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Lesson 1

The Bible Is the Word of God.

The Bible is no ordinary book. It is God's own words to us. God used men and women to write down what He wanted us to know. But the Bible is God's words, not men's.

The Bible tells us what pleases God and what doesn't. It shows us our sin. It explains God's love for us. It tells us God's plan of

salvation. God's Word contains many promises for people who put their trust in God.

Because the Bible is God's Word, it is very important that we obey it. Read your Bible carefully every day. Then, you will discover the neat things that God wants you to know!



2 Timothy 3:16

**All Scripture is given
by inspiration of God.**

2 Peter 1:21

**For the prophecy came not in old
time by the will of man: but holy
men of God spake as they were
moved by the Holy Ghost.**

Lesson

The Bible Is All True.



Everything in the Bible is true and right. There are no mistakes in God's Word. Some people try to find words that aren't true, so they won't have to believe any of the Bible. But

the more that scientists study our world, the more we find out that the Bible is true. It's the only book in the universe that you can always count on.

If any part of the Bible was false or not quite true, we would wonder if the rest of it could be right. But God is truthful. He never put anything false into His Word. You can believe everything God has given us in His Word. It is true from beginning to end, and it was given to you for your good.

Psalm 119:160

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of Thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him.

John 17:17

Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth.

Lesson

The Bible Is Forever.

For hundreds of years, men have tried to destroy the Bible. People don't like to be reminded of their sin and their need for Jesus Christ to save them. The Bible reminds them that they need to live for God, and not for themselves. Many people don't want to do that. They want to live their own way, not God's way.

God has protected the Bible for thousands of years. God lives forever. So does His Word. No matter what happens around us, the Bible will always be here for us. 1 Peter 1:25 says *the word of the Lord endureth for ever*. God's Word will always be available for us whenever we need it. We can count on God's Word.



Psalm 119:89

**For ever, O LORD, Thy word
is settled in heaven.**

Isaiah 40:8

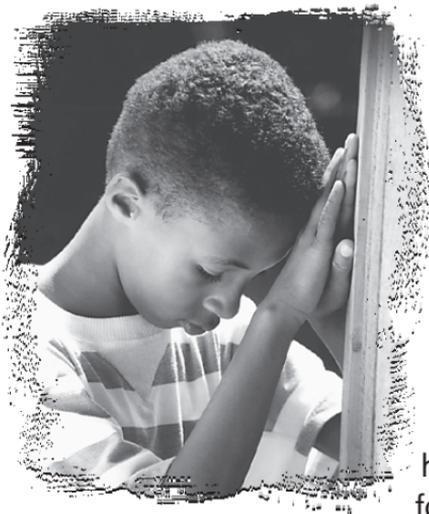
**The grass withereth, the flower
fadeth: but the word of our God
shall stand for ever.**

Matthew 24:35

**Heaven and earth shall pass away,
but My words shall not pass away.**

Lesson 4

I Need God's Word for Salvation.



God has a wonderful plan for bringing people into His family. His plan tells us how we can become Christians. We learn what it means to trust Jesus as our Savior by reading or listening to God's Word. That's where we find God's plan.

The Bible says that we all have sinned. The punishment for sin is death. Death is going to hell and being separated from God forever. But there's good news. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sin. If you believe He paid the penalty for your sin and trust Jesus as your Savior, the Bible says you will be saved from the punishment for sin. God will give you the greatest gift of all: eternal life with Him in heaven.

This new life starts the very moment you put your trust in Jesus. You start a brand-new life – the Bible calls it *being born again*. That's great news, isn't it? If you want Jesus to be your Savior, you can trust Him right now!

John 5:24

**Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that heareth My word, and
believeth on Him that sent Me,
hath everlasting life, and shall not
come into condemnation; but is
passed from death unto life.**

2 Timothy 3:15

**And that from a child thou hast
known the holy Scriptures,
which are able to make thee wise
unto salvation through faith
which is in Christ Jesus.**

1 Peter 1:23

**Being born again ... by the word
of God, which liveth and abideth
for ever.**

Lesson

I Need God's Word for Growth.

