

LESSON 8 TEACHING OUTLINE
OCTOBER 25, 2026

FAMILY THEME

How to Study and Live Out the Bible

STUDY TEXT

PSALM 119:1–42

Connect

VIDEO: Show this video in which the Creation Museum traces the different forms the Bible has taken throughout the centuries and its importance to believing communities: tinyurl.com/D6Creation.

STORY: In *The Hiding Place*, Corrie ten Boom tells how she and her family helped Jews escape the Nazis during World War II. After being arrested, Corrie and her sister Betsie were sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp. Despite strict searches, Corrie was able to smuggle a Bible into the camp. *Why do you think Corrie risked so much to bring a Bible?*

OBJECT LESSON: Bring a simple item with instructions (e.g., a board game, small appliance, LEGO® set). Ask, *Would you try to use this without reading the instructions?* After discussion, say, *Many people approach the Bible the same way. They try to use it without taking time to understand it.*

Teaching the Truth

BIG IDEA: Consistent Engagement With God’s Word Leads to Understanding (Psalm 119:1–16)

Live It Out: Engage with God’s Word consistently this week. Aim for four or more times and explore different ways of interacting with Scripture.

- *What is your go-to method of engaging with the Bible? Why does it work for you?*
- *Which form of Bible engagement—reading, listening, memorizing, or discussing—would you like to grow in?*
- *What are some common obstacles that keep people from engaging with Scripture regularly? How can those be overcome?*
- *What difference might it make in your life to engage with Scripture four or more times each week?*

Encourage your learners to memorize the Family Scripture of the Month (**Colossians 2:6–7**) along with family members.

Pass out copies of the AH 8-2 Adult Member Outline.

BIG IDEA 2: Healthy Curiosity in God’s Word Leads to Deeper Understanding and Growth (Psalm 119:17–18)

- Live It Out:** Take time this week to pause during your Bible reading and ask questions that help you understand, apply, and respond to God’s Word.
- *Of all the topics or events in Scripture, which ones make you most curious? Why?*
 - *What are some helpful questions you can ask as you study the Bible to better understand and apply it?*
 - *Many Christians express concerns when people ask hard questions about the Bible. Do you see this as a crisis of faith or an opportunity for God’s Word to prove itself?*
 - *How might asking more questions during your Bible study change the way you understand and apply God’s Word?*

BIG IDEA 3: Genuine Fellowship in God’s Word Leads to Growth and Faithfulness (Psalm 119:19–42)

- Live It Out:** Share something you have learned from God’s Word with another believer this week, and invite them to share what they are learning as well.
- *What are some benefits you have experienced in studying God’s Word with other Christians?*
 - *What are some ways our group/class can help others feel welcomed or encouraged to study the Bible with us?*
 - *Name a few people who have invested in you spiritually. How has their encouragement or teaching helped you grow in your understanding of God’s Word?*
 - *What is one way you can encourage or support another believer in their walk with God this week?*

Respond

FAITH AT HOME: Encourage group members to ask their family or roommates what questions they have about the Bible. Ask them to explore those questions together by reading Scripture, discussing what it means, and modeling how to study God’s Word.

SHARING ONE’S FAITH: People are spiritually hungry. Encourage group members to look for a natural opportunity this week to talk with a friend, coworker, or neighbor about something they’ve discovered in their Bible study.

SERVING THE CHURCH: Encourage group members to strengthen someone in the church this week by sharing a passage of Scripture that has been meaningful to them. Remind them that God often uses His Word to encourage and build up others.

Distribute copies of *As You Go* (AYG-8) and encourage your learners to complete the daily devotions in their *D6 Discipleship Journals* this week.