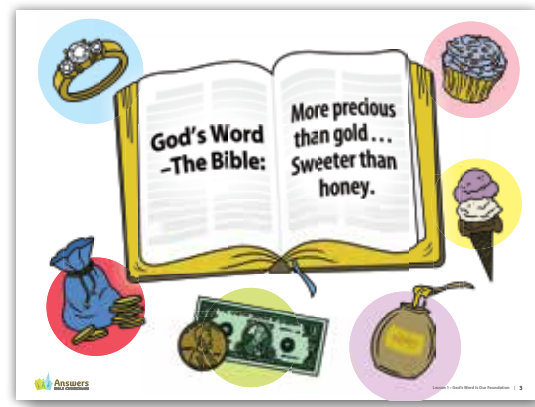


God's Word Is Our Foundation



Key Passages

Psalm 19:7–8; Psalm 19:10

Lesson Focus

God's Word is perfect and pure.

Memory Verse

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.



Circle Time

PRAYER

Begin with prayer. Turn to the Flip Chart Prayer page. Today a prayer of adoration is suggested. See the Teacher Guide.

GOD'S WORD

These first four questions will be repeated each week. The repetition of these questions will help to solidify these simple but foundational truths in the children's minds at a young age.

- ? Before we begin, what is this? *Hold up your Bible. The Bible!*
- ? What is in this Bible? *God's Holy Word!*
- ? What does the Bible tell us? *Everything we need to know!*
- ? And all God's Words in this Bible are what? *True!*

Psalm 19:7–8

- As you teach this, refer often to the Flip Chart picture to keep the children engaged.

I'm going to read to you from Psalm 19 to find out more about God's true Word. Listen carefully! Read Psalm 19:7–8 from your Bible, emphasizing "perfect," "sure," "right," "pure." Use expression.

God's laws, or rules, are perfect. The Bible has no mistakes. *Hold up your Bible.*

It is perfect and pure, just like this jar of water. *Hold up the clean jar of water.*

Do you see anything in this water? *No.*

You're right! This water is clean; there is nothing wrong with it! It is perfect! Now look at this jar of water. *Lift up the jar of dirty water.*

- ? What do you see? *Let the children answer.*
- ? Is this jar of water clean? *No.*

It is dirty! There is a problem with this water. It is not pure. It is not perfect. We cannot drink it. We cannot wash our hands with it. God's Word is like this clean jar of water. *Hold up the clean jar of water.*

God's Word is perfect. We should trust and obey God's Word because it is perfect. *Hold up the clean water again.*

Listen to what God's Word says. *Show the children your Bible. Point out the verse to them. Remind them this is God's Word! Read the first part of verse 7.*

- ? Can you say "converting"? *Have the children repeat the word.*

Converting means to change. God's perfect and pure law can change us from dirty on the inside to clean on the inside. *Hold up the jars of water again.*

- ? What am I talking about when I say God's perfect law? *Hold up your Bible for a hint. The Bible!*

Psalm 19:10

What else does God tell us about His perfect law? We know it is perfect and pure! Listen again as I read from God's Word. It is from Psalm 19. Read Psalm 19:10 emphasizing the words "gold" and "honey."

- ? This says that God's Word is better than what? *Re-read the verse. Gold! Pass around some beautiful "gold" jewelry if you've brought it in or refer to the Flip Chart.*

That's right! Gold is like money. Money allows us to buy things we want and like—like this beautiful gold jewelry. Knowing God's Word is better than gold or any jewelry or all the money in the world.

- ? What is God's Word sweeter than? *Re-read this portion of Psalm 19:10. Honey! Hold up the jar of honey or refer to the Flip Chart.*

- ? Have you ever tasted honey? *Allow for answers.*

It is very sweet and yummy!

- ? What other kinds of sweet and yummy things do you like to eat? *Let the children answer.*

God's Word is better than all those treats! God's words are better than honey! God's words are good for us and we should want them! God's Word can change us!

God is perfect and His laws are perfect, too.

