



# LEVEL 4 DEFENDERS

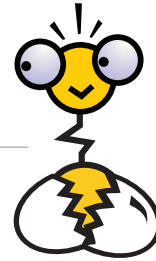
BOOK 1

Adventures 1–6





This Book Belongs To:





## Hello!

Welcome to the DEFENDERS level! Defenders is Level 4 in the Kids 4 Truth Clubs. You are at the top! This level is called “Defenders” because it was designed to help you learn how to use the “armor of God” to explain and defend your beliefs. It is very important to know what God’s Word says and how to use it both to fight against temptation and to honor God, your King! It’s also important to use God’s truth to show others that Jesus Christ is the only Way to God the Father. Consider this TruthBook as a training manual to help you learn how to use the power of God’s Word. It’s the kind of power that can both protect you and draw others to Jesus Christ. Now, start putting on that God-given armor and defend your faith!

**AWARDS!** The next couple pages will show possible ways to earn award patches for your Kids 4Truth standard! If you have any questions about how *you* can earn some awards, just ask a worker. Be sure to bring your standard with your TruthBook to every club meeting!



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# How to Earn **AWARDS!**

Find out how to fill your **DEFENDERS** standard!



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

There are two review pages at the end of each Adventure. The first review is called **Tournament Training**. It reviews the Memorize It! sections for Missions 1–5. The second review page is called **Final Tournament**. It reviews the Memorize It! sections for Missions 6–10. The reviews for Mission 1 are on pages 27 and 28.



**Patch 1** Quote the Memorize It! answers for Missions 1–5 of an Adventure. (May be done in separate sittings.) Complete the Truth Quest sections for Missions 1–5.



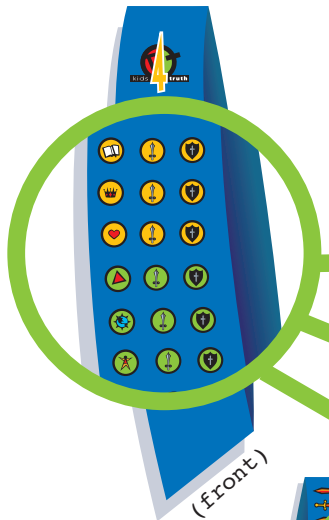
**Patch 2** Quote the Memorize It! answers for Missions 6–10 of an Adventure. (May be done in separate sittings.) Complete the Truth Quest sections for Missions 6–10.



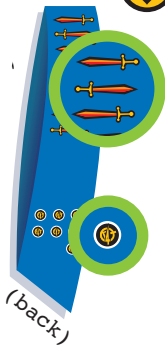
**Patch 3** Quote the Tournament Training review answers in one sitting.

**Patch 4** Quote the Final Tournament reviews answers in one sitting.

**Bonus Patch** Quote all 3 of the Bonus Q & A answers from any 5 Missions in the current Adventure being studied. There are three Bonus Q & A answers in every Mission.



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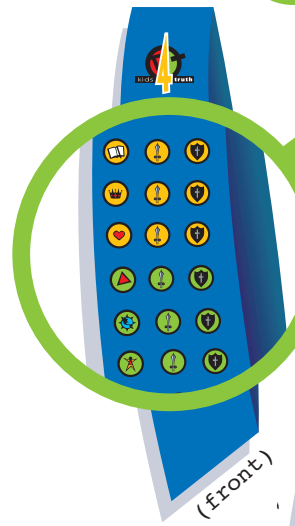
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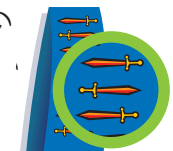


# How to Earn AWARDS!

Find out how to fill your DEFENDERS standard!



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**Patch 1** Quote the Memorize It! answers from Missions 1–3 of an Adventure.  
(May be done in separate sittings.)



**Patch 2** Quote the Memorize It! answers from Missions 4–6 of an Adventure.  
(May be done in separate sittings.)



**Patch 3** Quote the Memorize It! answers from Missions 7–9 of an Adventure.  
(May be done in separate sittings.)

**Patch 4** Quote the Memorize It! answer from Mission 10 and 1 of the other 9 Memorize It! answers your leader asks you to quote.

