

Eat the Bible

CHARACTERS: 3 (1F, 2 either)

PROPS: Bible, paper, toy

SETTING: none specified

RUN TIME: 2 minutes

At rise: Two preschool children. One is playing with a toy; the other is opening a Bible. CHILD 1 rips what appears to be a page from the Bible (it is really a scrap of paper held in with one hand and torn out with the other) takes a bite and tears a piece of paper off and thrusts it toward the other child)

CHILD 1: *(Talking through a mouthful of paper)* Here. Eat this.

CHILD 2: *(confused and disgusted)* Why would I want to eat paper?

CHILD 1: It's the Bible. Didn't you listen to the lesson? I learned at church it's sweeter than honey.

CHILD 2: *(reluctantly takes the paper but looks at it without taking a bite)* Are you sure we're supposed to eat the Bible?

CHILD 1: Yes, we're supposed to hide it in our heart. So start eating.

CHILD 2: *(stalling)* I think if we eat it, it goes to our tummies, not our hearts.

CHILD 1: I think you're right. *(Gets an idea)* I know what to do. I'll get a big knife from mom and we can cut our hearts open and put the Bible in that way!

CHILD 2: *(Horried at the idea)* No! Let's just eat it *(Stuffs piece in her mouth and chews. After a couple of seconds MOM enters)*

MOM: What are you kids doing?

CHILD 2: *(pointing at CHILD 1)* It was her idea.

CHILD 1: We're getting the Bible in our hearts.

MOM: You don't get the Bible in your hearts by eating it. *(CHILD 2 makes an "I told you so face" at CHILD 1)* You get the Bible in your heart by listening to it or reading it and then DOING what it says.

CHILD 1: Oh.

MOM: I'll read you a story then we'll all get the Bible in our hearts.

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