When you were born into the world, your parents made sure you got everything you needed. They gave you food, shelter, clothing, and lots of love and care.

Just as people's bodies need fruits and vegetables and other healthy food to survive, people need spiritual food from the Bible after they are born again. The food we put in our stomachs helps our bodies grow. When we read, study, memorize, and obey God's Word, we grow into stronger Christians. This strength helps us do what is right.

God wants you to grow and be strong. "Feed" on the Bible!



Luke 4:4

**... man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word of God.**

1 Peter 2:2

**As newborn babes, desire
the sincere milk of the word,
that ye may grow thereby.**

2 Peter 3:18

**But grow in grace, and in the
knowledge of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. ...**

Lesson

I Need God's Word for Victory.

Everyone is tempted each day by something or someone. Satan enjoys seeing Christians do wrong things. But we don't have to do them. God's Word is our help.

The Bible tells us what things are wrong. It also becomes part of our armor against Satan's attacks. The Bible calls itself our sword.

When you're tempted to lie, cheat, steal, or do something else that doesn't please God, remind yourself that you don't have to do those things. The Bible shows us what's wrong. Learn what God's Word says and hide it in your heart. You can win battles against temptation by using God's Word.



Ephesians 6:17

**And take the helmet of salvation,
and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.**

Hebrews 4:12

**For the word of God is quick,
and powerful, and sharper
than any two-edged sword ...**

1 John 2:14

**... I have written unto you, young
men, because ye are strong, and the
word of God abideth in you, and ye
have overcome the wicked one.**

Lesson

The Bible Is My Treasure.

When you think of a treasure, what comes to mind? Gold? Jewels? Millions of dollars?

Remember King David? He said that his treasure – the most valuable thing he owned – was God's Word. He said it was greater than thousands of pieces of gold and silver. He enjoyed just sitting and thinking about the things he learned from God.

The Bible is a treasure book. Hundreds of wonderful promises are buried in its pages. If you get in the Bible and dig, you will find many things that will help you live a full life that pleases the Lord. Start digging!



Psalm 119:14

**I have rejoiced in the way
of Thy testimonies, as much
as in all riches.**

Psalm 119:72

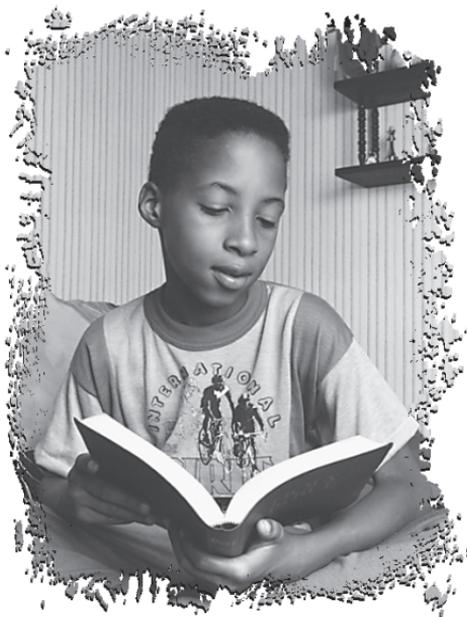
**The law of Thy mouth is better
unto me than thousands of gold
and silver.**

Psalm 119:97

**O how love I Thy law! it is my
meditation all the day.**

Lesson

The Bible Is My Pleasure.



Do you love your Bible? Do you read God's Word each day? Is it important to you to learn more about God and what He wants you to do?

King David wrote in Psalm 1:2, *But his delight is in the law of the Lord ...* What does delight mean? Delight is something that gives you lots of pleasure. Some

people get pleasure from eating ice cream, doing a favorite activity, or spending time with their best friend or their mom or dad.

