

# 3rd Grade

## Growing With God

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Unit One

# The Bible

Our Manual For Spiritual Growth





## Lesson One

# The Bible Is God's Word

**H**as your family ever received a letter from someone very special? Was it from your grandmother or a special friend? How many times did you read it—just once or many, many times?

What if the greatest person in all of history wrote you a letter? How important would you consider that letter to be, and how many times would you read it? You would probably show it to many people and read it again and again.



That is exactly what took place when God wrote the Bible and gave His letter to you. The God of the universe—the Creator of all we have and the Creator of each one of us—took time to write a letter. He wanted us to begin to understand Him, and He wanted to show us how to have the best possible life.

### Vocabulary

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## God The FaTher

God does not have a physical body as we do. God the Father is a spirit whom we cannot see. Just because we cannot see something does not mean it is not real. We cannot see the wind, but we know the wind is real. We can feel its force. It can be hot or cold. It gives us air to breathe. Though we cannot see God, we know He is real. But God is a spirit, and He did not write down the words in the Bible Himself.

# God The Son

People saw God in a physical form when Jesus Christ lived on earth. Jesus Christ is truly God, and many of His words are a part of the Bible. Christ did not write down the words of the Bible either.

# God The Holy Spirit

The third person, who is also God, is the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who lives inside us when we trust Christ to save us.

## The Inspired Word Of God

God wrote the Bible by the Holy Spirit, so the Bible is God's inspired Word. "Inspiration" means that the writers were guided by God the Holy Spirit to write exactly what He wanted them to write. God did use men to write down His words, but the Holy Spirit worked in their minds to cause them to say what He wanted. We can say that the Bible is inspired and written by God.



To understand better how the Holy Spirit wrote the Bible, find 2 Peter 1:21 and write this verse here. \_\_\_\_\_

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Now find 2 Timothy 3:16 and write the first part of this verse. \_\_\_\_\_

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## How Long Will God's Word Last?



Many times people have tried to destroy the Bible. But God has always taken care of it. It will never be destroyed. Find the following verses and answer the questions below from the truth in these verses:

### Isaiah 40:8

1. How long does the Word of the Lord stand? **Forever**

### Mark 13:31

2. What kinds of things will pass away? **Heaven and Earth**

3. What will never pass away? **God's Word**

### 1 Peter 1:25

4. Whose word lasts forever? **The Lord**



# Lesson Two

# The Parts Of The Bible

The Word of God tells us God's plan of salvation. From the beginning of the Bible until its last words, it tells us about Jesus Christ, the Savior.

God organized the telling of His story into two parts, each called a "testament." The word "testament" means promise.



In the blanks below, write the names of the two parts of the Bible.

1. **Old Testament** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **New Testament** \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary


## The Old Testament



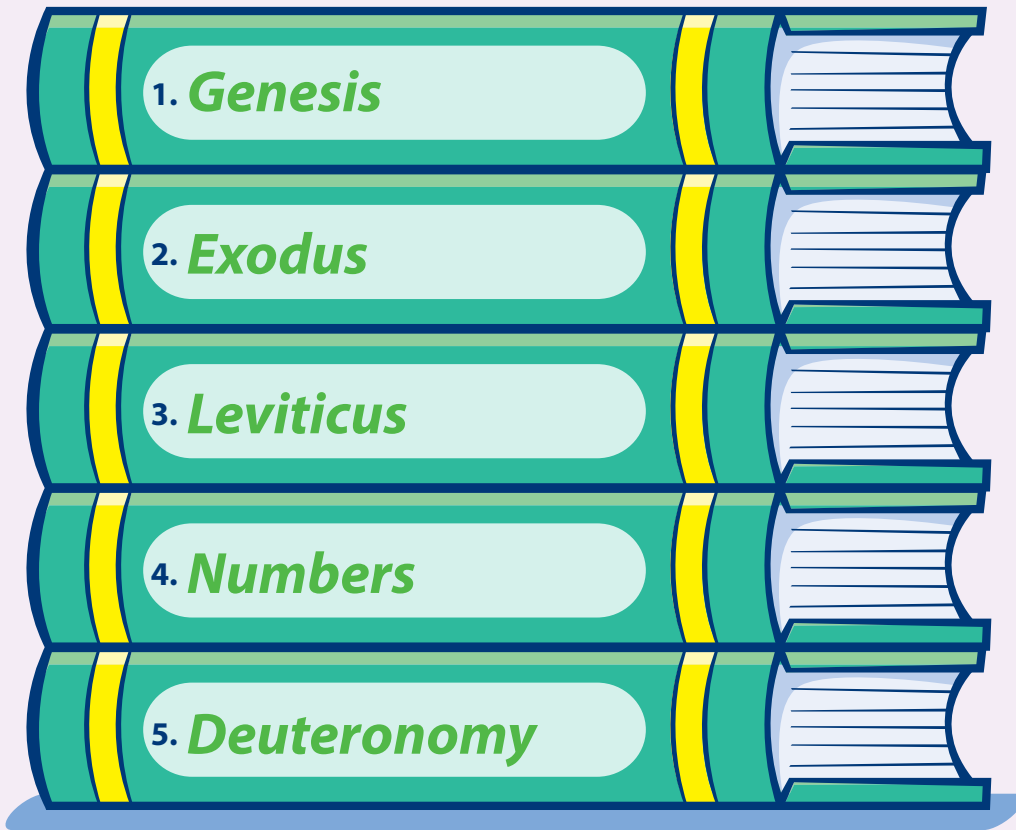
The Old Testament is the story of how God worked in His people of Israel. Through their lives we learn the importance of why Jesus Christ came to the earth to die for our sins. The stories of the Old Testament were written down for us so that we would understand more about Jesus Christ.