**Bonus Patch** Complete the 10 Truth Quest sections of each Mission in an Adventure. Faithfully attend the club and bring your Bible, TruthBook, and awards standard to each session that covers the current Adventure.

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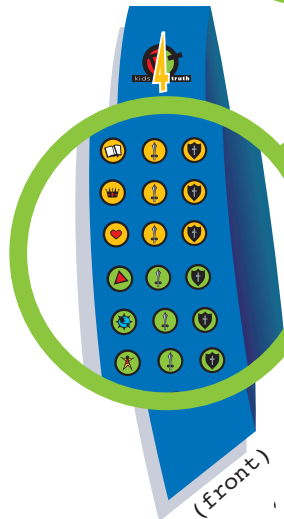


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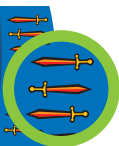


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**Leaders:** Use this page if you have created your own method for earning awards.

# Adventure 1: God's Word—The Bible

Patches you can earn:



## Adventure Key Truth

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

The perfect, all-powerful, one true God authored the Bible, God's Word. Amazingly, God has spoken to us through the Bible, telling us everything we need to know about Himself. The Bible tells us that all life comes from God. Without God, nothing could exist. The Bible also tells us that all life exists for God. He is the reason we live. And most importantly, the Bible tells us how to be right with God so we can someday live with Him forever.

The Bible is the guide to spiritual truth. Knowing this, the historical figure Patrick Henry reportedly said, "The Bible is worth all the other books which have ever been printed." Actually, the Bible is worth more than all the world's books, money, and gold combined!

As our guide to spiritual truth, the Bible is the foundation for everything we know about God. That is why this TruthBook begins with understanding the Bible. In the first section, you will memorize ten important truths about the Bible, the most important book of all time.



## Key Passages

**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."

**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."



**Begin Adventure!**



# The Bible Is God's Book



## Memorize It!

### Q. What is the Bible?

**A.** The Bible is the only inspired written Word of God, above all other books in wisdom, power, and authority.

#### **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, 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.”



## Truth Impact

Millions of books exist all over the world in homes, libraries, schools, and on the Internet. But the Bible is different than all those books because it tells us everything God wants us to know about Himself. The Bible is God's Book to us. This TruthBook focuses on the Bible and will help you understand God's message to you.

Some people don't believe the Bible is God's Book. Some of those people use other books as their guide for life. Others simply do what they feel like doing, ignoring God's Book.

Rejecting or ignoring the truth that the Bible is God's Book is serious. It is the same as rejecting God.



## Did You Know?

Did you know that the Bible is one Book made up of 66 smaller books? Those 66 books were written by 40 or so different writers over a period of about 1,600 years (16 centuries). Some of the people God used to write down His words were kings, while others were ordinary people. One was a well-educated doctor, and another was a poorly-educated fisherman. God used each one of them, no matter their career or education level, to write His perfect Word just the way He wanted it to be written.



Treasure Hunts



Construction Zones



Cases



Adventures



Missions







Memory Helper

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Truth Quest

Look up **1 Thessalonians 2:13**. When God spoke through His apostles, what did the believers in Thessalonica conclude?

How did the believers know that the apostles' words were from God? Consider the effect the words had on the believers.



Brain Stretcher

If someone is unsure that the Bible really comes from God, could he or she be absolutely sure about Who God is? Why, or why not?



Heart Question

What have you learned recently about God from the Bible? Has God's Book changed your thoughts or actions?



Bonus Q & A

**Q. By what other name is the Bible known?**

**A.** The Bible is also called the "Scriptures." The word "Scriptures" means "holy writings." Some other religions call their books "scriptures" too, but God's inspired words are the only truly "holy writings."

**Q. How does God carry out His will in the world?**

**A.** Just as God used His word to create the world, He also uses it to carry out His will in the world. **Isaiah 55:11** – "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, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

**Q. What is the greatest theme of the entire Bible?**

**A.** The greatest theme throughout the entire Bible is the Lord Jesus Christ. **Luke 24:26, 27** – "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he [Christ] expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."