The more you know and love the Lord, the more pleasure God's Word will give you. The Bible will become a valuable treasure that you *delight* in as you read it every day.

Psalm 1:2

**But his delight is in the law
of the Lord; and in His law
doth he meditate day and night.**

Psalm 119:47

**And I will delight myself in
Thy commandments,
which I have loved.**

Jeremiah 15:16

**Thy words were found, and I did
eat them; and Thy word was unto
me the joy and rejoicing of mine
heart ...**

Lesson

The Bible Is My Light.

It's very easy to stumble over something in the dark, isn't it? But a small flashlight can help you see the things that might trip you.

God's Word is the same way. It warns us about sins which will keep us from doing our best for the Lord. It helps us understand the world around us. It shows us what can become temptations to us, and how to avoid them. And it helps us find the things God wants us to do.

We live in a world that's dark with sin. We need the light of God's Word every day to help us see what is right.



Psalm 119:105

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.**

2 Peter 1:19

**We have also a more sure word
of prophecy; whereunto ye do well
that ye take heed, as unto a light
that shineth in a dark place ...**

Proverbs 6:23

**For the commandment is a lamp;
and the law is light ...**

Lesson

The Bible Shows Me What's Right.

People make decisions every day. Some decisions are easy, like what kind of cereal to eat for breakfast. Others are hard. The toughest decisions are the ones where we don't know which choice is the right thing to do.

That's where God's Word can help. The Bible shows us what is right and what is wrong. The Bible says, *Thou shalt not steal*, so we know that stealing is not right. The Bible says, *Honor thy father and thy mother*, so we know that we should obey our mom and dad.

Other things can be harder to decide. But as we get to know God through His Word, He will help us know what's right. He will show us what will please Him in every situation.



Psalm 119:9

**Wherewithal shall a young man
cleanse his way? by taking heed
thereto according to Thy word.**

Psalm 119:11

**Thy word have I hid in mine heart,
that I might not sin against Thee.**

Matthew 22:29

**Jesus answered and said unto them,
“Ye do err, not knowing the
Scriptures, nor the power of God.”**

Lesson

God's Word Gives Me Comfort.



Ever have a day when you feel like everyone is against you? Like everything is going wrong? When you're so sad that you feel like crying? When you've done something so bad that you think no one can forgive you?

When you feel that way, the best place to turn to is your Bible. God's Word gives us hope. It contains true stories of people who went through terrible problems but got help from God in a big way. If you trust in God, the Bible promises He will help you.

Keep learning all you can from your Bible. God's Word can cheer you up and give you love and comfort. But it can only help you if you study it. Let God comfort you through His comforting words!

Psalm 119:52

**I remembered Thy judgments
of old, O LORD; and have
comforted myself.**

Acts 27:25

**Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer:
for I believe God, that it shall be
even as it was told me.**

Romans 15:4

**For whatsoever things were written
aforetime were written for our
learning, that we through patience
and comfort of the Scriptures might
have hope.**

Lesson 12

God's Word Gives Me Confidence.

What is confidence? It means being able to trust or believe. If you have confidence that you will get a birthday gift from your mom and dad, it means you trust or believe that they will give you a gift.



The Bible teaches that you can have confidence in God. He will always do what He says. If you trust Jesus as your Savior, you can trust His promise that you will go to heaven when you die.

When you ask the Lord for something, you can be confident He will answer. If what you wanted is the best thing for you and for the people around you, He will give it to you. What we think is best for us is not always God's best for us, so we should pray for God's will every time we make a request to Him.

The more time we spend reading the Bible and obeying it, the more confidence we will have in God's promises.

Romans 10:17

**So then faith cometh by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God.**

1 John 5:13-14

**These things have I written unto you
that believe on the name of the Son of
God; that ye may know that ye have
eternal life ... And this is the
confidence that we have in Him, that,
if we ask any thing according to His
will, He heareth us.**

Lesson

I Should Memorize God's Word.

