

STUDYING GOD'S WORD

Using the SOAP technique to study the Bible with young people

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SCRIPTURE

Read through the passage together. It is helpful to have the passage printed on an A4 sheet with space at the side for notes. This also helps everyone to follow the same version and have somewhere to record their thoughts.

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OBSERVATION

What do the young people see in the passage? Who is in it? Where is it? Do you know who wrote it? Any words repeated? Any words that they don't understand? Encourage them to underline/ highlight words.

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APPLICATION

So what? What does the passage mean in our lives? What has stood out? Has anything confused them, challenged them, made them think about things in another way? If they had to tell someone about the passage, what would they say?

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PRAYER

Responding to the passage. What is God saying? Ask Him. It is useful to take some time to listen to really hear what God is saying.