

Rocky's Bible Lesson  
Leading into his dog safety class

This is Rocky - he is a Canine Ambassador and he loves kids.

Do you want to know something about Rocky - this isn't always what he did. He used to train to be a Search & Rescue Dog - to help find people that were lost in the woods. Unfortunately, Rocky wasn't very good at it and didn't pay attention to his job, so we stopped doing that with him.

So - we know Rocky won't be our rescuer... who will be our rescuer?

GOD

( Have someone read Psalm 31: 1-5 )

Okae - so Rocky isn't a rescuer - what he does do is help me talk about Dog Safety. That's what we're going to do now.

Almost ALL dog bites are avoidable (4.7 million bitten a year) -  
For every 100 people bitten, 60 of them are children.  
**(point to the larger group of kids to show them how many of them are likely to be bitten)**

Most people are NOT bitten by a strange dog.  
They are bitten by a family pet that they know or by a friend's family pet.

What can you do to avoid a dog bite:

1. Never try to play with a dog who is eating.
2. Always ask the owner if you can pet a dog. If the owner says yes, hold your hand out with it turned down and let the dog sniff you - then pet it on top of the head only.
3. Never try to pet a dog you don't know.
4. Never run from a dog
5. Never hit a dog.
6. Don't poke at or throw things at ANY dog.

7. Don't put your face close to an animal unless you really know the animal - and then, NEVER do this if the dog is eating or playing with a toy.
8. NEVER walk up to a dog from behind.
9. Do not stick your hand through a crate, fence or pen to pet a dog.
10. NEVER tease an animal.
11. Do not try to ride a dog like a horse.

Psalms 31 vs.1-5 says :

I come to you, Lord, for protection. Don't let me be ashamed. Do as you have promised and rescue me. Listen to my prayer and hurry to save me. Be my mighty rock and fortress where I am safe. You, Lord God, are my mighty rock and my fortress. Lead me and guide me, so that your name will be honored. Protect me from hidden traps and keep me safe. You are faithful, and I trust you because you rescued me.