- ? Can God make mistakes? *No, God's words are perfect!*
- ? God's Word is sweeter than what? *Honey. Hold up the jar of honey or refer to the Flip Chart.*

- ? What is God's Word better than? *Gold. Hold up the jewelry or refer to the Flip Chart.*

I love God's Word. It is the only book in the world that is perfect, true, and never changes! But it can change us.

It is worth more than all the gold in the whole world. And it is more wonderful than all the honey or yummy treats in the whole world. Remember that God's Word is perfect! It is a very special book!

- ? One more time. When I say God's Word what do I mean? Which book am I talking about? *Hold up your Bible for a hint. The Bible!*

That's right. And God's Word is perfect! It can change us!

SONG

- Musical instruments, marching, and motions can be added to this section to add interest and help learning.

Ok! Now we are going to learn two new songs to help us remember our lesson and memory verse today. As we sing, I will teach you some hand motions to go along with it, so watch closely! Sing "God's Word Is Perfect" together.

The lyrics to both songs are in your Teacher Guide and on the Song page of this Flip Chart.

Excellent singing! Now we are going to sing Proverbs 30:5. When singing the Memory Verse song, have the children say the reference a couple of times. Open your Bible to Proverbs 30:5 and let the children see where the verse is.

This is God's Word. We are going to memorize a part of God's Word. Refer to the Memory Verse page in the Flip Chart. Sing the song together.

