

## Bible Time Instruction

### A Sample Schedule:

Bible memory recitation  
Story review (previous day's lesson)  
Bible story time  
Singing of Bible songs  
Prayer (discuss needs/requests)

### Notes

1. I do **not** conduct a "Bible time" when my husband is home. Any organized Bible instruction while he is in the home is conducted by him in the form of our usual family devotions.

2. While the manner of teaching is always "geared" to the youngest child's level of understanding, there is ALWAYS application with every Bible story that can be directed toward every son or daughter, no matter what their age.

3. Choose a comfy place in your home where you always go for this special time. If you homeschool, it is a good idea to choose somewhere other than where you normally have class. It will set this time apart from the atmosphere of everyday classroom instruction and will give everyone a change of scenery. Consistency will be more likely if you can meet together for your Bible story around the same time each day.

4. Keep it focused and follow your own variation of the above schedule. The time frame involved may extend anywhere from 15- 30 minutes. The younger your children are the shorter their attention span will be, however, it is a good opportunity to teach them how to sit still and listen. You will find a "happy balance" as you get into a routine that will allow you sufficient time for everyone while keeping things happily controlled and instructive.

5. After each story, "quiz" your little ones over a few of the names or lessons of the story that you want them to grasp. This can be repeated at the beginning of the next day's Bible time to reinforce their committing these things to memory.

6. Some day's schedules can be "cramped"--- rather than missing this time completely, when those days come, have the older children conduct the story time in order to allow for the accomplishment of all that needs to be done for that day. It is good experience for them, and it is a blessing to see your children sharing that time together "on their own". (This arrangement is certainly the exception, not the rule)

7. Always be enthusiastic in your comments about this time. Guard EVERYONE'S attitude towards this time of instruction to ensure that it is always viewed and spoken of in a positive and uplifting manner.

8. After the close of the Bible time, I have found this an opportunistic time to cover the rest of the day's tasks and schedule---a good time to "regroup".

9. The only tools you *really* need to have is a Bible and a hymn book (children's Bible song books are appropriate too). The following links may provide you with additional helps, but they are simply optional:

Bible Story Flannel Boards: [bettylukens.com](http://bettylukens.com)

(Recommend the Small Deluxe Bible set, available in KJV)

Arthur Maxwell's "Bible Story Collection": [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

(a 10-volume hard cover set- KJV)) You can also check Ebay for this collection.

John R. Rice's "Bible Stories": [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [Ebay.com](http://Ebay.com) (Hard cover- single volume - KJV)

"Salvation Songs Favorites": [childrensbibleclub.com](http://childrensbibleclub.com) (Paperback songbook, CEF Press)

"Salvation Songs for Children": [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

(These are not in print, but some are still available on amazon or ebay. They are paperback song booklets that were published in four volumes: #1 Yellow, #2 Green, #3 Red, and #4 Blue.)