

## LESSON

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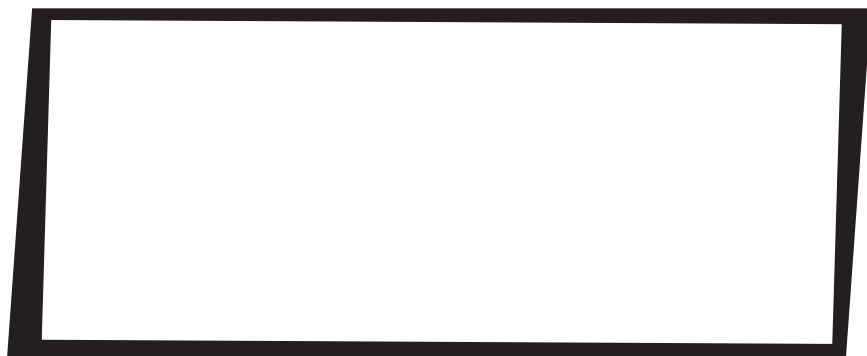
# LEARNING ABOUT JESUS

## How Is Your Life With Jesus?

How is your new life with Jesus? Have you talked with him during this past week? Did you notice that he was with you wherever you went? He loves you so much.

## WHAT ELSE HELPS US GROW?

What did you eat for dinner this past week? What is your favorite meal? Draw a picture of it here:



Why do people need to eat food? To help them grow. What kind of food will help us grow in Jesus? Our lesson today will help us to learn about the importance of God's Word to help us grow.



# GOD'S WORD HELPS US GROW

We grow by consuming God's Word. Does this mean we "eat" the Bible? No, but it does mean spending time learning God's Word, then obeying it. Why do we need this? Here's what the Bible says:

Jesus answered, "It is written:  
'Man does not live on bread  
alone, but on every word that  
comes from the mouth of God.'"

**Matthew 4:4 NIV**

Like newborn babies, crave pure  
spiritual milk, so that by it you  
may grow up in your salvation.

**1 Peter 2:2 NIV**

Do not let this Book of the Law depart  
from your mouth; meditate on it day  
and night, so that you may be careful  
to do everything written in it. Then  
you will be prosperous and successful.

**Joshua 1:8 NIV**

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light for my path.

**Psalms 119:105 NIV**



Circle your favorite verse about God's Word so far.



# WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

## THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

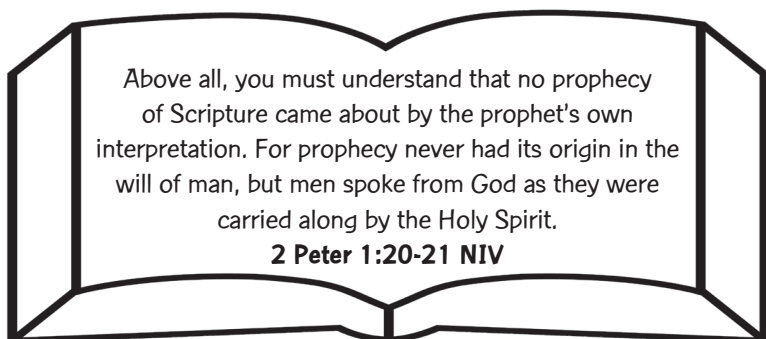
Imagine that a friend wrote a special letter to you.

- In the letter your friend tells you how much he loves you.
- He shares many things that can help you through any situation.
- The letter contains guidelines that will help you avoid many heartaches and troubles.
- This letter also helps you get to know the heart of your friend.

The Bible is like God's big, long letter to us. It is filled with a lifetime of messages from God for us. It teaches us about Jesus and following him.

## HOW DID WE GET THE BIBLE?

- The Bible was written by dozens of different authors.
- It was written over thousands of years.
- It was written by men who were willing, able and chosen to write God's words. They did not make up these words themselves.