Many people consider the first five books of the Old Testament to be the Books of the Law. They are called the Books of the Law because they include the Ten Commandments. They also teach many other laws God wanted His people of Israel to obey.

# Books of The Law

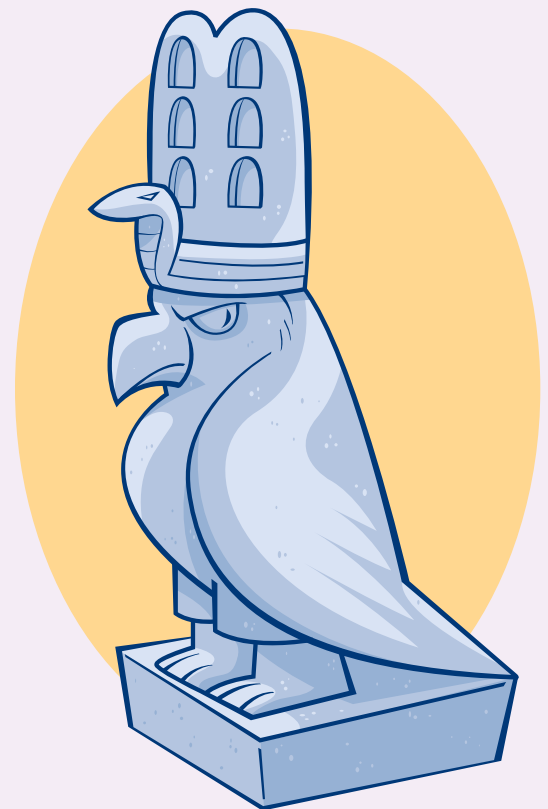


List the first five books of the Bible—the Books of the Law—on the books below.



The next section of the Old Testament is often called the Books of History. All the nations on the earth worshiped idols. People worshiped many different kinds of gods. There were gods of the sky, gods of the earth, gods of the sea, gods of the land, gods of the valleys, male gods, and female gods. Throughout the Old Testament, God was showing all of these idol-worshipping nations that there is only one God.

The Books of History tell the story of one nation that God used to tell His story to all people. God promised this nation, the nation of Israel, that if they would serve Him, they would prosper as a nation. If they served idols, they would be destroyed as a nation.





The names of the Books of History are given below, but they are in the wrong order. Use your Bible to write them in the proper order.

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

1. <b>Joshua</b>
2. <b>Judges</b>
3. <b>Ruth</b>
4. <b>1 Samuel</b>
5. <b>2 Samuel</b>
6. <b>1 Kings</b>
7. <b>2 Kings</b>
8. <b>1 Chronicles</b>
9. <b>2 Chronicles</b>
10. <b>Ezra</b>
11. <b>Nehemiah</b>
12. <b>Esther</b>

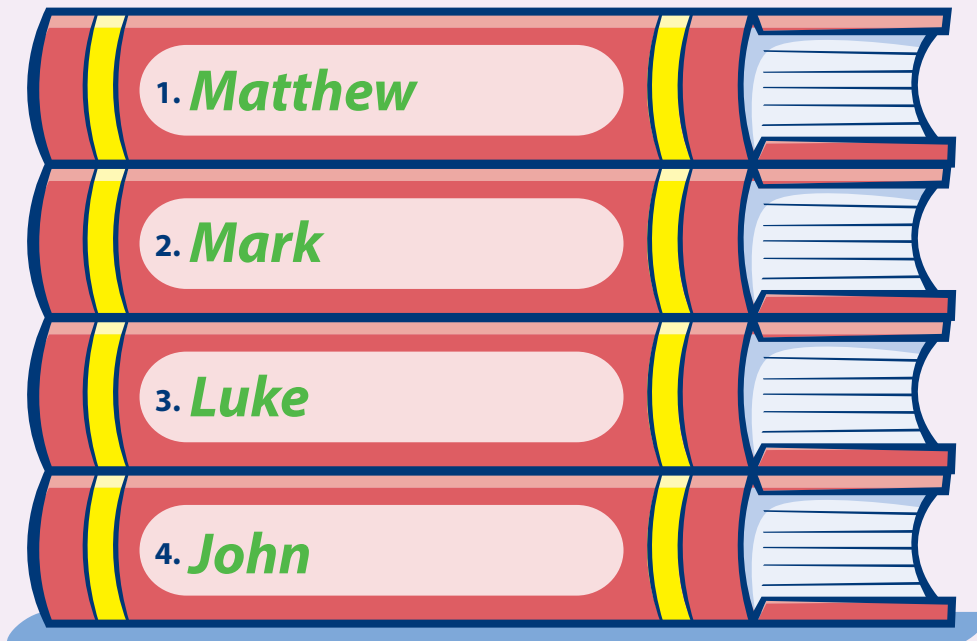
The rest of the Old Testament includes books of poetry (Job through Song of Solomon) and books of prophecy (Isaiah through Malachi).