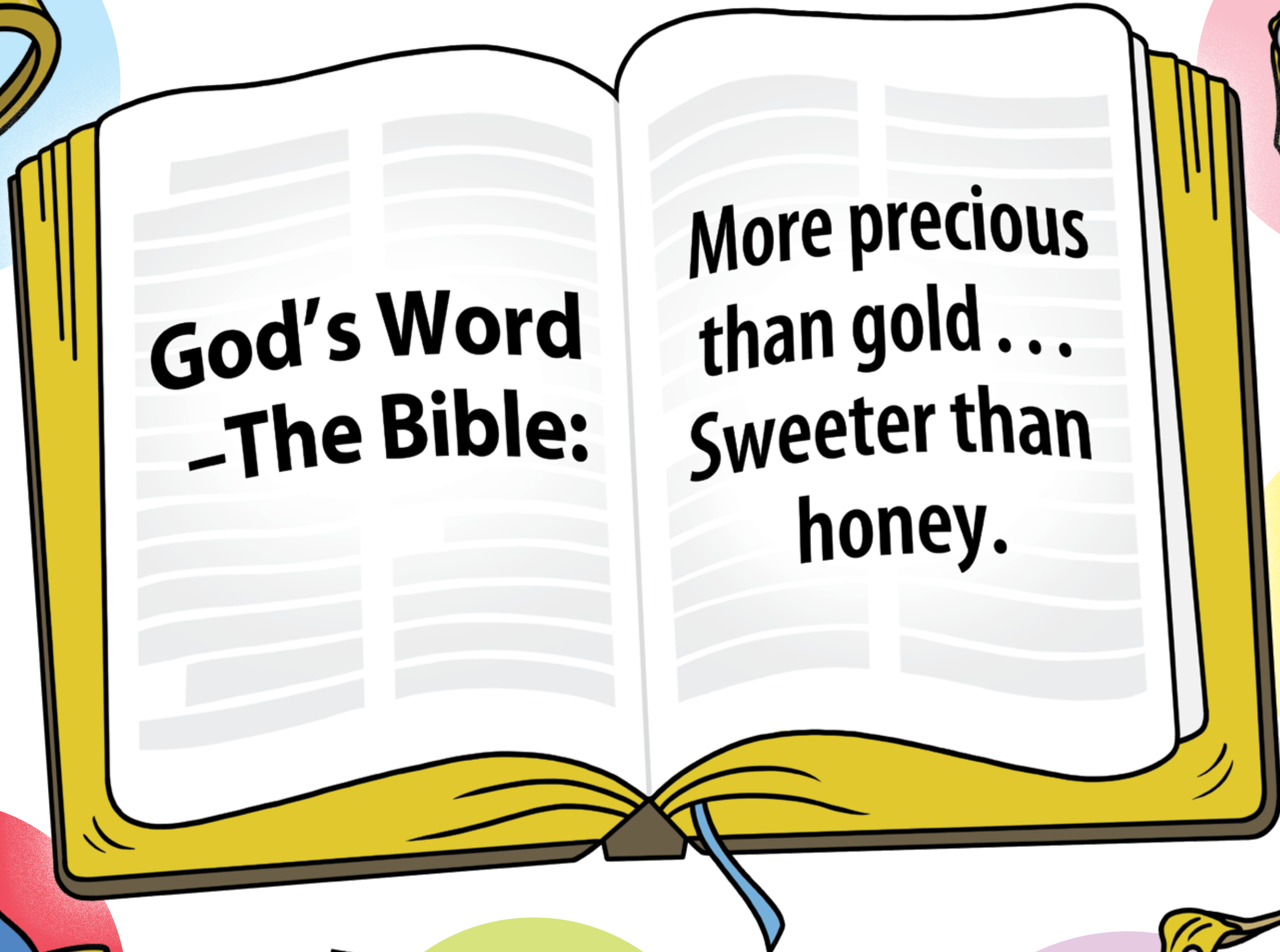
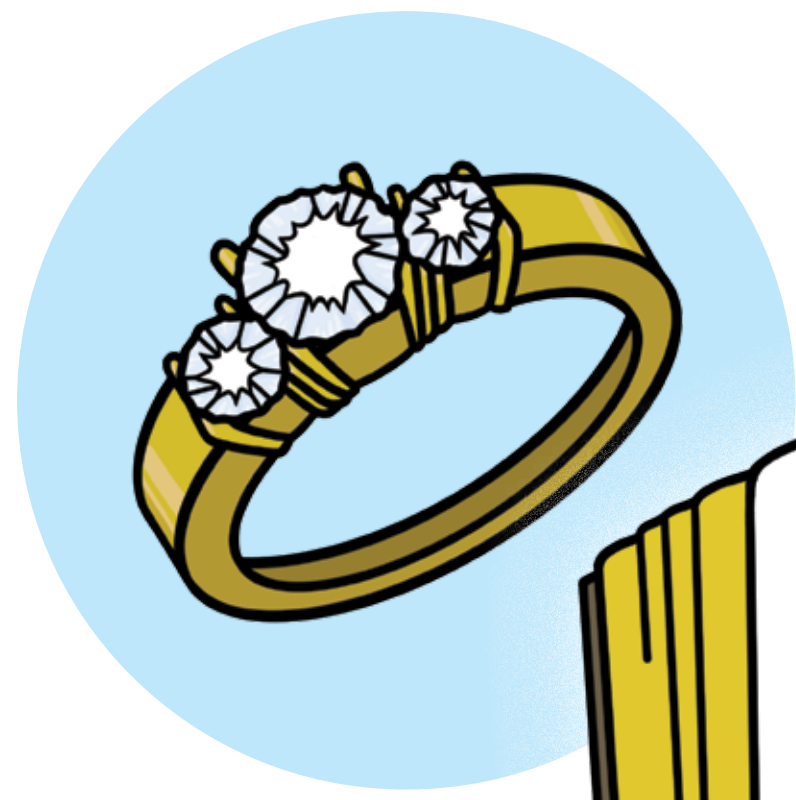
- Sing both songs as time allows.

Very good! We'll keep working on those songs until we know them perfectly. Everyone stand up and stand still. Now we are going back to our tables to do a connect the dot and coloring activity to help remind us that God's Word is sweeter than honey! You may want to show the children a finished sample of the coloring sheet.

- Oversee an orderly way to get the children back to their seats, especially if the chairs were moved for circle time.

- Refer to the Teacher Guide for the activities to be continued in circle time.





**God's Word
-The Bible:**

**More precious
than gold...
Sweeter than
honey.**

