



Session One: The Bible is God's Word

Today's Point: God is the author of the Bible.

Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16

CSB: All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16

KJV: 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

Today's Bible Skill: The Bible is made up of 66 books, divided into two parts – the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Bible Truth Activity:

Materials: Pen, paper

Enlist a volunteer and give him the pen and paper. Give the following instructions: I am going to tell you what I want you to write on the piece of paper I have given you. So, write down what I say. "The Bible tells us about Jesus."

Have volunteer show his paper to the group. Ask your volunteer to read what he wrote.

Ask: Did (volunteer's name) make up with the words on this paper?

Say: No, I did. He wrote it down, but these are my words. I asked him to write them down and share them with you. This is kind of how the Bible was written. God used people to write down His message, but the words are God's words. In fact, the Bible is often called the Word of God. That is because God guided the minds of the writers so that what they wrote down was exactly what he wanted them to write. Men took the pen and put the words on the paper, but the thoughts and meanings all came from God. He inspired the Bible, and it is without error.

The Bible is a collection of 66 important books because all of it was given to man by God to reveal Jesus as our Savior. More than 40 different people wrote the Bible. A few of the names you might recognize are Moses, David, Solomon, Matthew, John, Paul. There are 39 books in the Old Testament – most of which were written in Hebrew. There are 27 books in the New Testament. The New Testament was written in Greek. From Genesis, the very first book in the Bible all the way to Revelation, the last book of the Bible, everything points to Jesus. In John 5:39, Jesus even said the scriptures testify about me. Because the Bible was inspired by God we can believe what it says and know that it is true.

Bible Skills Activity: Books of the Bible Relay

Materials:

Bible – one for each group

Buckets (2) – label one Old Testament, one New Testament – one set for each group

Masking tape

Books of the Bible Flashcard Set – one for each group

You can make your own flashcards:

Print each book of the Bible on a separate index card. Laminate cards, if possible, to increase durability.

Tip: Type books of the Bible on a 2x4 label template and print on clear labels. Place each label on a separate index card. Easy to use when replacement cards are needed.

Optional: Order from Lifeway: Books of the Bible Flashcards -

<https://www.lifeway.com/en/product/kidmin-toolbox-books-of-the-bible-flash-cards-P005839273>

PRIOR TO CLASS:

- Place a masking tape “Start” line on the floor about 8 feet from the buckets and cards.
- Place Bible, OT and NT buckets, and a set of flashcards face down in front of each group. Make sure cards have been mixed up.

Instructions:

- Divide group into equal groups of 4-5 players.
- Explain that each book of the Bible is either located in the Old Testament or the New Testament. The purpose of this game is to get each card in the correct bucket. To do so you must decide if the book is in the Old Testament or the New Testament.
- Line group up single file, behind the “start” line. When given the signal to start – the first team member is to run to their buckets, draw a card, place it in the correct bucket (OT or NT), run back to their group, and tag the next player. This continues until all books are placed in buckets.
- Have each group use the Table of Content of the Bible to check their group’s accuracy.

Optional:

For your younger kids, ask an adult volunteer to help child locate book on Table of Contents.