



Get Their Attention! (5 min)

Materials: None

SAY the following to the group:

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

My name is (your name)! *Now I want to get to know each of you!*

Have each child say his/her name.

After everyone has been introduced, SAY the following:

I need your help! If I say something that is TRUE, you can CLAP. If I say something that is NOT true, you can STOMP your feet like a rhino. Here we go!

- ⚙ **I am wearing a** (correct color) **shirt. Is that true?** (Yes) *That is true!*
- ⚙ **I have** (wrong color) **hair. Is that true?** (No) **No, that isn't true. I have** (correct color) **hair.**
- ⚙ **At church, we learn about Jesus. Is that true?** (Yes) *That is true!*
- ⚙ **The Bible tells us how to feed rhinos. Is that true?** (No) **No, that isn't true! The Bible tells us about God and Jesus, not how to feed rhinos!**

Let's read the Bible now!

Need to Know:

The Bible

(make book with hands)

Is True

(two thumbs up)

Forever!

(arms up, then out)

Bible Story:

Josiah Obeys God

2 Chronicles 34:1-35:19

Materials:

- ⚙ **God's Story for Me Bible**
- ⚙ **Treats**
- ⚙ **Game Boards**
- ⚙ **Wild Animal Counters**
- ⚙ **Wild Cards**
- ⚙ **Hand Sanitizer**
- ⚙ **Snacks**
- ⚙ **Coloring Sheets**
- ⚙ **Crayons**
- ⚙ **Filler Activity Guide**

Bible Story (5 min)

Materials: God's Story for Me Bible, Treats

SHOW & READ p.222-225 from **God's Story for Me Bible** ("Josiah Obeys God").

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

1. **Did Josiah become king when he was a little boy or an old man?** (Little boy, p.222)
2. **What did Josiah's workers find when they were cleaning the Temple?** (A scroll of God's Word, p.223)
3. **Did King Josiah want the people to hear God's words, or did he want to keep them a secret?** (He wanted the people to hear God's words, p. 224)
4. **Even though the scroll was really old when the people heard it, was it still true?** (Yes, p.225)

Just like King Josiah, we can read the Bible and learn how to obey God. The Bible was written a long time ago, but it was true for King Josiah and it is true for us, too!

Let's say this together:

The Bible (make book with hands)

Is True (two thumbs up)

Forever! (arms up, then out)

Application Summary:

Kids will discover that the Bible is true and will be true forever as they move their animal through a fun-filled safari board game.

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)

Psalm 119:18

Application Activity (10 min)

Materials: Game Boards, Wild Animal Counters, Wild Cards

1. Give each child one **Game Board**, and allow them to each choose one **Wild Animal Counter**.
2. Lay **Wild Cards** in the center of the group.
3. Allow each child to select one **Wild Card** for you to read aloud.
4. Everyone will move their **Wild Animal Counter** on their own **Game Board** according to the directions from the **Wild Card**.
5. Play until kids reach **Finish**. Then say:

When we read the Bible, we can know that what we read is true. It was true long ago, it is true today, and it will be true FOREVER!

Let's say what we Need to Know together:

The Bible (make book with hands)

Is True (two thumbs up)

Forever! (arms up, then out)

Remember Verse Game (5 min)

Materials: Wild Animal Counters

1. Have kids repeat each line of Remember Verse after you, with motions.
2. Remind kids that this verse means we can ask God to open our eyes to all the wonderful things in the Bible!
3. Have kids, one at a time, choose a **Wild Animal Counter**.
4. Have group repeat verse, after leader, while acting or sounding like the **animal** selected.
5. Play until all kids have had a turn to select an **animal**, or as time allows.

Wrap It Up (10 min)

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

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

Dear God, please help me learn to obey you as I read the Bible. I know it is true forever! Thank you 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. **ASK** the following questions as kids color:

1. **What did we open our eyes and see today on our safari?** (Rhino, Yuni the Bird, rhino tracks, Bible story about Josiah, The Bible is True Forever, etc.)
2. **If you were going on a safari who would you want to go with you?**
3. **Did you have fun today? What did you learn?** (The Bible is True Forever!)

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