





Welcome to DEVELOPERS! There are four levels in Kids4Truth clubs. Developers is Level 2. That means you are moving up! A developer is someone who plans and builds structures like homes, museums, and baseball stadiums. Every developer knows that a building project starts with laying a strong foundation. This level of Kids4Truth helps you lay a "foundation" of Biblical truth. And the Bible and this TruthBook are your "tools" to help you lay that foundation. When you are finished with this level, you will be ready to "build" on your foundation of truth by learning more and more about God and His Word. We hope you enjoy Kids4Truth. We know this TruthBook will be help you learn about our great God. Now, go on—grab your "tools" and get to work!



**AWARDS!** The next couple pages will show you ways to earn award patches for your Kids4Truth standard! If you have any questions about how you can earn awards, just ask a worker. And be sure to bring your standard and your TruthBook to every club meeting!





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# How to Earn AWARDS!

Find out how to fill your DEVELOPERS standard!

**Read this first!** The doctrinal themes are called **Construction Zones** in this level. There are 6 Construction Zones for TruthBook 1 and 6 Construction Zones for TruthBook 2. Each Construction Zone has 10 **Stages** for a total of 60 Stages per TruthBook. Each Stage starts with a **Memorize It!** section and ends with a **Bonus Q & A**. Stage 1 begins on page 8.

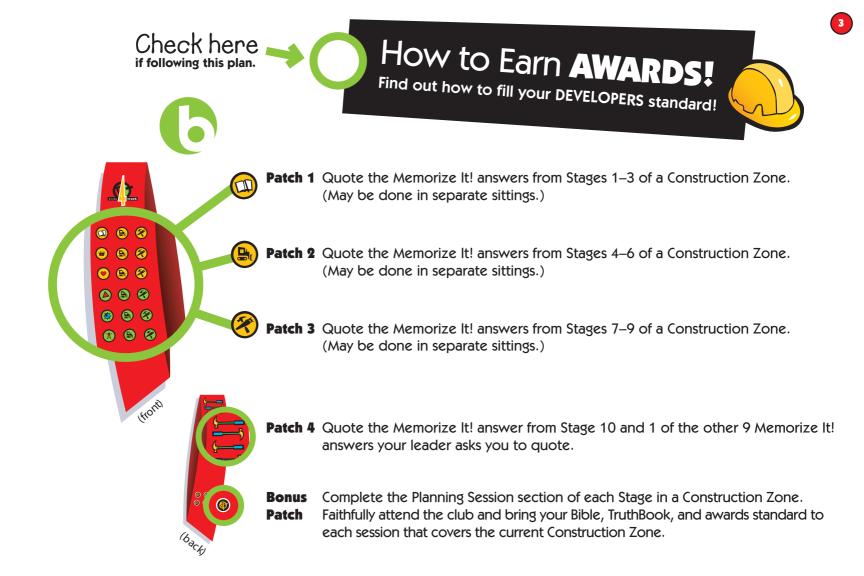
There are two review pages at the end of each Construction Zone. The first review is called **Builder in Training**. It reviews the Memorize Itl sections for Stages 1–5. The second review is called **Final Development**. It reviews the Memorize Itl sections for Stages 6–10. The reviews for Construction Zone 1 are on pages 28 and 29.

- Patch 1 Quote the Memorize It! answers for Stages 1–5. (May be done in separate sittings.) Complete the Planning Session and Measure Your Knowledge sections for Stages 1–5.
- **Patch 2** Quote the Memorize It! answers for Stages 6–10. (May be done in separate sittings.) Complete the Planning Session and Measure Your Knowledge sections for Stages 6–10.

Patch 3 Quote the Builder in Training review answers in one sitting.

Patch 4 Quote the Final Development review answers in one sitting.

Bonus Quote the 10 Bonus Q & A answers from a Construction Zone. Can be quoted in separate sittings.