## We Can Trust the Bible



### Memorize It!

**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, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."



### Truth Impact

Many, many evidences exist that show the Bible is different from any other book, but it takes God Himself to assure a person that the Bible is God's own Book. God's Spirit works to convince people that His Word is true. The fact that only God can fully convince someone of the truth of His Word means people are dependent upon God's Spirit to know and understand God's Word. Human reason and logic are not enough to convince someone of the truthfulness of God's Word.



### Seeing It Clearly

Do the following words look familiar to you? "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Those words are part of America's Declaration of Independence. In that document, the authors explain the truths they believe are "self-evident." They used the word "self-evident" to describe truths so powerful and so obviously true that they don't need an explanation or proof.

The Bible's truths speak with such power, clarity, and authority that they prove themselves to be true. The words and truths of the Bible are self-evident—that is, they show themselves to be true simply because they are! Our opinions or ability to understand the Bible do not affect its



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self-evident truthfulness. The Bible is not dependent upon a court's decision or any other proof to establish its truthfulness. For there is no truth greater than God's own words.



## Truth Quest

Look up **1 Corinthians 2:12–14**. Why would it be impossible, apart from the work of the Holy Spirit, to convince a person that the Bible is God's Word?

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Jesus compared His relationship with believers to a shepherd's relationship to his sheep. What did Jesus say was true of His "sheep" in **John 10:27**?

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According to **Luke 24:45**, what did Jesus do to help His disciples?

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## Brain Stretcher

Is there any good reason to believe that the Bible is not God's Word? Why, or why not?



## Heart Question

Do you believe that the Bible is the Word of God?

Is there any other book that gives God's truth like the Bible does? Why, or why not?



## Bonus Q & A

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

**A.** Yes. **1 John 4:6** – "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error."

**Q. What proof do we have that the entire Old Testament is inspired?**

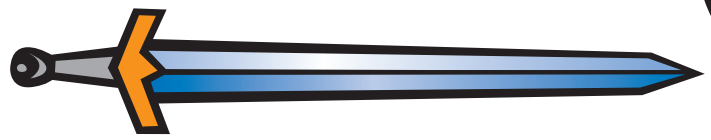
**A.** Christ and His apostles spoke in the New Testament about the "Scriptures" (for them, the Old Testament) as having been given by God.

**Q. Why did believers in Jesus' day have assurance that Jesus' teachings were from God?**

**A.** God gave believers the ability to recognize Jesus' teachings as divine. **John 7:17** – "If any man will do his [God's] will, he shall know of the doctrine [teaching], whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."



# God Used Holy Men to Write down His Words



## Memorize It!

**Q. How did God give us the Bible?**

**A.** God inspired holy men to write down His words exactly as He wanted.

**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 as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”



## Truth Impact

Every single person is affected by sin, so everyone naturally makes mistakes and disobeys. So if we did not believe that God inspired men to write His Word, then we would have to treat the Bible like any other common book. God's inspiration makes the Bible divine even though it had human writers.

God did not need men to write His Word, but He chose to use them. God used imperfect writers to record His Word to humanity. Human beings simply could

not have written something like the Bible without God's supernatural involvement. The fact that God used human beings is a demonstration of His awesome greatness. It would be like our using ants to build the tallest skyscraper!



## Did You Know?

Did you know that God inspired both the words and the human writers of the Bible?

**Second Peter 1:21** teaches that the writers were inspired. And **2 Timothy 3:16** teaches that the words themselves were inspired.



## Christian Word

The word “inspiration” means something has been “God-breathed.” In fact the word for “inspired” in the original Greek language is a combination of the word for “God” and the word for “breathed.” When we say that the words of Scripture are “inspired,” we mean they are words that came directly

from God, as if He were using His breath to communicate the words. When we say that the writers of Scripture were guided by inspiration, that means God was moving in them and through them to write down exactly what He wanted.



## Seeing It Clearly

Musicians blow air through woodwind instruments to produce the sounds they want. God breathed His Spirit through His holy servants to write down His Word exactly the way He wanted.



