

# Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp 2026

## Class Curriculum - Back to the Bible

Age - Junior Campers

# Monday - The Inspired Word

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## Summary

1. Subject: The Bible comes from God
2. Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Kings 22-23
3. Grade/Level: Junior Campers
4. Objective: Learn that the Bible is “inspired” by God. It is His words to all of us.
5. Time Allotment: 1 Hour

**Prayer:** Don't forget to begin and end your class with a prayer! If possible, have a camper lead one or both of these prayers.

## Overview

This week's classes will focus on “Back to the Bible”. This entails an overview of the Old and New Testaments, as well as the inspiration and inerrancy of scripture. By the end of the week, all campers should be confident that the Bible is the complete and perfect word of God: sufficient for everyone to have an everlasting relationship with God.

Today's lesson will focus on the inspiration of scripture. Inspiration takes many forms, whether the words were spoken by God Himself, dictated by God through a prophet, or written by a man in whom the Holy Spirit was at work. For younger campers, this means that God wrote the Bible, even though he used people to hold the pen. Because the Bible comes from God, we know that we can trust it, and it tells us everything we need to know.

## Story

10-15 minutes

### Josiah Finds the Bible

The story of King Josiah is found in 2 Kings 22-23. At the beginning of his time as king, he orders the repair of the temple, and he finds “the Book of the Law”, which had been abandoned and largely forgotten. Once he finds it, he restores the nation of Israel using its commandments. Prepare to tell this story to your campers at an age-appropriate level. Consider using a picture book, a children’s study bible, a skit, or any other means to tell the story. A brief summary is below:

- Josiah became the king of Judah (Israel) at 8 years old. This may be close to the age of your campers. (2 Kings 22:1)
- At this time, the Israelites had turned away from God and worshipped other gods. The temple, where they were supposed to worship God, was neglected. (2 Kings 18-21)
- Josiah orders his workers to repair God’s temple. (22:4-5)
- While his workers are restoring the temple, they find “The Book of the Law”. To Josiah, this was the Bible. It was all of the inspired writings that had happened before his lifetime, and included God’s commandments for His people. (22:8)
- Josiah read the book and knew that his nation was not doing what God wanted them to do. He was very sad. (22:11)
- Josiah read the book to everyone in Jerusalem so that they would know what God wanted them to do. (23:1-2)
- Josiah made a promise to God to keep His commandments, now that Josiah had read His word. (23:3)
- Josiah then fixed his nation. He removed everything they did that went against God’s commandments and restored everything they needed to do. (23:4-25)

The story of Josiah finding the Book of the Law ends with verse 25, which says, “Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to the Law...” We must be like Josiah. When we read the Bible, we need to know that it comes from God and tells us what to do and what not to do.

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## Lesson/Discussion

15 Minutes

**Guided Discussion:** The story of Josiah shows us how important the word of God is. It tells us what to do to please God, and what kinds of things do not please Him. Like Judah, if we ignore the Bible, we cannot please God. A New Testament verse that reiterates this point is **2 Timothy 3:16-17**. Read these verses with your class. Have them repeat back to you the beginning of verse 16, and say together, “All Scripture is inspired by God”. Then discuss the following:

Verse 16 says that the Bible is good for teaching. Ask, “**What are some things that the Bible has taught you?**” The list is nearly endless. Note that “teaching” in this verse refers to the good things the Bible tells us, or tells us to do. Basic truths like “Jesus loves me” are great examples of things the Bible teaches us. It also teaches us how we ought to treat other people, and in many ways how we should treat ourselves.

Verse 16 then says that the Bible is good for reproof, which means that it tells us what NOT to do. Ask, “**What are some things that the Bible tells us not to do?**” Provide some age-appropriate examples for your campers. Using the ten commandments, the Bible tells us not to love anything else like we love God. It tells us not to hurt other people, be hateful towards others, or lie to others. This may be a good time to discuss rules at camp and why certain things are not allowed.

Then verse 16 says the Bible is good for correction. It tells us when we’re wrong about certain ideas. It is difficult to know in what ways we need correction, so give your campers examples from your life when you were wrong about something, until you read the Bible and were “corrected” by what it had to say. A simple example might be someone who believed in karma (that good things happen to good people, and bad things happen to bad people) until they read the book of Job, where bad things happen to a good person. For people who grow up reading the Bible, it is more common for it to serve as their “training in righteousness”, but for people who grow up outside of the church, this “correction” is a very valuable part of how God designed the Bible.

Finally, verse 17 says that the Bible is designed to make God’s people “complete, equipped for every good work”. Use the armor of God to help reinforce this idea (Ephesians 6:10-20). The Bible is God’s way of telling us the truth (belt), how to be righteous (breastplate), how to be ready and peaceful (shoes), how to use our faith (shield), how to be saved (helmet), and how to use His word (sword). It is all that we need to live our lives.



## Activity/Illustration

### Song- The Bible Song

A song that teaches how the Bible is the inspired word of God is “The B-I-B-L-E”. Pay special attention to the line, “I stand alone on the word of God”. The Bible is God’s word, and it is the only thing we need to have a relationship with Him. To the tune of “The Farmer in the Dell”,

*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*

*(Shouting) BIBLE!*

Sing through the song twice so the campers can be louder when they scream “Bible”.

### Game - True or False

Prepare several true statements about the Bible or commandments from the New Testament. Also, prepare several false statements about the Bible, or made-up commandments. In a random order, make each statement to your class. After each one, have them raise their hands if they think it is true. If they don’t know the answer, help them remember that “The Bible comes from God,” so they can ask themselves, “Does this sound like something God would say?”

Some examples of true statements would be, “God is love”, “The Bible tells us to be kind to others, even when they’re mean to us”, “Jesus is the Son of God”, and “Jesus died for our sins”.

Some examples of false statements would be, “It’s okay to be mean to someone if they were mean to us”, “When someone hurts our feelings, we should never talk to them again”, or “We don’t need to read the Bible as long as we go to church”. Make these statements easy to identify, or more difficult, depending on the age of your class.

For added fun, keep score of how many correct answers each camper gets, and award the winner at the end. You can also choose a camper to make up true or false statements for the class to guess.