Even More Great Object Lessons That Bring the Bible to Life

Object lessons are a powerful way to teach the Bible because they make the stories and principles come alive. In this article, we'll explore even more great object lessons that can help you bring the Bible to life for your students, children, or anyone else you're teaching.

Object Lesson: The Parable of the Sower

Materials:

- A handful of seeds
- A variety of soils (e.g., sand, potting soil, rocks)
- A few pots or containers

Instructions:



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- 1. Explain to your students that this object lesson is based on the Parable of the Sower, which is found in Matthew 13:1-23.
- 2. Divide your students into groups of 3-4.
- 3. Give each group a handful of seeds and a variety of soils.
- 4. Instruct each group to plant the seeds in the different soils.
- 5. Water the seeds and place them in a sunny spot.
- 6. Over the next few days, observe the seeds and discuss the different ways they grow in the different soils.

Application:

The Parable of the Sower teaches us that the seed is the Word of God and the soil is our hearts. The different soils represent the different ways that people respond to the Word of God. The seeds that fell on the hard soil represent those who hear the Word but do not understand it. The seeds that fell on the rocky soil represent those who receive the Word with joy but do not have deep roots, so they fall away when they face persecution. The seeds that fell on the thorny soil represent those who hear the Word but are choked out by the cares of the world. The seeds that fell on the good soil represent those who hear the Word and understand it, and they bear fruit abundantly.

This object lesson can help us to understand the importance of planting the Word of God in our hearts and allowing it to take root. It can also help us to

be more patient and understanding with those who do not respond to the Word of God in the same way that we do.

Object Lesson: The Armor of God

Materials:

- A variety of objects that represent the different pieces of the armor of God (e.g., a helmet, a breastplate, a sword, a shield)
- A Bible

Instructions:

- Explain to your students that this object lesson is based on Ephesians 6:10-18, which describes the armor of God.
- 2. Show your students the different objects that represent the different pieces of the armor of God.
- 3. Discuss the significance of each piece of armor and how it can help us to stand strong against the forces of evil.
- 4. Read Ephesians 6:10-18 aloud to your students.
- 5. Encourage your students to put on the armor of God every day by reading the Bible, praying, and spending time with other Christians.

Application:

The armor of God is a powerful metaphor for the spiritual protection that we have in Christ. When we put on the armor of God, we are able to withstand the attacks of the devil and live victorious lives.

This object lesson can help us to understand the importance of being prepared for spiritual battle. It can also help us to see the importance of relying on God's strength and protection.

Object Lesson: The Lost Sheep

Materials:

- A small toy sheep
- A large piece of fabric or a blanket
- A Bible

Instructions:

- 1. Explain to your students that this object lesson is based on the Parable of the Lost Sheep, which is found in Luke 15:3-7.
- 2. Show your students the toy sheep and the large piece of fabric or blanket.
- 3. Place the toy sheep on the fabric or blanket and then cover it up.
- 4. Tell your students that the toy sheep represents a lost sheep and the fabric or blanket represents the world.
- 5. Ask your students what they would do if they were the shepherd and they had lost a sheep.
- 6. Read Luke 15:3-7 aloud to your students.
- 7. Explain that this parable teaches us that God is a loving shepherd who cares for his lost sheep. He is always searching for us and he is always willing to forgive us when we return to him.

Application:

The Parable of the Lost Sheep is a powerful reminder of God's love for us. It teaches us that we are never too far gone for God's love and that he is always willing to forgive us when we repent.

This object lesson can help us to understand the importance of seeking out lost sheep and bringing them back to the fold. It can also help us to see the importance of being patient and understanding with those who are lost.

Object Lesson: The Good Samaritan

Materials:

- A Bible
- A variety of objects that represent the different characters in the story of the Good Samaritan (e.g., a doll, a toy car, a bandage, a cup of water)

Instructions:

- 1. Explain to your students that this object lesson is based on the story of the Good Samaritan, which is found in Luke 10:25-37.
- 2. Show your students the different objects that represent the different characters

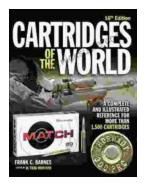


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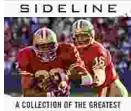
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