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#### **Zone Key Truth**

## The Bible is the only Book that is God's Word to us.

God wants us to know Who He is and what He has done. So He gave us the Bible to teach us all about Himself and His ways. The Bible tells us God created everything and that all things exist to bring Him glory. To give glory to God means to show how great and wonderful He is. The Bible also tells us that God loves us and provided a way for us to live with Him forever someday. Because the Bible is about God, it is the greatest Book ever written. We should be very glad to learn what it says about God and His plan for our lives!

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**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."



**2 Timothy 3:16** – "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."



Begin Construction Zone!



#### Construction Zone 1: God's Word-The Bible

#### Chapter 1

John Dorner loved to build things. He built roads with tree branches from his yard. He built bridges with baseball cards. He built churches out of cardboard. He built houses out of Legos. One time he even used his mom's special glass candy dish to build a boat—and got in trouble.

Whenever Mom couldn't find him, she knew he would be in his room, building something.

In September, John's teacher, Mrs. Davidson, assigned a special project.

Fach student was to build or make something without using a kit. Each student had to come up with his own plan and materials and use them to make something beautiful or useful. Parents were allowed to help, but the students were supposed to do most of the work themselves. They would display their projects at the Art and Science Fair in February. "I know just what I'll make," John thought. "I'll build a tower with a restaurant in the top!" John could hardly wait to start on his

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tower. As soon as he got home from school, he began searching the house for materials he could use. He collected wood, string, toothpicks, and craft glue. By the time his dad came home from work, John had already glued ten toothpicks together. He ran to show Dad and to tell him about the project. "It looks like you've got a good idea,

John," Dad said, "but maybe you'd better back up a little. Didn't your teacher tell you to start with a plan?" John frowned. "But, Dad, that takes





too much time. I don't want to make a plan. I just want to build the tower."

Dad walked over to his computer desk and opened a drawer. He took out some graph paper and handed it to John. "John, have you ever wondered how builders know what to do when they start building a house or a bridge? They use a plan called a blueprint. A blueprint shows the builder how tall and how wide to make the building, and what materials to use in the different parts. A blueprint tells him exactly what to do. Your tower will be much better if you make a plan first." He handed John a ruler. "It'll be worth your time."

"Will you help me, Dad?"

"Sure. We could get started right after supper," said Dad.

As John and his dad worked on the drawing, John began to understand why it was so important to have a plan. He realized that his toothpick idea would not have worked at all! John rubbed off a lot of the eraser at the end of his pencil as he worked to get his drawing just right. Finally, he was happy with his plan.

Just as John needed a plan to build

his tower, we all need a plan to guide our lives. The Bible is the perfect "blueprint" for us. In the Bible, God tells us about Himself, the things He has done, and the way we should live for Him. John's tower would have had problems if he hadn't made a plan to follow. His tower might have turned out shaky or crooked, or maybe it would not have stood on its own! Our lives, too, will be ruined if we don't follow God's great Plan—the Bible.



## The **Bible** Is **God's** Book







#### • What is the Bible?

A. The Bible is the only inspired Word of God.

#### 1 Thessalonians 2:13b

"Ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."



There are millions of books all over the world, but there is only one Book better and greater than all the rest. The greatest Book of all is the Bible. It includes everything God wants us to know about Him. The Bible is God's Book to us.

In His Book, God tells us how to know Him and live for Him right now. God also tells us how we might live forever with Him in Heaven someday. The Bible is very important!

The Bible is such a great Book because God inspired it. The word "inspired" means God made sure the people who wrote the Bible recorded the exact words He wanted them to write. No other book is inspired by God. Treat your Bible with respect, and read it to know what it says about God.

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Look up the following verse. Fill in the missing words.

1 Peter 1:23 – "Being \_\_\_\_\_\_ again, not of corruptible \_\_\_\_\_\_, but of incorruptible, by the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which liveth and abideth for ever."



According to 1 Peter 1:23, what lives and abides forever?

How are people "born again"?



Circle the letter next to the true statement.

