Date: 7/15/17

Title: The Sword of the Spirit

Theme: The Bible is the greatest book because it is God’s word.

Object: A sword

Text: Hebrews 4:12 (NLT) For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Have you ever been to a library? What do you find in a library?

In a library, you can find all kinds of books.

And if you have a library card, you can check out a book, take it home and read it, and bring it back next week.

And you can do it all for free.

The largest library in the US is the Library of Congress: It has over 34 million books!!

You could never read that many books, so we have to choose which books are worth reading.

Of the 34 million books in the Library of Congress, which is the greatest?

There is one book that, year after year, sells more copies than any other book in the world.

It is the one book that people want more than any other book.

Can you guess which book it is? It’s the Bible.

Over 100 million Bibles are sold or given away every year all over the world.

It is far-and-away the greatest book in the world!

What makes the Bible so special? Why does everyone want to read it?

The Bible is special because it contains messages from God: It is God’s word.

The things in the Bible are not just what some person thought up.

The things in the Bible are God’s ideas of what He wants us to know, what He wants us to do, and how He wants us to live.

The most important thing God wants us to know is that Jesus, His Son, died for our sins, and we can be forgiven if we love Him and trust Him and tell Him we’re sorry.

Now the verse that we read from the Bible this morning says that the Bible, the word of God, is alive and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword.

Would you like to see a two-edged sword? [Explain how soldiers fought before guns]

Now here’s the question: How is the Bible like a sharp sword?

Well a sharp sword can cut things open so you can see what’s inside.

Our Bible verse said the word of God is alive and powerful, and like a sharp sword, “It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.”

And when we see the selfishness and sin in our hearts and ask Jesus to forgive us, God’s word has the Power to change us and give us eternal life.

God’s word is alive and powerful because when we read it, we realize how much we need Jesus.

Do you want Jesus to be your Savior? O, I want Him to be mine!

Let’s thank Him for the Bible that tells us about Jesus our Savior!