

Week 8

Theme : Han Duan – The Bible shows us how to live.

Opening Prayer : A leader prays for the children. Invite a child to pray for the leaders.

Game: Confusion. You need 1x tennis ball, 1x soft football. A player stands in the centre of a circle, holding a tennis ball. He/she throws this ball to someone in the circle. Meanwhile, another ball is also being passed around the circle from one child to another. The player in the centre may throw the ball to anyone. If either ball is dropped, the one who dropped it changes places with the child in the centre.

Keepsie Upsies . You need a selection of soft footballs or balloons. Children find a partner. On “Go”, one of the pair tries to keep their ball or balloon in the air using their knees or feet . Each time the ball/balloon makes contact with the knees or feet, a “bounce” is recorded. The other member of the pair counts how many successful bounces are made in one minute. Within a minute the ball/balloon may touch the floor three times. On the third time it touches the floor, that person’s turn is over. When time is up, swap over.

Memory verse : Psalm 119 v 105, “*Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path.*” The Bible is our spiritual compass. Write out each word on 16 separate pieces of paper (on different colours for each team) and place them in areas marked North, South, East and West. Randomly call out North, South, East or West. A team member runs to the area called and collects a piece of the verse. When all of them have been collected , unscramble them.

Introduction : From the profile pack, read about Han Duan.

Story: Jeremiah 36, *God’s Word cannot be destroyed.* See resources.

Application: When we are trying to find our way through the journey of life, God has given us a spiritual compass to guide our path. That guide is the Bible, God's Holy Word. The truth that we find in the Bible never changes and cannot be destroyed, as we discovered in our story. The Bible will always point us in the same direction. It will always point us to Jesus. Some people use their feelings to help them to decide what they should do. Han Duan would say that's no good. Our feelings change from day to day and they cannot be trusted. Besides that, just because we feel good about something doesn't mean that it is the right thing to do. The Bible is the one thing that we can trust to always point us in the right direction.

Craft Prayer: See resources for a Chinese lantern prayer craft. Then pray, “*Father, we thank you for giving us the Bible to be our guide through life. May your word light our path and show us the way we should go. Amen.*”

Game: Chopsticks. You need a pair of chopsticks for each team and a selection of items to carry. On “Go”, a child from each team has to pick up an object at point A and carry it, without dropping it, to point B using only chopsticks. Child returns to point A to tag next player and pass on the chopsticks.

Song : *Help me be your eyes Lord Jesus*, Fandabidozzie CD, Doug Horley.

Resources : There is a story, prayer lantern , profile and fun sheet in the resources.

Week 8 – Prayer Craft

Cut along bottom line (Psalm 119 v 105) for handle. Fold in half where indicated.
Cut along dotted lines. Unfold and paste A to a and B to B. Add handle.

"Your Word is a lamp to guide me

A

B

and a light for my path."

A

CUT HERE

Psalm 119 v 105

B

Week 8 : Story Resource

God's Word CANNOT be destroyed.

During the fourth year of King Jehoiakim's rule over Judah, God told Jeremiah to write down all the prophecies God had given to Jeremiah on a scroll. "Perhaps then my people will fear the disasters I will put on them if they don't turn away from the terrible things they are doing. If they do that, I will forgive them." God said.

Jeremiah asked his friend Baruch to write down the words and then to read the scroll to the people gathered in the temple for the day of fasting. Jeremiah knew that God was very angry and hoped anxiously that the people would listen.

When the king's officials heard of this, they asked Baruch to read the scroll to them. They looked at each other with shock knowing that the king would be furious when they heard God's warning. They told Jeremiah and Baruch to hide while they showed the scroll to the king.

The king was in his palace warming himself by a fire when the official entered with the scroll. The official nervously began to read the scroll. After a few words, the hard hearted king took a knife, cut off the section that had just been read and threw it on the fire. The king did not care about God's words.

Again and again, he cut off parts of the scroll as the officials continued to read and each time, he threw God's word into the fire until there was nothing left. Then the king ordered, "Arrest Jeremiah and Baruch!" But they were safely hidden.

The king thought that he had totally destroyed God's warnings by burning them. But he was wrong. God said to Jeremiah, "Take another scroll and write all the words that were on the first scroll and even more. Tell the king that because no one has listened to me, they will be ruined."

How sad! Rather than admit the truth that he was a sinner and be forgiven, King Jehoiakim had burned up God's promises of forgiveness for the people.

Every word that God says is true and lasts for ever, and no one can force God to change his mind just by destroying the paper it is written on. People may reject God's word but they cannot destroy it. They may laugh at what the Bible teaches but if we follow God's Word then we won't go wrong. The Bible is there to guide us and show us how to live.

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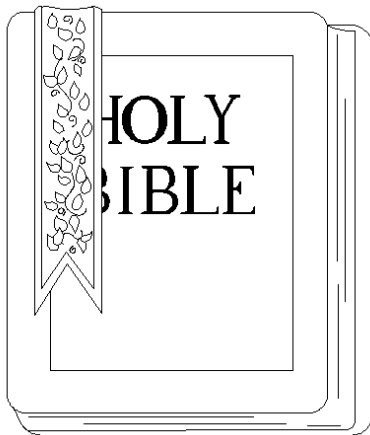
JEREMIAH'S SCROLL

(JEREMIAH 36:1-32)

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Find these words in the word search

- BARUCH
- CUT
- JEREMIAH
- READ
- BOOK
- EVIL
- KING
- SCROLL
- BURNED
- FIRE
- TURN
- JEHOIAKIM
- NATION



"Your Word is a lamp
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 light for my path."
 Psalm 119 v 105

Can you solve this cryptogram ? Each of the blanks has a number underneath it. Try and work out the letters that correspond to the numbers to solve this puzzle. Once solved, why not pray the prayer it reveals.

KEY:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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Remember, it is a PRAYER !

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