- A. Other books besides the Bible have come directly from God.
  - **B.** God's Book to us is the Bible.
- **C.** The Bible does not tell us about God.
- **D.** There are better ways than the Bible to find out how to live right.



How could you show that you believe God's Word?



Bonus Q & A

#### **Q.** How does God carry out His

#### will in the world?

**A.** God uses His Word to carry out His will in the world. **Isaiah 55:11a** – "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please."







- Q. How can we know that the Bible really is the true Word of God?
- A. The Spirit of God helps us know that the Bible is true and that it is God's Word.

#### 1 Corinthians 2:12

"Now we have received . . . the spirit . . . of God; that we might know the things . . . of God."



How can we know for sure that the Bible is the true Word of God? First, we could look at the historical evidence. For example, many of the places and events in the Bible are mentioned in historical records. Those records show the Bible's characters actually lived and that they traveled to real places. Second, we could look at the many handwritten copies of the Bible from a long time ago. All those copies are nearly the same. That means God preserved His Word for us throughout history.

Third, many of the Bible's predictions about the future, called prophecies, have happened exactly as the Bible predicted.

But none of those three reasons are enough to convince a person that the Bible is God's Word. Only as the Spirit of God works in a person's heart will someone fully believe God's Word is true.





Look up the following verse. Fill in the missing words.

1 Corinthians 2:12 - "Now we

have received, not the spirit of the , but the spirit which is of

\_\_\_\_\_; that we might \_\_\_\_\_\_ the

things that are freely given to us of God."



Who helps us know that the Bible is the true Word of God?

When does a person receive the Spirit of God?



Circle the letter next to the true statement.

- A. The Bible is not from God.
- B. We cannot fully trust the Bible.

**C.** The Spirit of God helps people trust God's Word.

**D.** The spirit of the world helps people trust God's Word.



Do you trust that the Bible is true? Do you trust that the Bible is the Word of God?





**Q.** Did the writers of Scripture believe the words they wrote were the Word of God?

**A.** Yes. **1 John 4:6a** – "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us;

he that is not of God heareth not us."

## God Used **Holy** Men to Write Down His Words





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- Q. How did God give us the Bible?
- A. God gave holy men His words to write down.
  - 2 Peter 1:21b

"But holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."



#### Second Peter 1:21b is a very

important verse about how God gave us the Bible. It says "holy men spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost [Spirit]." That doesn't mean the Holy Spirit moved the holy men around from place to place as they spoke God's Word. It means the Holy Spirit moved in their minds so that they wrote the exact words God wanted them to write. It was impossible for them to write the wrong words. What they wrote was the perfect Word of God. Not one word or even one letter was wrong.

God used the human writers to write His words like a carpenter uses a hammer to build a house. God is the original Author. He used the writers as His tool to write exactly what He wanted the Bible to say! That is why we call our Bibles the Word God.

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Look up the following verse. Fill in the missing words.

<b>2 Peter 3:2</b> – "That ye may be		
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the holy prophets, and of the		
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apostles of the Lord	d and Saviour."	



If the "holy prophets" wrote the Old Testament, which part of the Bible did the "apostles" write? What does Peter want us to be mindful of?



Circle the letter next to the true statement.

A. God dropped Bibles down from the sky for us to read.

**B.** God used holy men to write His words just how He wanted them to be.

**C.** The men who wrote God's words were not good men.

**D.** The men who wrote God's words could have done it without the help of the Holy Spirit.



The Bible is the most important book in the world because it is from God. How could you show respect for the Bible, God's Word?



# **Q.** Did the holy men write the Bible exactly as God wished?

**A.** Yes. He had them write it just as if He had written every word Himself.



## The Bible **Teaches** Us to Believe **God's Truth**





• Does the Bible teach any errors or lies?

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- A. No. God's Word is true because God tells only the truth.
  - Psalm 119:160a
  - "Thy word is true from the beginning."



