



STUDENT WORKSHEET

Faith-based curriculum for people of all abilities

UNIT ONE

Lesson One: The Bible?

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father, help us learn about Your Holy Word, the Bible. Teach us that the Bible is Your true and only Word; there is nothing else that can take its place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

LESSON:

Today we will learn about the Bible, sometimes called the Word of God. We will learn who wrote the Bible and how old it is. We will also learn why reading or listening to the Bible is so important. Lastly, we will learn God's Word is true!

What is the Bible?

The Bible is a collection of books or ancient writings where we learn about God. Everything we need to know about God and how to live our lives can be found in the Bible. God did not leave anything out! Most importantly, the Bible tells us all about Jesus and everything we need to know in order to be forgiven by God and live in heaven someday.

Why was the Bible was written?

The Bible is God's story of love for His people. God begins by telling how He created the earth and heaven. God created everything! God is the Maker and Creator! He finishes His story telling about our home in heaven. In the middle, God tells how He has loved and saved people for thousands of years. We are in the middle of the story!

Who were the writers of the Bible?

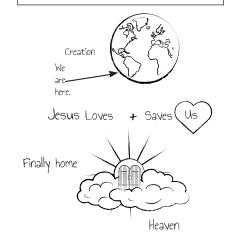
The Bible was written by many different people, but each of those authors was chosen by God to write down His words. Because God inspired the writers, leading their thoughts, there are no mistakes in the Bible. It is the true Word of God and we can trust it.



MY NOTES FOR CLASS OR HOME

Throughout this lesson look for names for God. List them here:

1. Yahweh
2. Immanuel
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CHECKOUT:
PROVERES 50:5
The Bible is sometimes called:
My Bible looks like this:





God chose three different ways throughout history to tell us His story and lead us to heaven.

- 1. From the time of creation until the time when Jesus was born, God chose people, who we call **prophets**, to share His words with others.
 - a. The prophets were filled with God's spirit; the Spirit gave them the power and words to use. They wrote in their own words, yet what they wrote was truly the **Word of God**. The Bible says they were inspired
 - All scripture is inspired by God. See 2 Timothy 3:16.
 - Highlight or label verse with sticker.
 - b. The prophets were given the ability to preach God's message to people.
 - c. The prophets were the writers of the **Old Testament**, the first half of the Bible. They offered hope that a Savior (the Messiah) would come some day.
- When Jesus was born and living on earth, Jesus told us what God is like. Jesus is God's Son, our Savior (the Messiah). Jesus shows us how much God loves us.
- 3. After Jesus returned to heaven, His followers, the apostles and disciples, were given the power of the Spirit. They were the first missionaries. They took the words and promises of forgiveness and heaven to people all over the world. They were also the writers of the New Testament, the second half of the Bible.

How old is the Bible?

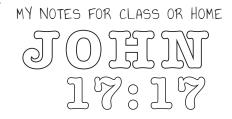
The earliest writings in the Bible are now over 3,000 years old. It took about 1,100 years in total to write the Bible. It was written in many different places by many different people who were inspired by God. It was brought together and put into one book by the leaders of the church.

Why do we read the Bible?

The Bible tells us all about who God is, and it tells us about God's Son Jesus Christ. The Bible helps us understand how God wants us to live and act. It shares the stories of many people just like us who were faithful to God and His teachings. These stories help us understand about things in our own lives, and we can share them to help others. Reading God's words of love and forgiveness gives us joy and the hope of heaven.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for the great gift of Your Bible. It helps us learn about You and how You want us to live our lives. Help us be like the writers of the Bible and share Your good news about Jesus with everyone we meet. Today we'd like to pray for [insert prayer requests here]. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Two examples of prophets in the Old Testament:





