











Story in a Bottle - Summer Reading



Use your story in a bottle to read your Spark Story Bible (or any Bible) throughout the summer. First, find the item to look for in the bottle, read the story, answer the questions, pray and do, and then add your sticker. Once you complete all the stories, bring in this completed sticker sheet to Pastor Heather at church to win a Dairy Queen gift card!

Item in the Bottle	Sticker	Reading, Questions, & Prayer
<p>Holy Spirit Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Red Pompom</p> 		<p>Find the red pompom in the bottle. Read the “The Holy Spirit” story from your Spark Story Bible on page 502. Ask: What does the red pompom have to do with the story? What else is red in the story? Does anything from the story remind you of a ball of fire? Pray: Dear God, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Do one act of kindness this week.</p>
<p>Creation Genesis 1:1-2:4 Animal Bead</p> 		<p>Find the animal bead in the bottle Read the “Creation” story from your Spark Story Bible on page 2. Ask: What animal do you have in your bottle? What is your favorite animal? Pray: Dear God, thank you for the gift of creation. Amen. Go for a walk or hike this week and look at God’s creation.</p>
<p>Battle of Jericho Joshua 6:1-20 Lego Brick</p> 		<p>Find the Lego brick in the bottle. Read the “The Battle of Jericho” story from your Spark Story Bible on page 102. Ask: What does the lego brick have to do with the story? What happens when the walls come tumbling down? Pray: Dear God, thank you for the gift of breaking down walls. Amen. Build something with legos or blocks with your family or friends this week.</p>
<p>House on a Rock Matthew 7:24-28 Pebble</p> 		<p>Find the pebble in your bottle. Read the “House on a Rock” story from your Spark Story Bible on page 282. Ask: How does finding a pebble in your bottle connect to the Bible story? Would you rather build your house on a rock or sand? Why? Pray: Dear God, thank you for the gift of rocks and a firm foundation. Amen. Look out the window this week, and see what the houses in your neighborhoods are made of.</p>

<p>Parable of the Fig Tree Luke 13:1-9 Leaf</p> 		<p>Find the leaf in your bottle. Read the “Parable of the Fig Tree” story from your Spark Story Bible on page 372. Ask: What does a leaf have to do with the Bible story? What kind of trees do you have in your yard or in a park? What is your favorite tree? Pray: Dear God, thank you for the gift of trees and their shade. Amen. Pick Up leaves from outside and identify them this week.</p>
<p>The Sower Matthew 7:24-28 Corn kernel</p> 		<p>Find the corn kernel in your bottle. Read the “The Sower” story from your Spark Story Bible on page 292. Ask: What happens in the Bible story to the seeds? What does a seed need in order to grow? Pray: Dear God, thank you for the gift of seeds, farming and food. Amen. Look in your local park and neighborhood for community gardens and what they are growing.</p>
<p>Four Friends Luke 5:17-26 Person</p> 		<p>Find the person in your bottle. Read the “Four Friends” story from your Spark Story Bible on page 348. Ask: How did the people help their friend? Who is your favorite person? Pray: Dear God, thank you for the gift of people, friends, and helpers. Amen. Make a card for a neighbor or friend who needs a word of encouragement.</p>
<p>Boy Jesus at the Temple Luke 2:41-52 Cross Bead</p> 		<p>Find the cross in your bottle. Read the “The Boy at the Temple” story from your Spark Story Bible on page 230. Ask: Why did Jesus go to the temple? What happened when his parents couldn’t find him? Why do we have a cross at church? Pray: Dear God, thank you for the gift of Jesus and the cross. Amen. Find as many crosses as you can this week. Can you see around your home, in the trees, or blades of grass?</p>
<p>Mary and Martha Luke 10:38-42 Hand Bead</p> 		<p>Find the hand bead in your bottle. Read the “Mary and Martha” story from your Spark Story Bible on page 366. Ask: What are the things that Mary and Martha might have been doing with their hands? How can you use your hands to worship and praise God? Pray: Dear God, thank you for the gift of listening and work. Amen. Use your hands to help with work around the home this week.</p>
<p>Love is... 1 Corinthians 13 Circle Band</p> 		<p>Find the circle band in your bottle. Read the “Love is...” story from your Spark Story Bible on page 546. Ask: What is love? Why do you think a circle represents God’s love? Pray: Dear God, thank you for your gift of love. Amen. Share a hug or high five with someone this week.</p>