



Get Their Attention! (5 min)

Materials: Mailbox with Animal Letters inside

SAY the following to the group:

Jambo (Jah-mm-bo), **Rafikis** (Rah-fee-keys)! *That means, "Hello, friends!"*

My name is (your name)! **I am your Safari Guide!**

Some letters have come for us in the mail! Let's take turns reading them!

PASS **Mailbox** to each child.

- Have kids take one **Animal Letter** (card) from **mailbox** & show it to group.
- Read the child's Letter aloud to the group by saying:

The (animal on letter) **says, "Jambo, (child's name)!"**

Let's all act like a (animal on letter) **and say, "Jambo, (child's name)!"**

CONTINUE until everyone has been introduced, then SAY:

Did you know the Bible has letters inside of it, too? The Bible is full of wonderful things God wants you and me to see. All we have to do is read it! Say this after me:

I (thumbs to chest)

Can Read (make binoculars)

The Bible! (make book with hands)

Need to Know:

I

(thumbs to chest)

Can Read

(make binoculars)

The Bible!

(make book with hands)

Bible Story:

God's Family Grows

Acts 28-Jude 25

Materials:

- ⚙ **Mailbox with Animal Letters inside**
- ⚙ **God's Story for Me Bible**
- ⚙ **Stamp**
- ⚙ **Bingo Cards**
- ⚙ **Counting Chips**
- ⚙ **Read Me Cards**
- ⚙ **Hand Sanitizer**
- ⚙ **Snacks**
- ⚙ **Coloring Sheets**
- ⚙ **Crayons**
- ⚙ **Filler Activity Guide**

Bible Story (5 min)

Materials: God's Story for Me Bible, Stamp

SHOW & READ p.513-517 from **God's Story for Me Bible** ("God's Family Grows").

ASK & SAY the following to review. Give kids a **stamp** when they answer!

1. **Who did Paul & his friends tell people about?** (Jesus, p.513)
2. **Did all of these people know how to live and grow up in God's family?** (No, p.514)
3. **How did Paul and Jesus' friends help them?** (Wrote letters to them, p.515)
The letters helped the people know WHO God is & HOW He wanted them to live!
4. **When a letter came from one of Jesus' friends, did the people throw them away or read them over and over again?** (Read over & over, p.515)
5. **Can we read these letters in the Bible?** (Yes!)

Some of the stories in the Bible are letters from Jesus' friends! We can read them to see WHO God is and HOW He wants us to live! Say this with me:

I (thumbs to chest)

Can Read (make binoculars)

The Bible! (make book with hands)

Application Summary:

Kids will discover that the Bible is full of amazing stories that teach us how to love and obey God! Just as they can read the Read Me Cards, they can read the Bible!

Remember Verse:

“Open my eyes (hands open wide beside eyes)

so that I can see (make binoculars with hands)

all the wonderful things (two thumbs up)

in your teachings.” (make book with hands)

Psalms 119:18

Getting To Know You:

Use these questions to get to know your group during Snack/Coloring Time.

- ⚙ **What is your favorite book to read at home?**
- ⚙ **Why do you like that book/story?**
- ⚙ **Did you have fun today?**
- ⚙ **What did you learn?**

Application Activity (10 min)

Materials: Bingo Cards, Counting Chips, Read Me Cards

1. Give each child one **Bingo Card**.
2. Place **Counting Chips** in the center of group.
3. Show one **Read Me Card** to group. Have kids help you “read” **card** aloud.
4. Point to the ORANGE picture on the **Read Me Card** & have kids look on their **Bingo Card** to see if they have the matching picture. If they do, they can place a **Counter** on top of that picture on their **Bingo Card**.
5. Continue playing until someone gets Bingo (by getting 3 in a row or a full card). Play again if time allows, then say:

The Bible is full of stories that show us wonderful things about God! You can read the Bible when you are happy or sad, when you are at school or at home with your dad! Let's say this together:

I (thumbs to chest)
Can Read (make binoculars)

6. Kids can color & take their Bingo card home.

Remember Verse Game (5 min)

Materials: None

1. Review verse and motions with the group. Have kids repeat two times.
2. Explain how to play **Elephant Exercise**:
 - ⚙ Have kids stand up and form a circle. Tell kids we will exercise like elephants!
 - ⚙ Leader will say first word of the verse. When you say a word, stomp with one foot and then stomp with the other foot.
 - ⚙ On each child's turn, he/she will say the next word in the verse and stomp with each foot.
 - ⚙ Continue until entire verse has been said.
 - ⚙ Finally have group say verse together, while running in place.

Wrap It Up (10 min)

Materials: Hand Sanitizer, Snacks, Coloring Sheets, Crayons, Filler Activity Guide

LARGE GROUP REVIEW:

1. **What animal were we looking for on our safari today?** (Elephant)
2. **Did the Elephant tell us that only grown-ups can read the Bible or that you and I can read the Bible?** (You and I can read the Bible)

PRAY with your group, having them repeat the following after you in short phrases.

Dear God, thank you for giving me the Bible to read! Remind me to read it every day! Thanks for my snack. I love you! In Jesus' name I pray, amen!

SANITIZE hands with **hand sanitizer** & **PASS OUT snacks**.

PASS OUT coloring sheets & crayons.

STAY in Small Group as families arrive. Use **Filler Activity Guide** as needed.