

Children Throughout the Ages

Introduction to the Ages

God's Word

- Do you read it?
- Is it easy or hard to read?
- Is it easy or hard to understand?
- How is it different to other books you have read?
- A book of books. Not necessarily in order but we will look at how these books fit together this year.
- Written over a long period of time.
- God is the author but used about forty men to write His word. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost. (2Pe 1:21)
- All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (2Ti 3:16)
- God's word teaches us, tells us where we go wrong, tells us what is right and shows us how to live right.
- It is a living book. It is God talking to us.

Treasure

- Treasure for all in God's Word.
- Ask God to show you something about Himself or a gem of truth just for you

Timeline

- What is a timeline?
- Make basic timeline for one of the students
- Show and discuss timeline of the Bible using chart.
- Briefly discuss dispensations using chart.

Children in the Bible

- I wonder what it was like for children who lived in these different times long ago.
- This year we are going to look at some of these children's lives and see how the stories of their lives can help us today.
- Children grow to be adults. God wants us to all grow closer to Him and in our knowledge of Him.
- But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen. (2Pe 3:18)
- One way to grow in the knowledge of Christ is to memorise scripture.

Memory Verse

The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

(Psa 119:72-73)

The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

(Psa 19:7-10)