## Truth Quest

Can you think of a time when God wrote His words down without the help of any man? Look up the following verses, and briefly explain how God wrote down words.

**Daniel 5:5, 13–17, 24–31**

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**Exodus 31:18**

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## Brain Stretcher

Do you think you would be more willing to obey God's spoken voice than His written commands in the Bible? Why, or why not?



## Heart Question

How might believing that the Bible is not inspired by God cause someone to act?



## Bonus Q & A

**Q. Are the New Testament writers as reliable as the Old Testament writers?**

**A.** Yes. Every Scripture writer was moved by the Holy Spirit to write down God's exact words. **2 Peter 3:2** – "That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior."

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

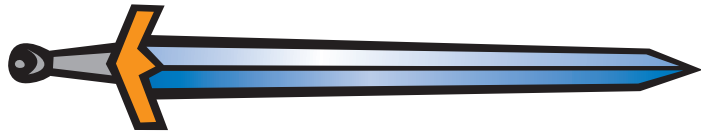
**A.** Yes. He had them write it just as if He had written every word Himself.

**Q. Are there any examples of God writing words of Scripture Himself?**

**A.** Yes. God used His finger to write the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone (Exodus 31:18).



# The Bible Teaches Us to Believe God's Truth



## Memorize It!

**Q. Does the Bible teach any errors or lies?**

**A.** No. God's Word is true and without error because God tells only the truth.

**Psalm 119:160**

“Thy word is true from the beginning; and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.”



## Truth Impact

God never lies. The Bible is the Word of God. Therefore, the Bible never lies.

Some people disagree with the three sentences above. They think that this kind of thinking must be simpleminded. But the apostle Paul used the same type of thinking to show that the Bible is true. **Titus 1:2** says, “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began [before creation].”

The Bible was perfectly inspired by God, communicated without error or falsehoods,

and preserved for us to read today. The Bible is always right and true because its Author is always right and true. God's truthfulness and inspiration of His Word make the Bible trustworthy.



## Christian Word

Since the Bible teaches that it is inspired, we know that it has to also be “inerrant.” The word “inerrant” simply means “without error.” The original Latin word actually meant “to wander not.” Whatever is inerrant does not “wander” away from truth. When we use “inerrant” to describe the Bible, it means God gave His Word with no mistakes. The next time you see the word “inerrant,” you should remember that the Bible speaks the truth without any error. It sticks to the truth.



## Did You Know?

Did you know that the Bible contain the lies and false information of both people and Satan? For example, Jacob lied to his father, Isaac, when he pretended to be Esau (Genesis 27:18–24). But the Bible truthfully reports what the liars said. The report, not the lie, is true.



## Truth Quest

Several passages of Scripture state that God is truthful. One passage even describes Him as the “unlying God.” God never lies.

Look up the following verses and write down how God is described in each one.

**Proverbs 30:5** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 6:18** \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Samuel 7:28** \_\_\_\_\_



## Brain Stretcher

If we believed that the Bible might teach wrong information, then how could we know which parts were wrong and which parts were right? Also, what would it say about God's character if He were to let wrong teaching be included in His Word?



## Heart Question

How can you show that you believe all God's words, including those in the Bible, are true?



## Bonus Q & A

**Q. Does the Bible contain any lies?**

**A.** The Bible accurately records lies Satan and various people told, but it never presents those lies as truth. For example, the Bible accurately records Jacob's lie to his father, Isaac.

**Q. How pure are God's words?**

**A. Psalm 12:6** – “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.”

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

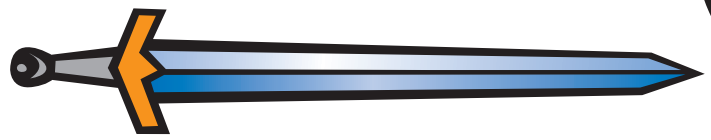
**A.** No. God's Word is eternal. **1 Peter 1:25** – “But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”



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# The Bible Is **All** about **God**



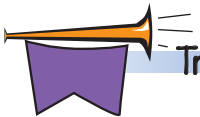
## Memorize It!

