

GROWING WITH GOD

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LESSON 1

THE GOD OF THE BIBLE

VOCABULARY

- **Almighty** – Has the strength to do anything; “all mighty”
- **Holy** – Far from sin or anything unclean; set apart or sacred
- **The Trinity** – The three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—mysteriously unified as one God
- **Potter** – A person who makes pots, often by shaping clay

1-A WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

Have you ever gotten a letter in the mail? Imagine opening your mailbox and finding a letter from the most important person in the world. This person wrote the letter so that you two could get to know each other.

What would you do with this letter? Would you throw it away, or would you read it carefully? Would you write back?



The most important person *did* write you a letter.

The God of the universe gave you the Bible so that you could learn more about Him. He wants a relationship with you, and He wants you to be more like Him.



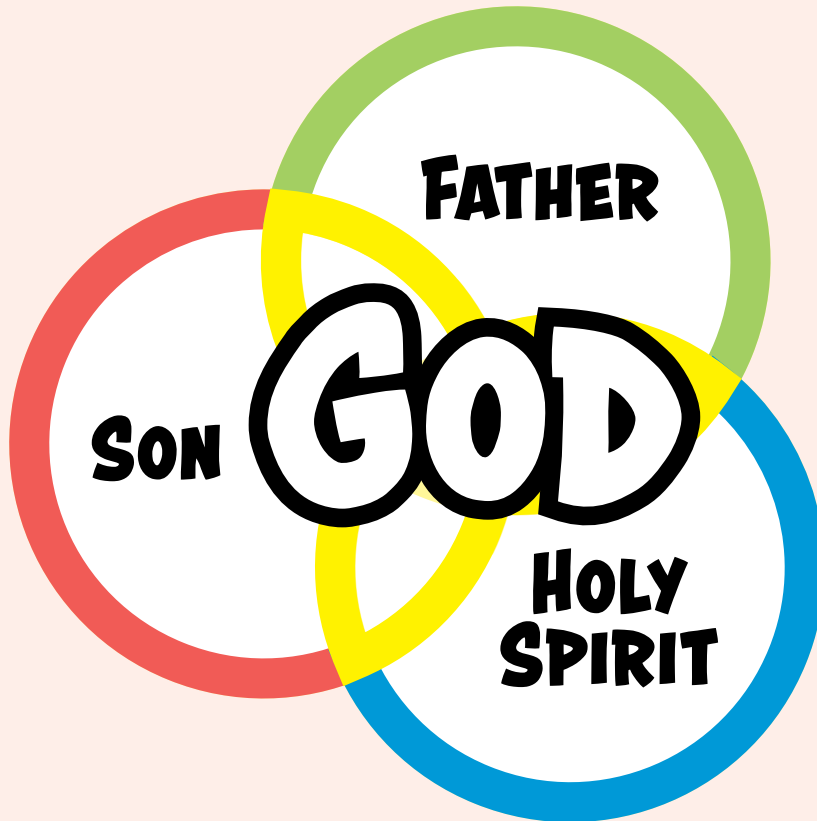
Read the following passages in the Bible. Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

Almighty **God** **holy** **loved**

Genesis 17:1	The Lord told Abraham, "I am _____ . . ."
Psalms 99:9	. . . The Lord our _____ is _____.
Isaiah 6:3	_____, _____, _____ is the Lord . . .
John 3:16	God _____ the world so much that He gave His only Son . . .

► Can you think of other words to describe God? Write a few below.

1-B THE TRINITY



Read each passage and mark which person of the **Trinity** is named.

Isaiah 64:8 – He shapes us like a potter shapes clay.	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Spirit
Matthew 14:31-33 – After Jesus made a storm go away, His followers worshiped Him.	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Spirit
John 20:31 – If we believe in Him, we have life.	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Spirit
Galatians 5:22-23 – He grows love, joy, and peace inside us.	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Spirit
Galatians 5:25 – We should walk with Him and do what He says.	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Spirit
James 1:17 – Every good gift comes from Him.	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Spirit

1-C REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE



In the spaces below, write three people that you admire.

- _____
- _____
- _____

► Why do you admire these people?

Love is an important part of God. He loves us very much. If we want to follow God, we should love people like He does.



Read **1 John 4:7-11** and use the words below to fill in the blanks.

God	love
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1 John 4:7	We should _____ each other because _____ is from _____.
1 John 4:8	People who do not _____ do not know _____ because _____ is _____.
1 John 4:9-10	_____ showed His love by sending His Son into the world.
1 John 4:11	Because _____ loved us, we should also _____ each other.

LESSON 2

THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE

VOCABULARY

- **Creation** – Everything God brought into being; the universe
- **Sin** – The decision to break God’s law; turning away from God
- **Faith** – A belief in something we cannot see or prove; trust in God

2-A CREATION AND SIN



Read the following verses in **Genesis 1** and use the words below to fill in the blanks.

beginning
earth
female
good
male



Genesis 1:1	In the _____, God created the heavens and the _____.
Genesis 1:27	God made humans in His own image. He made both _____ and _____.
Genesis 1:31	Everything God made was very _____.

