



## BIBLE PPT #2

Welcome to opening doors, to discipleship the Bible and the church as a textbook. The Bible is the authoritative resource that directs the church.

It is not a blueprint. If it were all churches would look and act the same. Instead, the Old Testament presents the story of God's people.

And the New Testament offers us the memory of the early church and its priorities. As a community, its witness has propelled the church into community and ministry, proclaiming the gospel, caring for the poor and those in need seeking justice for the marginalized and offering reconciliation to the world with each generation, there have been new interpretations of what the church is called to be and say, and do creeds and confessions provide us with a record of the guidance of the holy spirit with each new affirmation of faith, the church, most intentionally after the reformation returned to the Bible to measure the accuracy of its interpretation of what God was calling the community to do in and through Jesus Christ.

The Bible is the very heart of the church, central to worship and education and mission and worship. We gather around scripture to read, listen, interpret, and apply to our lives.

Its insights have inspired the verses of our hymns and enabled us to praise God in saw early in the reformation, only words from the Psalms were used for hymns, but Luther was known to choose the melodies of drinking songs to make the text both popular and to singable.

Many parts of worship liturgy employ direct quotes from scripture and sermons interpret biblical passages for our edification. Over the centuries, ecumenical scholars created a listing of biblical readings for every Sunday called the lectionary.

The gospel readings tell the life and ministry of Jesus also included are an Old Testament, reading a Psalm and then a pistol.

These have been grouped into liturgical seasons of church life. Advent, Christmas epiphany lent Easter and Pentecost followed by about six months of ordinary time.

Working with the Vulgate, the Latin translation of the Bible, Martin Luther and several of his colleagues translated the Bible into German.

They Made the sacred stories available to everyone to read on their own. Keeping in mind that the Bible is an adult book.

As teachers, parents, and pastors. We seek to share stories with the young appropriate to their age that requires some editing and interpretation.



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Fortunately, many Bible picture and storybooks are available. That presents stories for young children when older children and teens are ready for their first complete Bible, contemporary translations, such as the common English Bible are available.

Some congregations give Bibles to children and youth at different ages. Bibles in the pew enable the congregation to read along with worship leaders, which increases the opportunity to understand the passage, encourage parents, to help their child turn to the book and page and follow along the Bible in the pew belongs to the child as well.

We rely on writers and publishers for the selection of Bible stories and materials for teaching children, youth guidelines, small group studies and special programming that does not relieve us of the responsibility of evaluating whether they are reformed.

Careful thought needs to go into choosing materials for teachers, making sure the church's theology is faithfully presented. Using a daily devotion is a wonderful spiritual practice.

Try D 365 as an inspiring example. Many members enjoy personal devotional books to read and study and the privacy of their homes make the Bible available in all its formats, including free online sites, increasing its impact.

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