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

A. The Bible teaches what God wants us to believe about Him and how He wants us to behave before Him.

### **Ecclesiastes 12:13**

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”



## Truth Impact

Have you ever turned over a rock to see what was underneath it? Before you turned it over, there was no way you could tell for sure. But once you moved the rock, it revealed everything—the worms, beetles, ants, and weird bugs—that had been hidden.

There is a lot we could never know about God without opening His Book to read about Him and observe His Son, Jesus. Through Jesus and the Bible, God reveals Himself to us so we can learn all about

Him. But we won't learn much of anything about God if we don't open the Bible.

Since God is so much greater than we are, we needed Him to teach us Who He is in a way we could comprehend. He made His Word understandable so we could learn about Him. If we recognize that the Bible is all about God, we will learn from His Word to know and glorify Him.



## Christian Word

The word “revelation” refers to the communication of divine truth from God to people.



## Did You Know?

Did you know that there are many advantages to having God's revelation in written form? A written form is more



reliable; the text won't be lost or changed. We can check a written form again and again to make sure we correctly understand it. And it can be copied, translated into many languages, and shared all over the world.



## Truth Quest

Read **Colossians 1:12–18**. Who is the image of the invisible God?

Why do all things exist?

Now read **John 1:18**. Who is the One Who has declared God, or made God known?



## Brain Stretcher

What would the world be like if God had not made Himself known through the Bible?

Why does it bring glory to God when we believe what He reveals about Himself in His Word?



## Heart Question

What are three things that God has taught you about Himself through His Word?



## Bonus Q & A

**Q. Does the Bible teach us everything there is to know about God?**

**A.** It does not; no language has enough words to express the full glory of God, nor could we even comprehend it (John 21:25).

The Bible does teach us everything we need to know about God now.

**Q. How do we know that God exists?**

**A.** We know that God exists by observing His creation, by recognizing our own sense of right and wrong, and by reading what He says about Himself in the Bible.

**Q. What is the difference between the living Word and the written Word of God?**

**A.** The living Word of God, Jesus, declared in the flesh Who God is. The written Word of God, the Bible, declares in written form Who God is.



# God Has Preserved His Word



## Memorize It!

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

**A.** Yes. God has preserved His Word to be good and true forever. It never changes.

### Matthew 5:18

“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”



## Truth Impact

God's Word is different than all other books. It remains meaningful and significant for all people of all times because it 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.”

We can be confident that the Bible is reliable for us today because God has promised to preserve it forever and

because God's completed Word never needs to be updated or changed. God made no mistakes in giving His Word to humanity. God's Word is as necessary and appropriate for people today as it was the day it was completed nearly two thousand years ago.



## Christian Word

The word “preservation” refers to God's ministry of protecting His Word throughout time. It will never go away nor fail to come true.

 Treasure Hunts

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## Fast Fact

The Bible is the most popular book of all time. It is estimated that some 6 billion copies of the Bible have been published in over 180 languages.



## Talk About It

Can you name any books that are no longer very meaningful or significant in today's world?



## Truth Quest

Look up **Acts 24:14**. What did the apostle Paul say he believed about the Old Testament (the “law” and the “prophets”) more than four hundred years after its last book was written?

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## Brain Stretcher

Why is God's Word just as important for people today as it was for people who lived thousands of years ago?



## Heart Question

Are you really convinced God has kept His Word pure, good, and available for us to read today?

Can any other book change your heart like the Bible does? Why, or why not?



## Bonus Q & A

**Q. Is the Bible we have today just as true as it was when it was written?**

**A.** Yes. God promised He would preserve

His Word and He has! **Matthew 24:35** – “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

**Q. Can we be confident that God's Word will continue to last?**

**A.** Yes. God's words will last forever.

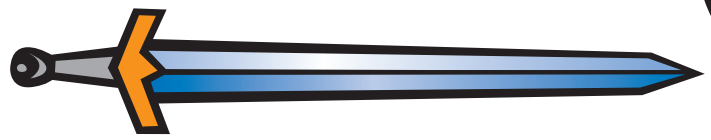
**1 Peter 1:25** – “But the word of the LORD endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

**Q. How long has God's Word existed?**

**A.** God's Word has always been and always will be settled in Heaven. **Psalms 119:89** – “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”



# God Gave the Bible So People Could Believe in Christ



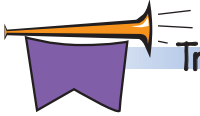
## Memorize It!

