

Summer Reading for 4th Grade

Fourth Grade

Treasures of the Snow by Patricia St. John

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Bible Selection: Genesis Ch. 1

Summer Reading Assignments for 4th Grade

Rising 4th grade students should read the required books and complete a summer reading form for each. They will also read the Bible selection.

Bible Selection – All Rising 4th grade students will read the selection listed and complete two SOAP journal entries based on this scripture passage.

Summer Reading Form for 4th Grade

Name _____

Date _____

Title of Story: _____

Author: _____

Directions: You may write your answers on a separate sheet of notebook paper if you wish and attach the paper to this form. Please write complete sentences in cursive. (10 points each)

___ (10 pts.) Who are the major characters in this story and what are they like?

___ (10 pts.) Setting (Tell when and where. Be descriptive.)

___ (10 pts.) Problem (Use sentences to explain what leads characters to act the way they did.)

___ (10 pts.) Tell about the beginning of the story.

___ (10 pts.) Tell about the middle of the story.

___ (10 pts.) Tell about the end of the story.

___ (10 pts.) What was the solution to the problem in the story?

___ (10 pts.) How does this story or its main characters remind you of something in your own life?

___ (10 pts.) Write a Bible verse that relates well to this story.

___ (10 pts.) Give this story a rating by choosing one sentence.

I did not enjoy the book.

The book was okay but not great.

It was very good!

I really loved this book!

Please submit this form to your teacher during the first week of school

S.O.A.P. Journal Instructions

God's word is living and applicable to our lives at all ages and stages of life. In order to properly understand and apply God's word to our lives, we must seek to study His and hear what truths He has for us. We can do this by rightly dividing God's word, and spending time meditating on the scriptures that speak to our heart. In order to help our students divide God's word this summer, we would like for them to use the SOAP Bible study method. This method is simple but effective. Students will read their assigned Bible reading, and complete the appropriate amount of SOAP journal entries for their grade level.

SOAP is an acronym for:

- **Scripture**
- **Observation**
- **Application**
- **Prayer**

Step 1 – S is for Scripture

After reading your assigned Bible passage, you will pick a verse that really spoke to your heart, or stuck out to you. You want to keep this simple.

You will write out the verse and reread the verse a few times slowly. Take your time in this step.

An example verse could be Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. – Philippians 4:8

Step 2 – O is for Observation

Observation is about what stood out to you about the scripture you chose, and what is the purpose of that scripture.

Take a few minutes and really ponder the verse. Write down a few truths you feel God is wanting you to learn. They can be warnings, truths, principles, commands, and more.

*You can take this to the next level and use a Bible Dictionary, Bible Commentary or a Strong's Concordance. This is getting more advanced but the extra effort is very rewarding.

Step 3 – A is for Application

The application section is more personal. This is a time where you think about what you observed and ask yourself if you are applying these truths in your life. If you are, list some examples of how. If you aren't, what are some way that you could begin applying them?

Write down practical ways you can apply what you learned and make the Word come alive in your life.

Step 4 – P is for Prayer

Consider the last three steps and talk to God about it! Tell Him how the verse impacted you and how you desire to apply His Word to your life. Ask Him for grace, guidance, wisdom, and strength to help you apply His truths to your life. Write down a prayer that goes along with what you learned from the scripture you chose.

Example:

Dear Father,

Thank you for your truth in your Word. Lord, I ask that you would help me and give me the grace to make you my first in every aspect of my life. That I would be one who seeks hard after your Kingdom and your Righteousness. God help me to trust you. That I don't need to worry about my day or the days to come, but that as I seek You, you will make my path straight. Thank you, Lord, for your love and goodness may it cover me all the days of my life. In the mighty name of Jesus! Amen.

Please print off and use the template below to complete your SOAP Journal Entry(ies).

Name: _____

SOAP Journaling

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Scripture- Verse or verses that stand out to me

Observation- What is the purpose of this scripture? What is God showing me?

Application- How does this apply to my life? What will I do about it?

Prayer- Thank God, and ask Him for guidance and strength to help you apply His truths.