A hard hat protects a worker's head from danger in a construction zone. If a heavy brick fell onto a worker's hatless head, the brick would badly injure him! The Bible protects our minds like a hard hat protects a worker's head. That doesn't mean we should walk around with our Bibles on our heads. It means we should learn what the Bible says so that our minds won't be fooled by harmful lies about God. The Bible protects our thinking from lies.

The Bible teaches us to believe God's truth. It tells us all we need to know about what God is like. We can trust the Bible because it has always been true. **Psalm 119:160a** says God's Word "is true from the beginning." That means there has never been a time when the Bible, God's Word, has ever lied.





Look up the following verse. Fill in the missing words.

Titus 1:2 - "In hope of

	life, which God,
that cannot	, promised
before the	began."



What can God not do? What would you say if someone said the Bible was full of lies?



Circle the letter next to the true statement.

- A. The Bible is mostly true.
- **B.** The Bible is never true.
- C. The Bible is always true.
- **D.** The Bible is usually true.



Name one truth about God that you have learned from the Bible.



## **Q**. Will the Bible ever cease to exist?

A. No. God's Word is eternal.

**1 Peter 1:25** – "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."



## The Bible Is All about God







#### Q. What does the Bible teach us?

A. The Bible teaches

what God wants us to believe and how He wants us to behave.

#### **Ecclesiastes 12:13b**

"Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."



Suppose your parents gave you a list of chores to do while they were gone. Now suppose you took their list, folded it in half, and put it in your pocket without ever reading it. How many of the chores do you think you would get done before your parents came home? None, of course, because you never read their list! God has given us some instructions on how to live before He returns someday. His instructions are in the Bible. He wants us to read them so we will know how to relate to Him and live obediently to Him.

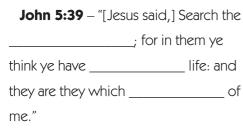
The Bible is all about God. It tells us what He is like and what He expects of us in our relationship with Him.

**Ecclesiastes 12:13** is a short list of what God expects of us. He wants us to respect (fear) Him and obey Him.





Look up the following verse. Fill in the missing words.





What does Jesus want us to do? What did Jesus say the Scriptures (the Bible) tell us?



Circle the letters next to the three true statements.

A. The Bible teaches us about God.

**B.** Trusting your feelings is better than trusting the Bible.

**C.** Jesus is the living Word, and the Bible is the written Word.

**D.** The Bible teaches what to believe and how to behave.



What are some truths the Bible has shown to you about what God is like?



#### **Q.** How do we know that God is

#### truly alive and real?

**A.** We know that God exists by observing His Creation, by recognizing our own sense of right and wrong, and by reading the Bible.



## God's Word **Cannot** Be **Destroyed**





- Q. Can we be sure that God's Word is still good and true for us today?
- A. Yes. God's Word is good and true forever.

#### Matthew 5:18b

"One jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."



God's Word is God's living Book, filled with God's living words!

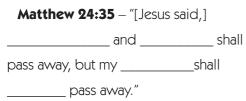
**First Peter 1:23** says, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." The reason we can be sure that the Bible is good for us today is that God has promised to protect and keep it forever. **Matthew 5:18** says that even the smallest letters and the smallest parts of the letters of the Bible will last forever.

Because the Bible is from God, it is as useful for us today as it was for people thousands of years ago. The Bible will never become useless. And God's truth won't ever stop being powerful.





Look up the following verse. Fill in the missing words.





What will never pass away? Why can we be sure that God wants us to learn from the Bible today?



Circle the letters next to the two true statements.

A. The Bible is not as good or

important today as it used to be.

- B. The Bible will never be destroyed.
- **C.** The Bible will last longer than the Earth itself.

**D.** The Bible is not as powerful as the kings and presidents of the world.



Does your life show that you believe the Bible was meant for you?





### Q. How long has God's Word

#### existed?

A. God's Word has existed forever in

Heaven. Psalm 119:89 - "For ever, O

LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."

## God **Gave** the **Bible** So That We Might **Believe** in **Christ**







#### Q. Why do we need the Bible?

A. We need the Bible to show us Who God is and how we can be right with Him.

#### 2 Timothy 3:15b

"The holy scriptures . . . are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."



