

# LESSON 3

## THE HOLY BIBLE

### OBJECTIVES

1. To know the origin of the Bible.
2. To understand what is the purpose of the Bible.
3. To understand the importance of learning from the Bible.

### MEMORY VERSE

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

(2 Timothy 3:16)

### PRAYER

Our heavenly Father, we thank You for bringing us together on this Sabbath to worship You. You have guided us safely through another week, and we are blessed that You always watch over us. Today, we are going to be learning about the precious words You have given to us in the Bible. Please help us focus in class, so that we are able to receive the message into our hearts.



### Overview

#### 1. Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

- a. What Is the Bible?
- b. What Does the Bible Say?
- c. Why Should We Read the Bible?

#### 2. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs—The Holy Bible

#### 3. Life Application—The Bible and I

#### 4. Activity—"Parts of the Bible" Ring Tower



### Background Knowledge for Teachers

There is no other book like the Bible, because the Bible was written by forty different authors over a span of 1600 years. These authors all had different backgrounds and came from all walks of life. Some were prophets, some doctors, other farmers, or even rulers. All of these people were able to contribute to the message in the Bible because they were all moved by God to record His words. The Bible is key to Christian life because it reveals the will and work of God. It is able to answer life's important questions. It tells us how we should live our life and also what our future will be. Most importantly, the Bible directs us to the way of salvation that God has already planned out for us. Through the Bible, we know exactly what we need to do to receive eternal life!



## Reaching Out to Your Students

Elementary 2 students are well aware that the Bible is the word of God. However, they may not fully comprehend the importance of the Bible in their day-to-day life. Some students may read the Bible with their parents, but fail to see that they are reading words that can give life! It is important to bring out the significance of the Bible in their day-to-day life and help them to understand that they can find the answers to their questions by looking in the Bible!



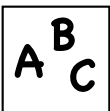
## Opener

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Today, we are going to learn about a special book that was inspired by God, but first, we are going to play “Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down”. I will read five statements. For each statement, if you think it is true, then put your thumbs up. If you think it is false, then keep your thumbs down.

1. The Bible is the best-selling book in the world. (True.)
2. God can speak to us through the Bible. (True.)
3. The Bible was written by one man. (False. The Bible has about forty different authors.)
4. God speaks to us through the Bible. (True.)
5. There are sixty-six books in the Bible. (True.)

From these statements, we can see that the Bible is an amazing book! Let us study it further to see exactly how wonderful it is!



## Vocabulary

**inspiration:** a special influence from God on the minds of human beings

**salvation:** the act of delivering from sin or saving from evil



## Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

### FOR TEACHERS

Hand out the Bible Discovery worksheet to the students. Ask them to fill in the blanks as you go over the lesson. Keep a copy of the worksheet to reference throughout the lesson.

### What Is the Bible?

The Bible is the word of God, and it is through the Bible that God reveals His will to us. In 2 Timothy 3:16, it tells us that all Scripture is given to us by the inspiration of God. This means that the message in the Bible did not come from the minds of men but from what God revealed and showed to them. About forty authors wrote the Bible over a span of 1600 years. With so many different authors, it would have been easy for the message in the Bible to be inconsistent. However, because God is the one who revealed His word to the authors, the Bible is consistent in

its message from beginning to end.

### What Does the Bible Say?

The main theme of the Bible is salvation. The Old Testament describes the preparation of salvation and the New Testament describes the salvation plan put into action by Jesus Christ.

The Bible consists of sixty-six books, with thirty-nine books in the Old Testament and twenty-seven books in the New Testament. Both the Old and the New Testament can be divided into four parts.

Let us first look at the Old Testament and see how the books in the Old Testament are divided! After we go over the Old Testament, we will move to the New Testament!

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## Old Testament

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**I. The Law Books (The Pentateuch)**

Books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy  
 Writer: Moses  
 Date: 1446 BC ~ 1406 BC  
 Content: From the creation of the world to Moses leading the Israelites to the promised land.

**II. The Historical Books**

Books: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther  
 Writer: Unknown  
 Date: 1390 BC ~ 460 BC  
 Content: The history of the chosen people of God, from their entrance into the promised land to their exile from it. The Historical Books covers a span of about 1000 years.