### 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 through Jesus Christ.

### 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.”



## Truth Impact

Above all else, God created us to glorify Him. To glorify God is to praise Him and make known how wonderful He is. But we don't glorify God naturally. There is a change that needs to take place in our lives first. That change begins when we trust in Jesus as our Savior from our sins.

This step is so important that the apostle John wrote his entire Gospel about trusting in Jesus as Savior. He said in **John 20:31**, “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his

name.” John presents Jesus as the perfect Son of God Who offers sinners like us salvation from sin.

To be saved is to first admit you are a sinner and deserve to be punished by God (Romans 3:23; 6:23). God must punish sinners because He is holy and just. But God lovingly provided a payment for our sins by sending Jesus to earth (Romans 5:8).

Jesus lived a perfect life, willingly submitted to being crucified as the payment for our sins, and then rose from the dead victorious over sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4).

God promised eternal life to all those who believe on Jesus Christ as the satisfactory payment for their sins (Romans 6:23). **Acts 16:31** says, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.” To believe on Jesus is to place your trust fully in Him.

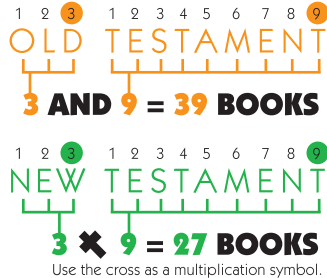
Belief in Jesus is central to the Bible's message, so it is organized around Jesus' life. The Old Testament looks ahead to the coming of Christ; the New Testament is

about the actual coming of Christ and the events that happened afterwards.



## Memory Helper

The following is helpful in remembering the number of books in each Testament:



## Did You Know?

Did you know that history is divided into BC and AD? The letters BC stand for the time “before Christ.” The letters AD stand for a Latin phrase meaning “in the year of (our) Lord.”



## Truth Quest

Look up **Luke 24:36, 44**. What did Jesus believe the Scriptures were all about?

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## Brain Stretcher

Since God gave us His Word so that we might believe in Christ, Whom should you look for when you read the Bible?



## Heart Question

What has the Bible led you to believe about Jesus Christ?



## Bonus Q & A

**Q. What is the Bible's role in salvation?**

**A.** The Spirit of God uses the Bible to convict people of their sin, convince them of the grace of God, and draw them to believe in Christ. **1 John 5:13** – “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 that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

**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.”

**Q. How can you learn to know God?**

**A.** By God's grace I can learn to know God by His Word, by His Son, and by His works.



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



## Memorize It!

- 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."



## Truth Impact

We can learn some general truths about God from His Creation. A thunderstorm, for instance, might speak to us of His power, while the stars could speak of His greatness. In addition, our inner sense of right and wrong, called our conscience, is a clue that there must be a higher Being Who has a standard for our behavior.

Creation and conscience give people enough understanding of God to show them that God must exist. Because of that

basic understanding of God, no one will have an excuse when God judges them for their sins. **Romans 1:20** says, "For the invisible things of him [God] from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

But Creation and conscience do not provide people with enough understanding of God to lead them to believing in Christ for salvation. People need to know more specific information about Christ, the object of all saving faith.

Saving faith must come from God and by the Word of God. God's Word tells us all we need to know about Christ in order to put our trust in Him for salvation. Thankfully, the Bible is not missing any information that keeps us from faith in Christ. The Bible reveals everything we need to know about salvation.



## Brain Stretcher

What could we know about God from Creation? What could we not know about God from creation?



## Truth Quest

Look up the following verses, and answer the questions.

**Romans 1:20** – What things are clearly seen from God's Creation?

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**Psalms 19:1** – What do the heavens and the firmament declare?

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## Heart Question

What has the Bible helped you understand about salvation?