God created the entire universe—the stars, our planet, and everything that lives around us. He even created two humans named Adam and Eve. All of God’s **creation** was wonderful.

God gave Adam and Eve one rule. They were not allowed to eat the fruit from one tree in the Garden of Eden. Unfortunately, Adam and Eve chose to disobey God and **sin**.



Read **Genesis 3:1-6**. Then match the beginning of each sentence to its correct ending.

	Verse 1 – The serpent asked Eve if God really . . .	A. said not to eat from any tree. B. die. C. touch the fruit. D. give the fruit to her husband, Adam.
	Verse 3 – Eve said that they could not even . . .	
	Verse 4 – The serpent told Eve that she would not . . .	
	Verse 6 – So Eve ate the fruit and chose to . . .	



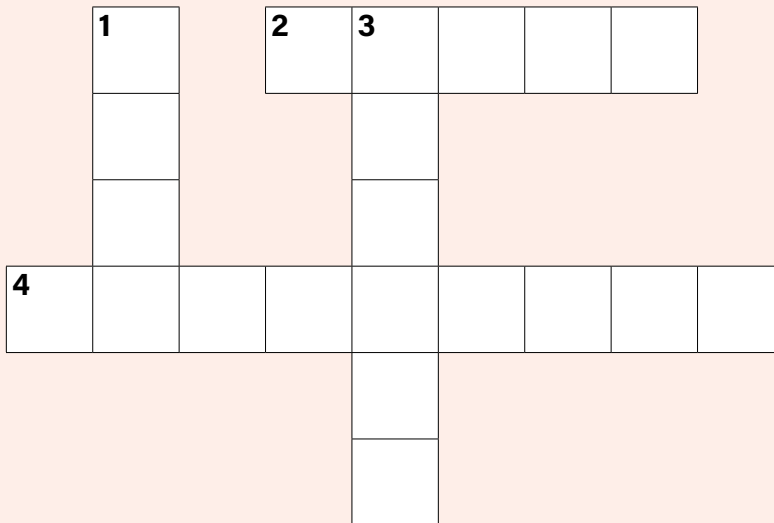
2-B THE WORK OF JESUS

Humans chose to sin, but God still cared for us. He promised to send someone to save us from our sins. That person is Jesus, and He came to Earth to live as a human.



Read each passage from the Book of Matthew and complete the puzzle.

ACROSS	DOWN
<p>2. Matthew 20:18-19 – Jesus said that He would one day be killed, but He would come back to life on the ___ day afterward.</p> <p>4. Matthew 2:1 – Jesus was born in the town of ___, in the region of Judea.</p>	<p>1. Matthew 14:16-20 – Jesus fed thousands of people with just ___ loaves of bread and two small fish.</p> <p>3. Matthew 15:30 – When people came to Jesus with different problems, He ___ them.</p>



Despite all the good that Jesus did, some people hated Him. Eventually, these wicked people decided to kill Him. They put Him to death by nailing Him to a cross.

But even this terrible thing was part of God's plan. Jesus chose to die for our sins. He faced our punishment so we would not have to. Because of Jesus, we can follow God and live with Him forever.

2-C THE PROMISE OF JESUS



Read **John 3:16** again and mark the correct ending to each sentence.

God so loved . . .		
<input type="checkbox"/> the planet Earth.	<input type="checkbox"/> the people of the world.	<input type="checkbox"/> all the animals.

God sent . . .		
<input type="checkbox"/> His only Son.	<input type="checkbox"/> a tornado.	<input type="checkbox"/> an army.

If we believe in Him, we will have . . .		
<input type="checkbox"/> death.	<input type="checkbox"/> happiness.	<input type="checkbox"/> life.



Jesus died so that we could live. But do you remember what you read in **Matthew 20:19**? What did Jesus promise to do after He died?

► Read **Matthew 28:1-9**. Did Jesus keep His promise? Yes No

Jesus promised to give His followers life that never ends. Many people make promises that they cannot keep, but Jesus showed that He has power over life and death. One day, everyone who has **faith** in Christ will live with Him forever.

LESSON 3

THE PARTS OF THE BIBLE

VOCABULARY

- **Testament** – A promise or record; a name for the two major parts of the Bible
- **Scripture** – Sacred or religious writing; another name for the Bible
- **Idol** – A statue of a false god
- **Prophet** – Someone chosen by God to share a message
- **Gospel** – The “good news” about Jesus; one of the first four books of the New Testament
- **Epistle** – A letter; one of the 21 letters in the New Testament

3-A THE OLD TESTAMENT

The first part of **Scripture** is called the Old Testament, and it describes how God helped the nation of Israel. God gave these people special promises, along with laws to help them follow Him. The Israelites did not always obey God, but God loved them. As we study the stories and laws in the Old Testament, we can learn why people need Jesus.