The Bible is all about God and His Son, Jesus Christ. When we read the Bible, we learn about God. And when we read about Jesus in the Bible, we learn even more about God. Jesus is God in a human body. How Jesus acted on earth is exactly how God the Father acts. How Jesus related to others is how God the Father relates to others. The Bible's record of Jesus' life on earth shows us what God is like.

When Jesus went to the cross to die for our sins, He showed that He is loving and forgiving. He also showed that God the Father is loving and forgiving. It was God the Father Who sent Jesus to the cross to die in our place.

God gave the Bible so we might know what Jesus did for us and so we might

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believe in Him for salvation. **Second Timothy 3:15** says "the holy scriptures ... are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."



Look up the following verse. Fill in the missing words.

John 20:31 – "But these are written,			
that ye might	_ that		
Jesus is the Christ, the of			
; and that believing ye			
might have throug	3h his		
name."			



Why has the Bible been given? What do we receive when we trust in Jesus Christ?



Circle the letter next to the true statement.

A. God's Word leads us to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

**B.** God does not care whether we know for sure that we have eternal life.

**C.** God's Word teaches us how to believe in ourselves for eternal life.



Why do you think it might be good to learn all you can about Jesus while you are young?



**Q.** What is one verse that teaches we must know God in order to be saved?

**A. John 17:3** – "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."



## God's Word **Reveals** the **Only Way** to Be **Saved**





Q. How can we truly get to know

#### God?

 A. We get to know God by faith, which comes from hearing His Word.
 Romans 10:17

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



When people look at God's Creation, they can learn some things about Him. For example, a thunderstorm shows that He is very powerful. A beautiful butterfly shows that He is creative. All around the earth and sky, Creation tells people that there must be a God. But God's Creation is not enough to show people their need to believe in Jesus Christ for salvation. God needs to reveal specific truths about Jesus to them. The Bible is the special, detailed message of the good news of Jesus' death on the cross for sinners. It is through the Bible that people can learn their need to put their faith in Jesus for salvation from their sins. God's Word shows people the only way to be saved from their sins. That makes the Bible very precious to us!





Look up the following verse. Fill in the missing words.

Hebrews 4:2 – "For unto us was the preached, as well

as unto them: but the \_\_\_\_\_

preached did not \_\_\_\_

them, not being mixed with

\_ in them that heard it."



What was preached? Why did the Word preached not profit the hearers? Measure Your Knowledge

Circle the letters next to the two true statements.

A. We can know God because of the Bible.

**B.** Faith comes through hearing and understanding the Word of God.

**C.** We do not need to be careful about the things we hear and believe.



Do you sometimes forget how important the Bible is? What might you do to remind yourself of how important it is?



Bonus Q & A

## **Q**. What should we do with the Bible?

A. We should read the Bible, listen to it preached, believe it, and obey it. Joshua 1:8a – "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein."

## God's Word Has the Highest Authority





- Q. What authority does the Bible have over us?
- A. The Bible is our highest authority because it comes from God.

#### 2 Timothy 3:16a

"All scripture is given

by inspiration of God."



In courtrooms, it is the judge who has the most authority. What the judge decides is what everyone involved in the case must do. But a few judges have even greater authority; they make decisions that the entire country has to follow. These judges' decisions overrule the decisions of all other judges. They have supreme (highest) authority because they are judges in the "Supreme Court."

But the Bible has the highest supreme authority. When the Bible speaks on a topic, it speaks with the most authority, even more than the highest laws or judges.

All other books and beliefs are under the authority of the Bible. Books and beliefs that disagree with the Bible

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are wrong! The Bible is the foundation for everything a Christian believes and teaches.



Look up the following verse. Fill in the missing words.

Hebrews 4:12 – "For the \_

of God is quick [alive], and

\_\_\_\_\_, and sharper than any twoedged \_\_\_\_\_, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the \_\_\_\_\_ and intents of the heart."



