

Childhood Discipleship Leadership S.K.I.L.L. Lesson #1

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2. Remember children of all **ages** can learn God's word. You can begin with simple concepts about the Bible such as: the Bible is a special book and continue to teach concepts such as how to find books of the Bible, learn verses, and how to use it as children mature.
3. We all learn by example, so allow the children to see you **use** your Bible as you teach them and when you are in worship services.
4. Allow children to **learn by doing**. Let them use their Bibles every time they are at church. They can look up books of the Bible and look up specific Scripture that go along with every lesson.
5. Encourage **parents** to read God's word to their children, and show children through example the importance of having a daily quiet time.
6. Provide **church programs** such as Bible Drill that focus primarily on how to use and navigate through the Bible. Also, reinforce Bible skills in all weekly church programs, such as Sunday School, Mission and Discipleship programs.

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