Memorizing God's Word is like recording it in your mind. Like a tape recorder, you can "play" a verse back whenever you need it. If you have recorded in your mind what things are sin, you can stay away from them. If you have memorized verses that tell you what pleases God, remembering them will help you do what is right.

Your mind is like a tape recorder. The Bible verses you memorize when you are young stay with you the rest of your life. When you memorize God's Word, it is with you wherever you go. You can lean on it whenever you need God's help and wisdom. It's like carrying God's instruction book in your head!



Job 22:22

**Receive, I pray thee, the law from
His mouth, and lay up His words
in thine heart.**

John 15:7

**If ye abide in Me, and My words
abide in you, ye shall ask what ye
will, and it shall be done unto you.**

Colossians 3:16

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly in all wisdom ...**

Lesson 14

I Should Obey God's Word.

It is important to read and memorize God's Word. But if we don't obey the Bible, it doesn't do us much good, does it? We can't grow as Christians unless we obey what the Bible says.



If your mom or dad read a sign on the road that said "Stop," but didn't obey it, what might happen? They could get in an accident. They could get a ticket from a police officer. Or worse – they could hit and injure someone, or get injured themselves.

God's Word is the same way. We need to read, study, memorize, and obey God's instructions. If we don't obey God's Word, we aren't obeying God. If we do obey His Word, the Bible promises that we will live happier lives that please God. God gave us His Word for our good. Let's obey God's Word each day.

Joshua 24:24

**... The LORD our God will we serve,
and His voice will we obey.**

John 13:17

**If ye know these things,
happy are ye if ye do them.**

James 1:22

**But be ye doers of the word, and not
hearers only, deceiving your own
selves.**

Lesson 15

I Should Share God's Word.

When you receive good news, what do you do? You share it with others, don't you? It is too good to keep to ourselves, isn't it?



What about the good news of Jesus? Do you share it? We should be excited about sharing it with others, because Jesus can save people from their sin if they trust Him as their Savior. This good news is found in God's Word.

Do you have friends or relatives who have never trusted Jesus as their Savior? If they haven't, their sins are not forgiven. They have not received the wonderful gift of living forever in heaven with Jesus. But you can help them! Ask God to help you share His good news with them. Pray that God will give you the words to speak to them. Jesus wants to be their Savior and Best Friend.

Acts 22:15

For thou shalt be His witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth ...

1 Peter 3:15

... be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.

God's Only Way to Heaven

AM I A SINNER?

Sin is something in me (bad thoughts, lying, stealing, disobedience, pride, cheating, etc.). God hates sin. We can't hide it from Him. Sin leads to eternal separation from God in hell.

Gods Word says:

... all have sinned ...

ROMANS 3:23

For the wages of sin is death ...

ROMANS 6:23

WHAT SHALL I DO ABOUT MY SIN?

Can I give God something nice to make Him forget it? How about going to Sunday School, church, or Awana, or praying, or getting baptized, or other good deeds? NO!

God says:

Not by [good works] which we have done ...

TITUS 3:5

GOD HAS DONE EVERYTHING.

God gave His Son to be my Savior. God put Jesus on a cross to die for my sin in my place.

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8

IT HAPPENED AT THE CROSS.

Jesus paid for all my sin by dying, shedding His blood, and then rising from the grave and going back to heaven.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God ...

1 PETER 3:18

**GOD ASKS ME
TO BELIEVE (trust)
HIM TO TAKE
AWAY MY SIN.**

Believing is trusting what God did for me. When I believe that His death was for me, He gives me eternal life. Will you believe (trust) now that Jesus died in your place? Will you accept Him as your Savior? If you have, tell Him what you have done.

... as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

JOHN 1:12

**I KNOW THIS GIFT
IS MINE ...**

I want to thank Him for it now.

God says: ... I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish ...

JOHN 10:28

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

JOHN 3:16



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