How is the Bible "sharper" than a sword?

Why is the Word of God so powerful?



Circle the letters next to the two true statements.

A. The Bible is the highest authority.

**B.** The Bible is the authority over all teachings about God.

**C.** Judges have more authority than God's Word.



How should you live if you really believe that God's Word is the highest authority?



**Q.** Does God command us to

#### submit to the Bible's authority?

**A.** Yes. God commands us to submit to the Bible's authority. **Psalm 119:4** – "Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently."



## God's **Children** Should **Love** His **Word**





Q. How does God want us to feel about the Bible?

A. God wants us to love and believe the Bible.

#### Psalm 119:97a

"O how love I thy law!"



Have you ever had someone read you a book that you loved listening to? Perhaps you have read a book like that yourself. Good books are very enjoyable to read. We tend to think about them a lot after we finish them. The person who wrote **Psalm 119** 

loved to read the part of the Old Testament called "the Law." He said to God, "O how love I thy law!" (v. 97). He then went on to say that after reading God's Word, he meditated on it. That means he thought about God's Word over and over again.

What makes God's Word so wonderful is that it tells us of God's love for us. It then tells us the account of Jesus' death on the cross. He died so we might live with God forever in Heaven someday. There is no greater story than that. We

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should love God's Word dearly because it tells us of God's love for us.



Look up the following verse. Fill in the missing words.

1 Peter 2:2 - "As newborn

\_\_\_\_\_, desire the sincere milk of the \_\_\_\_\_, that ye may thereby."



How is God's Word like milk for a baby?

What effect will God's Word have on the person who reads it?



Circle the letter next to the true statement.

- A. Carelessly throwing your Bible under your bed would be okay.
- **B.** Obeying the Bible won't make you happy.
  - C. You could obey God's Word
- without God's help.
- **D.** God cares a lot about your attitude toward His Word.



What does your attitude toward the Bible show about your attitude toward God?



Q. What will happen to those who respect God's Word? A. Proverbs 13:13 – "Whoso

despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded."



## **Builder in Training**

Recite all 5 answers below for the **Builder in Training** signature.

### 🕕 Q. What is the Bible?

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#### errors or lies?

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God tells only the truth. **Psalm 119:160a** – "Thy word is true from the beginning."

Q. What does the Bible teach us?

A. The Bible teaches what God wants us to believe and how He wants us to behave. Ecclesiastes 12:13b – "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."





Recite all 5 answers from **Builder in Training** and the 5 below for the **Final Development** Signature.

Q. Can we be sure that God's Word is still good and true for us today?

A. Yes. God's Word is good and true forever. **Matthew 5:18b** – "One jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

#### 🛹 **Q.** Why do we need the Bible?

**A.** We need the Bible to show us Who God is and how we can be right with Him. **2 Timothy 3:15b** – "The holy scriptures . . . are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

FINAL DEVELOPMENT

### Q. How can we truly get to know God?

A. We get to know God by faith, which comes from hearing His Word. Romans 10:17 – "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Q. What authority does the Bible have over us? A. The Bible is our highest authority because it comes from God.
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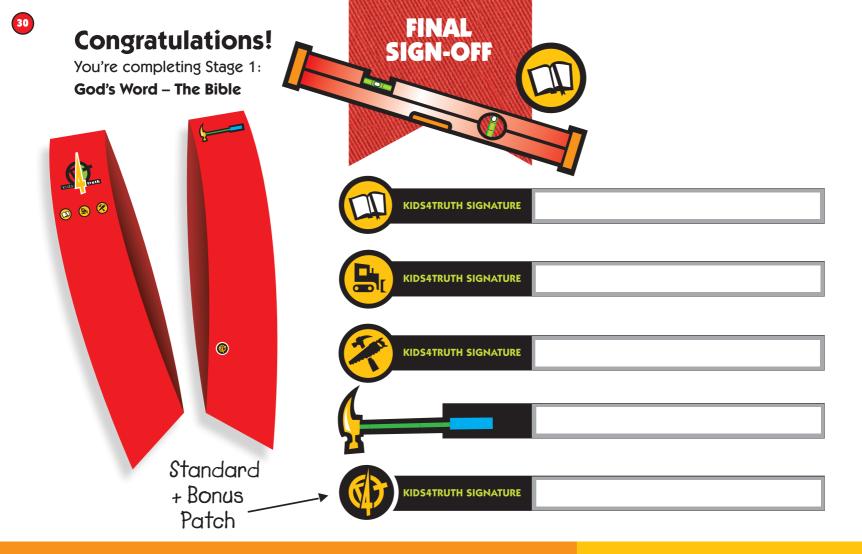