## Bonus Q & A

**Q. Is it possible to have saving faith apart from the gospel revealed in the Word of God?**

**A. No. Acts 10:43** – “To him [Christ] give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”

**Q. Can a Christian become more like Christ without studying and learning the Bible?**

**A. No. John 8:31, 32** – “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my

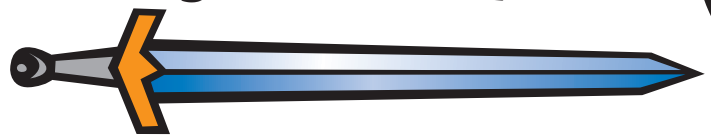
disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

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

**A. We should read the Bible, study it, hear it preached, believe it, and live according to it. Joshua 1:8** – “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: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”



# God's Word Has the Highest Authority

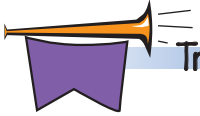


## Memorize It!

**Q. What authority does the Bible have over us?**

**A.** Because the Bible comes from God, it holds the highest and final authority for what we must believe and how we must live.

**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."



## Truth Impact

Nine judges in the United States have supreme judicial authority. When the Supreme Court speaks, their words and decisions outweigh all other judges' decisions.

Like the rulings of those top judges, the Bible is the supreme authority. All other books should be considered less authoritative than God's Word. The truthfulness of all other writings or teachings must be carefully measured by the Bible. The Bible is the source for everything a Christian believes and teaches.

As the supreme authority, the Bible is profitable for four reasons. **Second Timothy 3:16** tells us those reasons.

**Doctrine** – God's Word teaches us what to believe. "Here's what's right."

**Reproof** – God's Word convinces us of our sin. "Here's what's wrong."

**Correction** – God's Word corrects our sinful ways. "Here's how to make right what's wrong."

**Instruction in righteousness** – God's Word leads us to act and live in a way pleasing to God. "Here's how to keep right what's right."

The Bible is profitable because the Holy Spirit actively convinces people of its truth. When a pastor preaches the Word, he can count on the Holy Spirit to convince people that the Bible is right and true.

The Spirit gives the Bible power unlike any other book by making God's Word real in people's hearts.





## Fast Fact

The phrase “thus saith the Lord” other and similar phrases are found over 3,800 times in the Old Testament! Do you think God wanted to clearly communicate that these writings were His own words?



## Christian Word

The word “illumination” means the lighting of something. It describes the understanding that the Holy Spirit gives to believers as He opens their “spiritual eyes” to understand God’s Word.



## Truth Quest

Look up **Jeremiah 23:29**. What are two things that God’s Word is like?

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Why do you think God compares His Word to those things?

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## Brain Stretcher

If someone says or teaches something against the Bible, how should we respond?



## Heart Question

How have you failed to submit to God’s authority in the past?

Are you still not submitting?



## Bonus Q & A

**Q. How powerful is the Bible compared to all other books?**

**A.** The Bible is the only truly powerful

book. **Hebrews 4:12** – “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

**Q. Does God command us to submit to the Bible’s authority?**

**A.** Yes. **Psalm 119:4** – “Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.”

**Q. What will happen if we hear and practice the Word of God?**

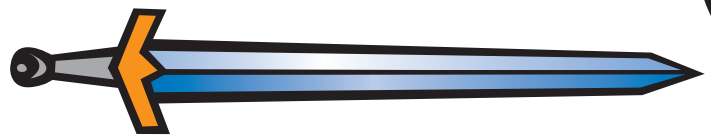
**A.** We will be blessed! **Luke 11:28** – “But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.”



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# God's Children Should Love His Word



## Memorize It!

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

**A.** God wants us to love the Bible so much that we are eager to trust and obey it.

**Psalm 119:97**

"O how love I thy law!  
it is my meditation all the day."



## Truth Impact

Have you ever received an important text or note from someone who loved you very much? Did you read it more than once? How did it affect you?

Augustine, a great Christian teacher from the days of the early church, said the Scriptures are like "letters from home." He is right!