**The original words of the Bible have been translated into hundreds of languages. It is read by people all over the world, including YOU!**



# HOW DOES IT HELP US GROW?



Read the verses below. Underline any words referring to God's Word ("the law of the Lord," "my words," "Scripture," etc.). List what you learn about how God's Word helps us grow.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

**John 15:7 NIV**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**Psalms 19:7 NIV**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

**2 Timothy 3:16 NIV**

## HOW CAN GOD'S WORD HELP YOU GROW?

As we read, learn and obey, we grow to be more like Jesus!



# How Do I Use The Bible?

## FINDING THINGS IN THE BIBLE



If you have a Bible, take some time to learn about it. It is a big book. But kids can learn to use it. After you have found each item, place a check mark in each box.

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### Find the Table of Contents

Notice that the Bible has 66 books. It was written by different men. The Bible is made up of the Old and New Testaments (Testament means "Promise").

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### Find page 150

People do not usually find verses in the Bible with page numbers. A verse "address" has a book name (John), a chapter number (3) and a verse number (16).

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### Find John 3:16

This verse is found in a book written by John, one of Jesus' closest disciples. Are the words in red in your Bible? Some Bibles have highlighted Jesus' words in red. His words are extra important. They really help us learn about Jesus.

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### Find Genesis 1:1

The very beginning of the Bible teaches us that God made the heavens and the earth.

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### Find Matthew 1:1

This is the first verse of the New Testament. The New Testament is all about the life and work of Jesus and his early followers.



**THINK  
ABOUT  
THIS**

Do you have your own Bible?  
If not, pray and ask God for his help  
to find one.



# A BIBLE STORY

## THE HOUSE ON THE ROCK

Jesus taught people many lessons. After one long session of teaching, he told this story about the importance of obeying his words.

### Matthew 7:24-29 NIV

*(The Bible book of Matthew, chapter 7, verses 24 to 29)*

<sup>24</sup>"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

<sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

<sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

<sup>28</sup>When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.



**THINK  
ABOUT  
THIS**

- ◆ Are Jesus' words just for listening to? No, They are to obey.
- ◆ What difference can obeying Jesus' words make in your life?



# LEARNING GOD'S WORD

## SPEND TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Do you have a Bible? It's time to get started learning God's Word on your own. (If you do not have a Bible, spend time reading and thinking about stories and verses in this booklet, or find someone to read the Bible to you.)

Start with the book of Mark in the New Testament. It's about Jesus. Or use the story of the House on the Rock (page 3-6).

### WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Read a few verses at a time. Think about what you read. Write down what you learn, if you can. Look for a promise in the verse. Thank God for the promise.

### WHAT IS GOD TEACHING ME?

Spend time being quiet before God and allow him to speak to your heart about what you read. How will you know what God wants you to learn? Read John 14:26. The Holy Spirit will teach you. It is God's promise. Write down what God could be teaching you.

### HOW CAN I OBEY?

Think of one way you might obey or respond to this lesson in the coming day.

### TALK WITH JESUS.

Pray your response back to him. Tell him questions you still have. Thank him for teaching you.

## MEMORIZE A VERSE



Or, pray and choose a Bible verse to memorize. This hides God's word in your heart. See page 2-2. Choose one verse to memorize and think about on your own. Write it here:

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## SOMETHING TO DO...

### WRITE IN YOUR JOURNAL

If you have a journal, add an entry like this every time you read God's Word. Fill in the blanks with your answers.

You could also think about these questions on your own.

Date:	_____
Scripture:	_____
What does it say?	_____ _____
One thing God could be teaching me through this verse is	_____ _____
In the coming day, one way I could obey this is	_____ _____
Dear God, help me to	_____ _____

### ASK YOUR QUESTIONS

Do you have more questions about your life with Jesus or God's Word? Write your questions here or in your journal. Ask another person in God's family to help you find answers.

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### TAKE TIME TO PRAY

Talk to Jesus anywhere. Ask for his help to understand God's Word.

### A Bible Verse to Remember