**III. The Wisdom Books**

Books: Job, Psalm, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon  
 Writers: Job - Unknown  
           Psalms – King David, King Solomon, Priests  
           Proverbs - King Solomon and other wise men  
           Ecclesiastes – King Solomon  
           Song of Solomon – King Solomon  
 Date: 440 BC ~ 538 BC  
 Content: Blessings will come upon those who fear God and follow His commandments.

**IV. Prophet Books***Major Prophets*

Books: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel  
 Writers: Isaiah – Isaiah  
           Jeremiah, Lamentations – Jeremiah  
           Ezekiel – Ezekiel  
           Daniel – Daniel  
 Date: 700 BC ~ 530 BC

*Minor Prophets*

Books: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi  
 Writers: The name of the book indicates the author  
 Date: 850 BC ~ 430 BC

Content: The disobedience of the chosen people of God and His judgment upon them.

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## New Testament

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**I. The Four Gospels**

Books: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John  
 Writers: The name of the book indicates the author  
 Date: 55 AD ~ 90 AD  
 Content: Jesus Christ is the Messiah and Savior of mankind.

**II. Early Church History**

Book: Acts of the Apostles  
 Writer: Luke  
 Date: 65 AD  
 Content: The history of the early church and the work of the Holy Spirit.

**III. The Epistles**

Books:	Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1&2 Peter, 1,2&3 John, Jude
Writers:	Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon – Paul Hebrews - Unknown James - Elder James 1&2 Peter – Peter 1,2&3 John – John Jude – Jude
Date:	45 AD ~ 90 AD
Content:	Letters to the churches to encourage the members and instruct them on how to live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

**IV. The Book of Prophecy**

Book:	Revelation
Writer:	John
Date:	90 AD
Content:	Encouragements to the church to remain faithful until Jesus Christ comes again; descriptions of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

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The Bible not only tells us about the way to salvation, but it also has the answers for the important questions about our life. For example, the Bible tells us where mankind came from and gives us many examples of people who were able to live lives that were pleasing to God. Let us look at other ways that the Bible is able to help us in our daily life.

**Why Should We Read the Bible?***1) It guides us to the way to salvation (Jas 1:21)*

The Bible has the power to save us because it teaches us the way to receive salvation and how to live out our faith. The words in the Bible are the words of God and they carry life. When we obey what it says in the Bible, we are able to receive new life and have the hope of salvation. The Bible tells us the way to salvation and there is no other way that we can receive it.

*2) It is a mirror for our hearts (Heb 4:12)*

The Bible not only saves us, but it also is able to examine our hearts and see whether or not we are acting in a way that is pleasing to God. We are able to see our hearts more clearly when we compare the teachings in the Bible to our actions. Rather, we are going against what God has told us to do. For example, the Bible tells us that we should not lie, so when we lie to our parents, we know that we are not following the Bible. Without the Bible, we would not clearly know if we are behaving according to God's will or if we are acting in disobedience!

*3) It provides armor and weapons for spiritual warfare (Eph 6:17)*

One part of the armor of God recorded in Ephesians is the

sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. The word of God is able to help us overcome our enemy Satan. It is through the word that we are able to overcome temptation. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus Christ set an example for us to follow when He faced temptation. Even though Satan tried to tempt Him three times, Jesus Christ used the word of God each time to defend Himself and, ultimately, overcome Satan. Today, we can also use the word of God as a weapon to stand up and overcome the temptations that we encounter. When we may be feeling tempted to copy our friend's homework, we can remember that the Bible teaches us that we cannot hide from God.

*4) It gives us food for spiritual life (Mat 4:4)*

The Bible is our spiritual food. There are times when we may feel hurt or sad in our hearts. These hurts are something that the world cannot heal or take away. It is at these times that the word of God can comfort us and give us peace. Only God can take away the sadness that we may feel, and we are able to receive this comfort when we turn to Him and His word in the Bible. There are many testimonies of when the word of God has given peace and strength to many members who are suffering from trials or heartache. The Bible is able to give food to our spirit so that we can become stronger spiritually.

From these examples, we can see that the Bible is a living book and indispensable to our lives as Christians. Even though it was written thousands of years ago, the teachings found within hold great value in our life even today. As God's chosen people, we must value His word in the Bible and hold on to the promises it contains until the end of our journey!



## Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

### The Holy Bible

The Bible contains the standards and guidelines for Christian life because God is able to speak to us through the Bible. It is through the Bible that we are able to understand and know the will of God for us.



## Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **Who wrote the Bible?** The Bible had about forty different authors. However, God is the ultimate author of the Bible because the Bible was written by inspiration from God.
2. **What is the main theme of the Bible?** Salvation.
3. **What are the four parts of the Old Testament?** Law, History, Wisdom, Prophets
4. **What are the four parts of the New Testament?** Gospel Books, History (Acts), Epistles, Prophecy (Revelation)
5. **What are the four reasons we should read the Bible?**
  - o It leads us to the way to salvation.
  - o It is a mirror to examine our hearts.
  - o It is a sword for spiritual battle.
  - o It is spiritual food.



## Life Application

10 Minutes

### THE BIBLE AND I

The Bible is the precious word of God, but what should we do with the messages in the Bible? Let us look at how the Bible is important in our day-to-day life!

#### 1. Study it! (Josh 1:8)

##### What does it mean to study the Bible?

The Bible does not exist only for us to read leisurely! We have to store it in our hearts and meditate on it. To meditate means to think deeply and carefully. To help us meditate on the word of God, we can ask ourselves the following questions:

- What is the verse/passage saying?
- Why is the verse/passage be in the Bible?
- What does the verse/passage tell me about God?

The Bible is not simply a book that we just read and forget. Rather, we have to spend time to think about what the Bible is trying to tell us.

#### 2. Live it! (Mat 7:24-25)

##### What does it mean to live out the Bible?

The word of God is living! To live out the Bible means to follow the teachings in the Bible and act them out. From the Gospel of Matthew, we can see that those who hear the word and do it is like a wise man that built his house on the rock. A person like this will not be easily swayed by the trials or temptations that come their way and instead will be able to stand firm in God.

**How do we live it out?**

There are so many ways that we can live out the teachings in the Bible, and there are so many promises that God has given to us in the Bible. For example, God has promised that if we put Him first in our life, then He will bless us (Mat 6:33). There are many testimonies of brothers and sisters who put God first when choosing a school or job and were blessed later on because of their choice. God's word is true, and if we are willing to obey and follow it, then we will be blessed and rewarded!

What are some ways that you can live out the Bible? [Have students use specific examples.]

- Sample: I will live out the Bible by being obedient to my parents when they ask me to clean up my room.
- Sample: I will live out the Bible by showing love to my brother and letting him choose first.

**3. Share it! (Mark 16:15)****What does it mean to share the Bible?**

The message in the Bible is not only for us to read. Jesus Christ actually commanded us to preach the gospel to every creature! It is our duty, then, to share it with the people around us: our friends and family members. Sharing the Bible is not only limited to preaching; we can also share what we have learned from our religious education classes with a fellow brother or sister. We must share the word of God with those around us because it is so precious and life-changing!

**Activity****"Parts of the Bible" Ring Tower***10-15 Minutes***Materials**

- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler or tape

**Instructions**

1. Fold the construction paper in half lengthwise and then fold it in half lengthwise again. Do the same on a second sheet of construction paper.
2. Cut along the folds and, when you have finished, you should have eight strips of paper.
3. In the middle of each strip, write down the eight parts of the Bible (listed below).
4. Tape or staple the ends of each strip to create a ring. Do this for all eight strips.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Pentateuch (Law Books)   | e. Gospels              |
| b. Historical Books         | f. Acts of the Apostles |
| c. Wisdom Books             | g. Epistles             |
| d. Major and Minor Prophets | h. Revelation           |

**How to Play**

Students must stack the rings in the correct order according to the Bible. You can have students race to see who completes the ring tower correctly the quickest, or you can have students work in groups.

Note: The activity can be extended by writing the books of the Bible on each strip, which can help students memorize the books of the Bible in the correct order.

**HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY**

1. B
2. A
3. B
4. Any two of the following is acceptable: It leads us to the way to salvation. It is a mirror to examine our hearts. It is a sword for spiritual battle. It is spiritual food.
5. OT: Pentateuch, Historical Books, Wisdom Books, Prophet Books  
NT: Gospels, History of the Church, Epistles, Prophecy

# What is the BIBLE?

The Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. It reveals the will and work of God to us!



**Who Wrote It?**  
 (2 Timothy 3:16)  
 There are about \_\_\_\_\_ different authors, but God inspired all to write down His word. The ultimate writer of the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_!

