



Leading a devotion yourself – a workshop

AT A GLANCE



Place

Indoors, tables for small groups



Key idea

Learning how to prepare and lead a short, lively devotion for a group



Effort

Materials 10 min · Preparation 20 min



90 minutes



4-12 Scouts



16+ years



Bibles for everyone



Materials

- ☐ Bibles (different translations)
- ☐ cards with Bible passages (e.g. Psalm 23, Mark 4:35–41, Luke 15:1–7, John 6:1–13)
- ☐ poster with the four building blocks: opening – Bible passage – thought – prayer
- ☐ pens, paper, simple objects for openings



Schedule

0–10'	Opening – Memory round: which devotion has stuck with you – and why?
10–25'	Building blocks – The four building blocks: opening (spark curiosity), Bible passage (read or tell it), thought (one message, not ten), prayer.
25–60'	Workshop – In pairs, prepare a 5-minute devotion on a Bible passage – with an object or a question as an opening.
60–80'	Trying it out – Two or three pairs lead their devotion; the others give friendly feedback: what was strong? What was clear?
80–90'	Closing – Colossians 3:16: let the message of Christ dwell among you richly. Who will lead the next devotion in the group?



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How it works – simply explained

- 1 Choose a short Bible passage and read it twice calmly.
- 2 Ask yourself: what is the one message for my group?
- 3 Find an opening that sparks curiosity – an object, a question, a short story.
- 4 Speak freely and personally rather than reading out; reading the Bible verse aloud is good.
- 5 Close with a short prayer or a question to take away.

 **Example:** "My opening: I show an empty glass. My message: God fills us when we are empty. My passage: John 6, the feeding of the 5,000."



Safety

- Feedback always appreciative: strengths first, then one tip.
- Do not force anyone to speak in front of the group.
- Only share personal stories if you feel comfortable doing so.



Variations

- Draw up a devotion rota for the next few weeks – everyone leads once.
- Use the devotions from scouts-cloud.com as templates and adapt them.



Something to think about

Which Bible passage has helped you personally – and who could you tell about it?