

WHY WE GOT THE BIBLE

The Bible Transforms People Everywhere

Use this dramatic recitation to help students learn the process of "Why We Got the Bible." It is divided into easy-to-learn sections that correspond to each lesson. Rehearse the dialogue and hand-signs together, adding the portion that goes with each new lesson you teach. You may want to use this narration as a presentation to parents or other classes at the end of the quarter.

- Lesson 1:** *The Bible* (lower hands from heaven with palms open)
Enters my mind (tap the side of your head)
When I read it. (hold out one hand flat and move the index finger of the other hand over it)
- Lesson 2:** *God shapes my heart* (make the outline of a heart in the air)
When I respond to it. (take one step forward)
- Lesson 3:** *God transforms my life* (raise arms in air and punch up as if joyful)
When I follow Him. (walk in place)
- Lesson 4:** *The Bible* (lower hands from heaven with palms open)
Equips me to serve God. (hold pretend tools like a hammer or saw)
- Lesson 5:** *God touches my friends* (pat your classmate on the back)
When I tell them about Jesus. (point to nail marks in hands)
- Lesson 6:** *The Bible* (lower hands from heaven with palms open)
Calls to everyone. (spread arms wide)
- Lesson 7:** *The Bible* (lower hands from heaven with palms open)
Calls to people in Asia. (turn to face and point in that direction*)
- Lesson 8:** *The Bible* (lower hands from heaven with palms open)
Calls to people in Europe. (turn to face and point in that direction*)
- Lesson 9:** *The Bible* (lower hands from heaven with palms open)
Calls to people in Africa. (turn to face and point in that direction*)
- Lesson 10:** *The Bible* (lower hands from heaven with palms open)
Calls to people in North America. (turn to face and point in that direction*)
- Lesson 11:** *The Bible* (lower hands from heaven with palms open)
Calls to people in South America. (turn to face and point in that direction*)
- Lesson 12:** *The Bible* (lower hands from heaven with palms open)
Calls to people in Oceania. (turn to face and point in that direction*)
- 13 Review:** *The Bible* (lower hands from heaven with palms open)
Transforms people everywhere (spread arms wide)
When Christians show Jesus' love. (shake hands with those around you)

* Find American Sign Language motions for these continents on the following page.

Many great resources exist online and in print for learning American Sign Language words. The descriptions below were transcribed from the videos found at ASL Browser: <http://commtechlab.msu.edu/Sites/aslweb/browser.htm>

Asia—Make a fist with thumb outside (ASL for “A”). Raise thumb/fist to eye and rotate twice.

Europe—Make a fist with thumb below fingers (ASL for “E”). Raise thumb/fist to temple and make a circular motion.

Africa—Bring open hand up and make a downward curving motion while closing fingers together. This motion approximates the outline of the African continent.

North America—Put thumb between first two and last two fingers while the first two fingers point horizontally (ASL for “N”). Move this shape in an upward direction for “North.” For “America,” interlock the fingers of both hands and make a semi-circular motion in front of the chest.

South America—Make a fist with thumb outside of fingers (ASL for “S”). Move this shape in a downward direction for “South.” For “America,” interlock the fingers of both hands and make a semi-circular motion in front of the chest.

Australia—Hold both hands up and out with palms down. Make two consecutive downward flicking motions with fingers, as if playing a piano.