We should not approach the Bible as if it was a school textbook filled with facts. God has given us His Word so that we might know Him personally. So we should read

God's Word as a personal letter from God and as expression of His love for us. We should eagerly respond to its message and gladly place ourselves under its authority.

God commands all people to read, hear, and understand the Scriptures. **John 5:39** says, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." **Acts 17:11** says, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."



## Did You Know?

Did you know that some people long to hear a voice from Heaven rather than simply read and believe the written Word of God? God's written Word contains important teachings for us. They are even better than a voice from heaven (2 Peter 1:18, 19). People who want to hear a voice don't realize that the Bible is everything God wants us to know right now, and it is more than enough to give us direction in life. **Second Peter 1:3** says, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."



## Talk About It

If the President were to send you a

personal letter, how would you feel about the letter? How would you treat that letter?

Why is the Bible better than all other books? Peter wrote about the importance of our letter from God, the Bible.

**Second Peter 1:19** says, "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, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

How you respond to the Word of God has a lot to do with how you respond to God.



## Truth Quest

God is very concerned about our attitude toward His Word.

Look up **Proverbs 13:13**. Why should we treat God's Word with care?

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What is true of those who respect God's Word?

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Look up **Psalms 119:165**. What is a benefit of loving God's Word?

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## Brain Stretcher

Why is a person's response to God's Word an indication of how the person responds to God?



## Heart Question

How do you know whether someone loves God's Word?

Does your life show that you love God's Word? If not, what could you do to change that?



## Bonus Q & A

**Q. What does the Bible say about those who do not believe its teachings?**

**A.** It says that people who deny God's Word do not have a relationship with God.

**2 John 9** – “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.”

**Q. What should our attitude be toward the Bible?**

**A.** We should have an attitude of love for God's Word. **1 Peter 2:2** – “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.”

**Q. What is true of those who respect God's Word enough to respond to it?**

**A. Proverbs 13:13** – “Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.”



# Tournament Training

Recite all 5 answers below for **Tournament Training** signature.

## Q. What is the Bible?

**A.** The Bible is the only inspired written Word of God, above all other books in wisdom, power, and authority. **1 Thessalonians 2:13** – “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, 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.”

## 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, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might

know the things that are freely given to us of God.”

## Q. How did God give us the Bible?

**A.** God inspired holy men to write down His words exactly as He wanted. **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.”

## Q. Does the Bible teach any errors or lies?

**A.** No. God's Word is true and without error because God tells only the truth. **Psalms 119:160** – “Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.”

## Q. What does the Bible teach us?

**A.** The Bible teaches what God wants us to believe about Him and how He wants us to behave before Him. **Ecclesiastes 12:13** – “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”


  
**Training Complete!**



# FINAL TOURNAMENT




Recite all 5 answers from **Tournament Training** and the 5 below for the **Final Tournament** Signature.

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

**A.** Yes. God has preserved His Word to be good and true forever. It never changes. **Matthew 5:18** – “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, 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 through Jesus Christ. **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.”

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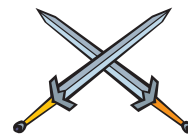
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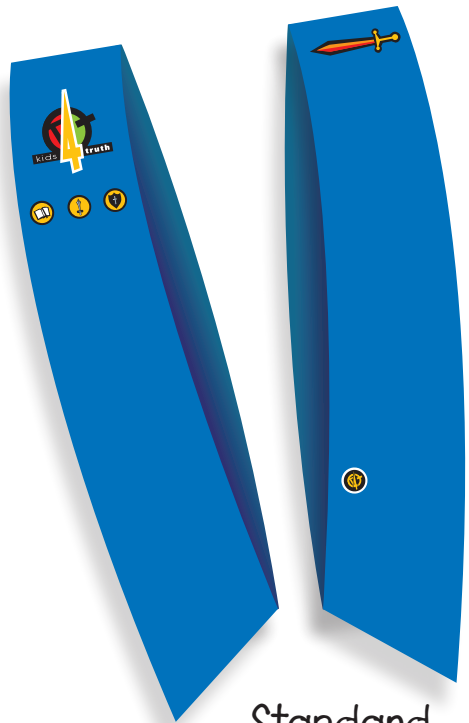


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