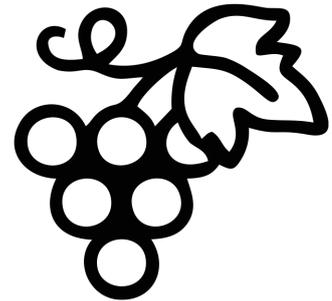




Object Lessons & Demonstrations



Why use object lessons?

What ordinary objects or demonstrations did Jesus use in His teaching to explain spiritual things to His followers?

Why do you think Jesus used these objects?

Read **Nehemiah 8:8**. What did the Levites do? What can we learn from their example?

Nehemiah 8:8 NIV
They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

Understanding object lessons

Purpose of an object lesson:

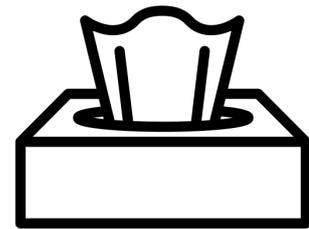
To use _____ about _____ to help kids
_____ they will need to _____ in their
life with _____.





Abstract thinking and children

- Christian concepts are often intangible (cannot be touched or felt). This is difficult for children. Object lessons can help them understand in a more tangible way.
- Concrete vs. Abstract Truth: Object lessons work best for school age children who have moved from simple concrete thinking abilities to abstract thinking abilities.
- Preschoolers are more concrete: touch, see, hear, use their five senses.
- School age children can begin to understand abstract or symbolic thinking.



Object lessons can...

- Make tough truth _____
- Make the lessons _____
- Bring _____ into the classroom
- Be _____!

Object lessons vs. illustrations

An object lesson is different from an illustration or prop from a Bible story. Which of the following are illustrations and which might be used as object lessons?



BIBLE STORY

- Slingshot and five stones
- Bread and fish for 5,000
- Three parts of a flashlight
- Grapes from the Promised Land
- Basket in which baby Moses was found
- Plant and gardening tools
- Mobile phone and charger
- Scroll for Josiah

ILLUSTRATION

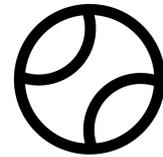
OBJECT LESSON

ILLUSTRATION	OBJECT LESSON



Five Steps for creating an object lesson

1. **SAY IT:** Identify what your students need to learn or understand and say it clearly in one sentence or phrase. Keep it simple and in children's language.
2. **FIND IT:** Find an interesting item that will help you explain or demonstrate this lesson or truth. Make it fun. Be sure the object relates well to the lesson!
3. **PRESENT IT:** Decide how and when the children will discover the truth from this lesson. Practice it several times!
4. **TEACH IT:** Connect this lesson to a very specific truth in God's Word and use the object to help explain it. Read the Bible verse.
5. **APPLY IT:** Help your students apply the Bible truth to their personal lives. Make it personal.



My Object Lesson

What object will you use?

What quality/idea about the object will you use?

What spiritual truth will it help to explain?

Use the Five Steps (above) to help you prepare.

Action Steps

Reflect and respond to the following questions:

Is there a difficult concept that you will need to help them understand? What object lesson can you use?