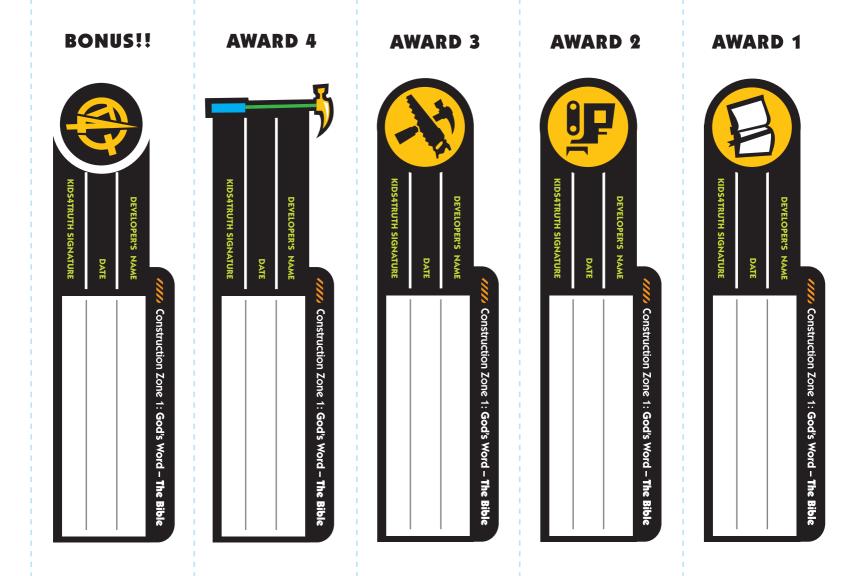
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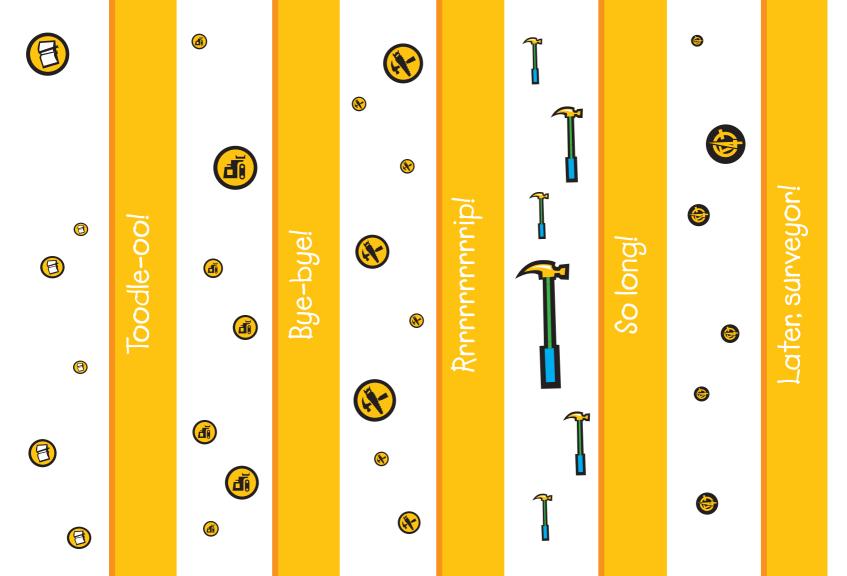
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