



Inductive Study Parent Guide

Knowing how to study the bible can seem daunting at times, even more so when we consider how to teach our kids to do the same. While Sunday school stories are fun, we know that as our children grow into their teen years and on to adulthood, they will need to develop their own faith and learn how to actively engage in the Word themselves.

Studying inductively sets our children up for a lifetime of success as they discover the bible's relevance in their lives and value in the truths of His Word.

Below are some basic tools to use in studying the Word. The printables will get you started by using one or two. As your child (and you!) grows in his/her comfort level, try adding a few more based on their personality, interests and skill sets—God made each of us differently, and discovering how we as individuals best interact in study, and in prayer, is priceless. May these pages and tools bless and deepen your relationship with our Heavenly Father. And with one another!

INDUCTIVE STUDY TOOLBOX

OBSERVATION

- **Focus on God**
 - What does the passage teach about God?
- **Ask Questions of the Text**
 - Who, What, When, Where, Why, How?
- **Mark the Text**
 - Key Words/Phrases
 - Connecting Words
 - § **Explanation:** for, because, since
 - § **Purpose:** as a result, so that, that
 - § **Conclusion:** therefore, thus, so
 - § **Contrast:** but, however, whereas, nevertheless
 - § **Comparison:** like, as, likewise, so also
 - Expressions of Time
 - Unfamiliar Words
 - Confusing Ideas
- **Make Lists**
 - Compile facts about a subject, person or event

INTERPRETATION

- Compare Multiple Translations
- Define Unfamiliar and Pivotal Words
- Cross-Reference
- Paraphrase

APPLICATION

- 3-Step Response to God's Character (Jen Wilkin)
 - What aspect of God's character has the passage shown me more clearly?
 - Knowing that God is ___ shows me that I am _____.
 - What one step can I take this week to better live in light of this truth?
- Principles to Practice
 - S – Sins to Confess
 - P – Promises to Believe
 - A – Attitudes to Guard Against/Change
 - C – Commands to Obey
 - E – Examples to Follow/Avoid
 - P – Prayers to Pray
 - E – Errors to Avoid
 - T – Truths to Believe
 - S – Something for which to Praise God

FURTHER REFLECTION IDEAS

- Pray Scripture
- Journal Scripture
 - Written record of thoughts/insights
 - Inspired doodling or art
- Memorize Scripture
- Sing songs directed by Scripture