

THE BIBLE

MEMORY VERSE: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

DAY 1 What is the Bible?

1. Read the 1st overview of the Bible. Why did God give us the Bible?
2. Read the 2nd overview of the Bible. What is the Old Testament about? What is the New Testament about?
3. The Bible was written by many different authors - each one of them inspired by God. Read 2 Peter 1:20-21. How did the prophets write the Scripture?

DAY 2 The Bible Reveals

4. Reading the Bible is how we learn who God is and how to have a relationship with Him. What does God tell us we get from reading and studying His Word? Proverbs 4:20-22 What do you think this means?
5. Why is the Bible critical for us to know? 2 Timothy 3:16

6. What does Hebrews 4:12-13 say about the Word of God? What does it expose? How does scripture expose your deepest thoughts and feelings of your heart?

7. Read Romans 10:17. What comes from hearing God's Word? How has God's Word activated your faith?

DAY 3 The Bible Teaches

8. How does the Bible have the power to make your life better? Psalm 119:105; Luke 11:28

9. What do these verses tell us about obeying God's Word? Jeremiah 7:23; John 14:15

10. How is the Bible a measuring stick to tell truth from lies? How can you stand firm and trust what the Bible says? Review the memory verse and 1 John 5:4.

11. Learning to trust God is a lifelong process. What does Proverbs 3:5-6 tell us?

DAY 4 The Bible's Impact on Our Lives

12. Read Matthew 7:24-27. What happens to those that follow His teachings?

13. The Bible has the power to make a direct impact on your life today and every day. There are questions that all of us want the answers to - Who am I? Do I matter? Where do I fit in? And other big questions about life. How do the following verses help believers to understand their identity and purpose in life?

Ephesians 2:10

Psalms 32:8

2 Timothy 3:17

14. Read Psalm 19:8. The Bible has the answer to every question you have! What keeps you from spending time reading and studying God's Word?

DAY 5

WRAP UP

15. Has learning about the Bible changed the way you view it? How so?

16. How will you start making the Bible a priority in your life?

BELIEVE

The amazing thing about the Bible is that it's not just a history book. It does contain history, but it is a Holy book that also contains prophecies, promises, and direction from God himself. The Bible is Truth! God loves us so much that He gave us the Bible to help us know Him, the world He created, and how to live. Praise God!

PRAY

Father, thank You for Your Word. Help me to fall in love with reading and studying it. May Your word be "a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path". Help me to be faithful in believing the Bible and "putting it into practice." Amen.

Various References (NLT)

DAY 1

The Bible is God's message to us. God made sure that everything we need to know is in His Word. This book gives us the opportunity to see and know God and His plan and purposes for man and the world. It helps us know how to live our lives and to honor God.

The Bible contains 66 books and was written by more than 40 authors over a period of roughly 1,500 years. It has two sections all with one message - all inspired by God. The Old Testament begins with the creation of the universe and the creation of man. Throughout the Old Testament, God asks His people to obey His laws, but His people disobey him. Despite this disobedience, God promised to make a way for all things to be right again. The New Testament tells us how this promise that God made came true. The New Testament is all about the birth, life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - our Savior. God who is holy and righteous shows grace toward sinners by sending Jesus to save us!

2 Peter 1:20-21: "Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God."

DAY 2

2 Timothy 3:16: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right."

Hebrews 4:12-13: "For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable."

Romans 8:17: "So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ."

Proverbs 4:20-22: "My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body."

DAY 3

Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Luke 11:28: Jesus replied, "But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice."

Jeremiah 7:23: "This is what I told them: 'Obey me, and I will be your God, and you will be my people. Do everything as I say, and all will be well!'"

John 14:15: "If you love me, obey my commandments."

1 John 5:4: "For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith."

Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

DAY 4

Matthew 7:24-27: "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Psalm 32:8: "The Lord says, 'I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.'"

2 Timothy 3:17: "God uses it (Bible) to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."

Psalm 19:8: "The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living."