**Why Is It Important?**  
 The Bible answers important questions about life and death. Most importantly, it links us to God by pointing out the way to \_\_\_\_\_!

The main theme of the Bible is: \_\_\_\_\_.

It is divided into two major parts:  
 The *Old Testament* and the *New Testament*

## What does the BIBLE Say?

Old Testament	New Testament
Number of Books	Number of Books
Subparts	Subparts
Theme	Theme

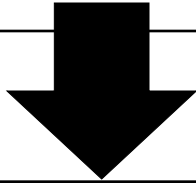
# THE OLD TESTAMENT

## The Pentateuch

**Date Written:** 1446 BC ~ 1406 BC

Genesis, Exodus, \_\_\_\_\_, Numbers, \_\_\_\_\_

**Content:** The creation of the world to Moses leading the Israelites to the promised land.

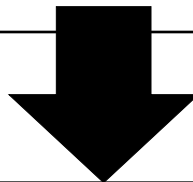


## The Historical Books

**Date Written:** 1390 BC ~ 460 BC

Joshua, \_\_\_\_\_, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles, \_\_\_\_\_, Nehemiah, Esther

**Content:** The history of the chosen people of God, from their entrance into the promised land to their exile from it.

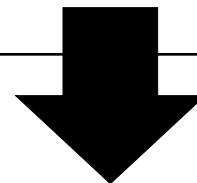


## The Wisdom Books

**Date Written:** 1440 BC ~ 538 BC

Job, \_\_\_\_\_, Proverbs, \_\_\_\_\_, Song of Solomon

**Content:** Blessings will come upon those who fear God and follow His commandments.



## The Major and Minor Prophets

**Date Written:** 850 BC ~ 430 BC

Major Prophet Books: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Prophet Books: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, \_\_\_\_\_, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, \_\_\_\_\_

**Content:** The disobedience of the chosen people of God and His judgment upon them.



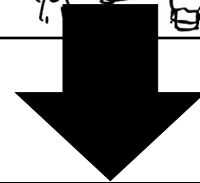
# THE NEW TESTAMENT

## The Gospels

**Date Written:** 55 AD ~ 90 AD

Matthew, Mark, \_\_\_\_\_, John

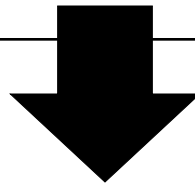
**Content:** Jesus Christ is the Messiah and Savior of Mankind.



## Acts of the Apostles (Church History)

**Date Written:** 65 AD

**Content:** The history of the early church and the work of the Holy Spirit.

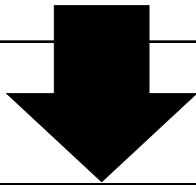


## The Epistles

**Date Written:** 45 AD ~ 90 AD

Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, \_\_\_\_\_, Colossians, 1&2  
Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, \_\_\_\_\_, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1&2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3  
John, \_\_\_\_\_

**Content:** Letters to the churches to encourage the members and instruct them on how to live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ.



## Revelation

**Date Written:** 90 AD

**Content:** Encouragements to the church to remain faithful until Jesus Christ comes again; descriptions of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

# The Bible

**& I**      **STUDY IT**      **Read**  **Meditate**

How do we meditate on the words of God? Ask ourselves questions when we read!

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

## LIVE IT

1. What does it mean to live out the Bible?

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. I will live out the Bible by:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Draw it!**



## SHARE IT

"Go into all the world and \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel to every creature."  
(Mark 16:15)

1. It is my duty to share and preach the word of God! I can share with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."  
(Hebrews 4:12)

## E2 Year 3 Book 3 Lesson 3—The Holy Bible

# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekly Bible Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Reading:** Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

**Prayer:** Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (2 Timothy 3:16)

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### Multiple Choice

1. \_\_\_\_\_ : What is the main theme of the Bible?
  - a. God is the Creator
  - b. Salvation for mankind
  - c. Everything is vanity
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ : How many books are in the Bible?
  - a. 66
  - b. 40
  - c. 79
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ : What are the first five books in the Old Testament called?
  - a. Gospel Books
  - b. Pentateuch
  - c. Books of Wisdom

### Short Answer

4. What are two reasons that we should read the Bible?
  
  
  
5. List the four parts of the Old Testament and the four parts of the New Testament.