Let’s learn about the four big sections of the Old Testament.



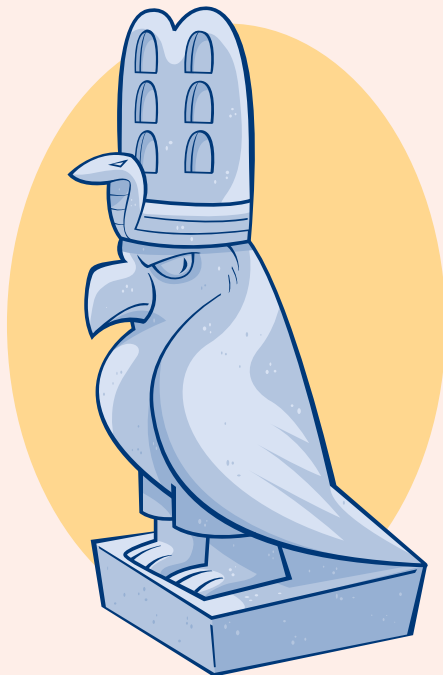
THE BOOKS OF THE LAW



Find the Table of Contents near the beginning of your Bible. This shows the 66 books of Scripture. The first five books of the Old Testament are called the Books of the Law. Write these five books below.

A graphic of five green book spines stacked vertically. Each spine has a yellow vertical stripe on the left and right sides. The spines are numbered 1 through 5 from top to bottom. Each spine has a light blue oval area for writing the name of the book. The right side of the spines shows the edges of the pages, which are light blue with horizontal lines.

THE BOOKS OF HISTORY



In this section of the Old Testament, we read how the people of Israel settled into the land of Canaan. Most people in Canaan did not follow God, and sometimes Israel followed their example. The Israelites often worshiped **idols** and hurt each other. A few times, the leaders of Israel even forgot about God's laws.



Number the historical books in order from **1** to **12**. The first book is marked for you.

	Judges		Ruth
	2 Chronicles		1 Chronicles
1	Joshua		1 Kings
	Esther		Ezra
	2 Samuel		Nehemiah
	2 Kings		1 Samuel

THE BOOKS OF POETRY

In the Old Testament, there are five books that include songs, poetry, and wise words. These books describe God and His gifts in amazing ways. The writers also ask important questions about Him. The poetic books are . . .

- ◉ **Job** – A story about a man who trusts God even while suffering
- ◉ **Psalms** – Songs about our walk with God
- ◉ **Proverbs** – Advice from wise, godly people
- ◉ **Ecclesiastes** – Thoughts on the meaning of life
- ◉ **The Song of Solomon** – A song about love in marriage

THE PROPHETS

Even though Israel kept disobeying God, He kept calling them back to Himself. He sent **prophets** to remind Israel about His laws. The prophets also warned about God’s punishment for people who hated Him.



In your Bible’s Table of Contents, the prophetic books start with **Isaiah** and continue through **Malachi**. Write the names of three prophetic books below.

- ◉ _____
- ◉ _____
- ◉ _____

3-B THE NEW TESTAMENT

THE GOSPELS

The first four books of the New Testament are called the **Gospels**. Here we read about the coming of Jesus, the Son of God. He was born in Bethlehem as a baby, and He grew up to teach and heal people. He died on a cross to pay for our sins, but three days later, He rose again. Each Gospel gives us a different picture of Jesus' life.



Look at your Bible's Table of Contents again. Write the names of the first four books of the New Testament.

An illustration of four red books with yellow spines and white pages, stacked vertically. Each book has a white oval on its cover with a number inside. The numbers are 1, 2, 3, and 4 from top to bottom. The books are set against a light blue shadow.

THE BOOK OF ACTS

The Book of Acts explains what happened after Jesus returned to heaven.



Read **Acts 2:1-4**. Who came to live inside Jesus' followers?

► Read **Acts 11:26**. What did people begin to call Jesus' followers?

THE EPISTLES AND REVELATION

The **epistles** are letters written by early Christians to each other. They further explain the gospel, and they describe ways that we can be like Jesus.



God worked through a handful of people to write the epistles. Look up the following verses and match each epistle to its writer. One answer will be used twice.

	Romans 1:1	A. John B. Jude C. Paul D. Peter
	1 Timothy 1:1	
	1 Peter 1:1	
	Jude 1	
	Revelation 1:1	

3-C LEARNING FROM THE WORD

When we take time to study and understand Scripture, we will see how powerful, holy, and loving God is. We will learn about God's work—and how we can do our part in His plan.



Read **Psalm 19:7-9** and write at least four words that describe God's laws and words.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

WE CAN LEARN FROM SCRIPTURE

