bill Gates, etc.

**OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:**

Who wants to be a failure in life? Who wants to be a success?

(Show pictures of successful people, allow for response.)

Most people want to be successful in life. Nobody really wants to be a failure. Nobody really wants to end up in jail. Did you know that God wants you to be successful? In fact, God has a plan and, if you follow it, He promises that you will be prosperous and have good success.

This is God's success plan. (Read Joshua 1:8)

**I'm going to break it down for you in four easy steps:**

1. Read the Bible every day.
2. Think about the Bible day and night.
3. Speak the Bible.
4. Do the Bible.

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***How To Be A Success*** Object Lesson — *continued*

If you follow these four easy steps you will have good success!

It's that simple. Notice I said it's simple, but I didn't say it was easy. It takes discipline to read the Bible when you would rather watch a new movie.

It's hard sometimes to do the Word when you don't feel like it. But if you read the Bible and do what God tells you to do, God promises that you will have good success.

It doesn't help God when you read the Bible. He already knows the Bible. It helps you when you read the Bible.

That's why God wants you to read the Bible. It helps you! God loves you and He wants you to know how to make wise choices and to be successful in life.

**SHORT FILM****APPLICATION: “Devotions”**

That was a funny short film. It is definitely an exaggeration, but there is also a lot of truth there. The truth is, if we do devotions, that life will go better for us. There is no such thing as a perfect life, but it sure is better if we take time to read our Bible and listen to God.

The power verse for today says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” God and His Word are one. If God seems far away what can you do?

Read the Bible! As you spend time reading the Bible you are drawing close to God and He will draw close to you. In fact, the primary way that God speaks to us is through the Bible.

There are many people who go to church, call themselves Christians and yet they don’t ever read the Bible at home.

(Have ten 5th and 6th Graders come up to the front of the class. Speak this directly to 5th and 6th Graders.)

You guys are going to graduate to the youth group in a short time. I want you to think for a moment about your future.

About six years from now you are going to turn 18 and graduate from high school. What are you going to do

when mom and dad don’t make you go to church anymore? Do you know what history tells us? History tells us that 80% of kids that grow up in church will leave church when they turn 18 years old.

(Have eight kids stand on one side and two stand on the other side of the room.) That means that eight of you will leave the church and only two will stay.

What do you want to do? The choice is up to you. Are you going to stay in church or leave? Did you know right now you are making choices that will impact your life at 18?

One common denominator in almost every kid who stays in church is that he or she has a devotional life. They read the Bible at home and they talk to God at home.

The reverse is also true for the kids that leave the church. Most of the kids that leave don’t have a devotional life. They go to church, but they don’t read the Bible.

This is why it is so important that you read the Bible at home for yourself. The Word keeps you connected to God.

If God seems far away, don’t call your friends and cry on their shoulder. Read your Bible. Draw close to God and He will draw close to you.

**INTER-ACTIVE  
OBJECT LESSON*****Don't Hide The Bible*****WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:**

The Bible is a special book we should read every day.

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

2 small Bibles  
2 containers filled with dirt or potting soil  
Masking tape

**PREPARATION:**

In each container bury one Bible.  
Place both containers with buried Bibles at one side of room.  
On other side of room use masking tape to make a start/finish line.

**RULES OF THE GAME:**

- Pick 2 contestants, one boy and one girl.
- They start on the side of the room with the masking tape.
- Run to the container with the buried Bible.
- Dig for the Bible and clean the dirt off of it.
- Run back to the other side of the room.
- The winner is the one who finishes first.
- If you have time you can repeat.

**SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:**

There is a story in the Bible about a king - King Josiah. His father was an evil king. Solomon's temple had been taken over with idols and idol worshippers. Josiah made a decision to clean and repair the temple. One day when the workers were cleaning they found a book. They realized that the book was the Book of God. No one had seen it for many years. Everyone had forgotten about the Bible and it had become dirty and buried. When Josiah found the Bible, he repented and began to read the Bible and commanded everyone to follow the Bible. In many homes today, the Bible has become just as lost and buried as was the Bible in Josiah's day. It may sit on the coffee table or the bed stand but be covered in dust, just as lost as the Bible was in Josiah's day. We need to make sure that we see our Bible as valuable and precious and not hidden or buried. Spend time reading your Bible every day.



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## DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

### ▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. The Bible says that God and His Word are \_\_\_\_?
  - a. **one**
  - b. two
  - c. three
  - d. pretty
2. Devotions is spending time with \_\_\_\_?
  - a. your family
  - b. Mickey Mouse
  - c. **God**
  - d. your dog
3. If you want to be a success, \_\_\_\_.
  - a. play lots of video games
  - b. eat lots of peanut butter
  - c. **follow God’s plan**
  - d. do lots of push ups
4. John 1:1 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and \_\_\_\_.”
  - a. it was really big
  - b. it was like a candy bar
  - c. **and the Word was God**
  - d. it was really old
5. One thing you can do during your devotions is \_\_\_\_.
  - a. learn to drive a car
  - b. **read the Bible**
  - c. play video games
  - d. cook hotdogs



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## PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

\_\_\_\_\_ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

\_\_\_\_\_ Review Prizes (penny candy)

### Drama: "The Best Book Ever" — Pages 5-7

#### Characters

\_\_\_\_\_ Low Price Lou

#### Props

\_\_\_\_\_ Low Price Lou costume

\_\_\_\_\_ Small table

\_\_\_\_\_ Square cloth

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 different kinds of Bibles

### Object Lesson: How To Be A Success — Pages 8-9

\_\_\_\_\_ Pictures of famous, successful people like past Presidents, Bill Gates, etc.

### Inter-Active Lesson: Don't Hide The Bible — Page 11

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 small Bibles

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 containers filled with dirt or potting soil

\_\_\_\_\_ Masking tape

### Small Group: Daily Appointment

\_\_\_\_\_ Watch or clock

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

### Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?