

Puppeteers: P1: Hope / P2: Jonah *(both are to be kid puppets)*

Verse:

2 Timothy 3:16 – All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness..

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> Allan welcomes kids, reviews last week's verse, and calls for his "friends" to appear. Puppets all say "hello" "hey everybody" "what's up, ya'll"

P2: Hey Allan, I found this interesting game online where you ask questions of another person and get to know them better.

Allan: Sounds cool.

P2: I was wondering if I could ask the questions of *(P1 name)* ?

Allan: Sure thing. Are you up to answering questions, *(P1 name)* ?

P1: I'm always ready. Go for it.

P2: OK. *(looks down as if viewing paper)* Question number 1: Do you like spinach?

P1: No.

P2: Me neither. That was easy. Question number 2: Do you have a favorite sport?

P1: Umm, either tennis or volleyball to play and either baseball or golf to watch.

P2: Hmm. That says a lot about you. Question number 3: Do you have a pet?

P1: Yes. A cute little kitty – I just got her and I named her Tabitha.

P2: Number 4: What's your favorite holiday?

P1: Easter. It's coming up soon, you know?

P2: Yeah. I like Easter, too. Ok, this says to tell why you like the holiday you named.

- P1: I like Christmas and all that, of course, but Easter reminds me that Jesus died on a cross to take my punishment for the sins and bad things I've done. But he didn't stay dead – he came back to life and defeated death!
- P2: Question number 5 is probably pretty obvious based on that answer: Do you go to church?
- P1: Almost every Sunday and most Wednesday nights to Kingdom Kids.
- P2: *(looking down as if reading question)* If yes: Do you read your Bible everyday?
- P1: Umm, well, not *every* day. But I try to in the mornings and sometimes at night before I go to bed.
- P2: Do you remember what your Sunday school teacher taught you this past Sunday?
- P1: Wow, these are getting hard. Umm ... let me think. It was something about growing, I think.
- P2: Does your Pastor read from the Bible during his message on Sundays?
- P1: Gosh ... I think so. I can't remember.
- P2: Does your church teach you how to study the Bible?
- P1: *(getting frustrated)* They have ... a little bit ... I think I'm just supposed to read it, right? Do I really have to *study* it?
- P2: *(looks down at paper)* What is your favorite Old Testament female character?
- P1: Whoa ... these are really hard. Can we go back to questions about my favorite food or something?
- Allan: Actually, these *are* very interesting questions.
- P2: Sorry – can't go on to the next one until you answer this one. What is your favorite Old Testament female character?
- P1: I ... umm ... I can't think ... of ... one ... right now on the spot. You're making this hard!
- P2: It's not me. I'm just going by these questions. Once you said you go to church and sometimes read your Bible, the questions went off in this direction.

Allan: I think I know what it's trying to do.

P1: What? 'Cause I think I'm done answering.

Allan: I think the questions are trying to see if you really are a follower of Jesus, or if you just go to church and pretend.

P1: I do love Jesus!

P2: Yeah, she does. She's the one who prays at school before she eats lunch.

Allan: That's great and you should keep doing that. But let's go back to that question about how often you read your Bible. Do you know that's how God talks to us? Through His Word.

P1: Yeah. I talk to Him by praying, and He talks to me through reading my Bible.

Allan: So, if you don't read it but a couple of times a week, but you pray every day, then it sounds like maybe you're talking to God a lot more than you're letting Him talk to you.

P2: I never thought of it like that.

Allan: And listen to this verse: 2 Timothy 3:16 – All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

P1: OK, break that down for me. That's too many words.

Allan: *(I will explain the verse here extemporaneously)*

P1: That makes sense. The more I read my Bible, the more I will become like Jesus by being taught the truth and being corrected when I think wrong.

P2: *(shakes head)* I don't like it when something tells me I'm wrong.

P1: Well, God loves you so you don't have to think of it like he's correcting you 'cause he thinks you're stupid or something. He corrects and teaches us because He loves us and wants us to be more like Jesus.

Allan: You're exactly right. So now you don't have to think of reading your Bible as something you just "have to go do" every day, like it's boring. Do it so God can talk to you, and so you can learn from Him.

P1: That sounds like a good idea. Now, got any more questions for me?

P2: I think I'm done. Let's go have a snack. *Puppets say "goodbye" and disappear.*