Begin now to learn the names of the books of the Old Testament. You can do it easily with your teacher's help. Then you will be able to find verses in the Bible much more easily.

## The New Testament



The New Testament begins by telling the story of Jesus' coming to live on the earth. Find the beginning of the New Testament. List the first four books of the New Testament in the correct order on the books below.




These four books are called the Gospels. The word “gospel” means “good news.” These books tell the “good news” of Jesus Christ. They tell of His death, burial, and resurrection. The rest of the New Testament teaches us how God works in believers’ lives now that Jesus Christ came to earth to be our Savior.




## Describing God's Word

There is no other book like the Bible. It tells us about Jesus Christ. It tells us how to live while we are on earth. It tells us about heaven. We can trust it to be a perfect book.

 Read the following verses from the Book of Psalms to learn more about why we know the Bible is a perfect book. Choose the words in the following verses that describe the Word of God and write them in the blanks:

Psalm 19:7a	<b>Perfect</b>
Psalm 19:7b	<b>Trustworthy</b>
Psalm 19:8	<b>Right</b>
Psalm 119:105	<b>Light</b>
Psalm 119:142	<b>True</b>

 Since the Bible is such a wonderful and special book from God, what should we pray when we read it? To find out, copy the following verse: Psalm 119:18. \_\_\_\_\_

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Unit Two

# The Life Of Abraham

## God Keeps His Promises





## Lesson Three

# The Father Of A New Nation



**W**e have learned how wonderful the Bible truly is. In its pages God tells us how all things came into being. Without God's Word we would wonder whose hand brought the mountains into being. We would wonder how the flowers, trees, rivers, and animals came into being. We would wonder how Adam and Eve and all people came to inhabit the earth.

### Vocabulary

## God's Plan For Israel

God made people for fellowship and to bring glory to His name. When Adam and Eve sinned, God could no longer fellowship with them. But God knew from before He created the universe that this would happen. Before time began, God had planned a way to have fellowship with man once again.

- First, God planned a way for His Son, Jesus, to come to earth.
- To make this happen, God planned for a nation of people to have a special relationship with Him and for this nation to bring the Savior into the world.

To make His plan come to pass, God called out a special nation of people. This was to be the nation of Israel. A man named Abraham was to be the father of this new nation.





One day, God came to Abraham with an important commandment. Read this commandment in Genesis 12:1. What did God ask Abraham to do? To leave his country and his father's household and go to the new land God would show him

God was asking Abraham to leave his home, his family, and his friends to go to a new land. In the new land, God would make a new nation. The people of this nation would worship the one true God. From this nation, God would bring Jesus Christ into the world.

## God's Promise To Abraham

Often when God gives a command, He also gives a promise. God had commanded Abraham to go to a new land. Now He promised Abraham many blessings. To see this, read Genesis 12:2–3. Using these verses to help you, unscramble the words and fill in the blanks correctly.



I will make you into a great nation<sup>nniota</sup>, and I will bless<sup>slebs</sup> you, and make your name great, and you will be a blessing<sup>snbeglsi</sup>. I will bless<sup>esbsl</sup> those who bless you, and curse those who curse<sup>sreuc</sup> you. All the families of the earth<sup>rtaeh</sup> will be blessed through you.

## Abraham Obey's God

God gives us many free gifts. Sometimes, He asks us to obey His commands before He blesses us. In Genesis 12:5, God tells us how wonderfully Abraham obeyed God. Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete the story.



Abraham left his home to go to the new land just as God had told him to do. He took his wife Sarai (Sarah) and his brother's son, Lot, and they went forth to the land of Canaan.

## Commands And Promises

Just as God gave commands and promises to Abraham, He also has commands and promises for our lives.



Read each of the following truths from Scripture verses on the next page. Beside each statement that is a command, write "C." Beside each statement that is a promise from God, write "P."



## Proverbs 3:1–2, 6

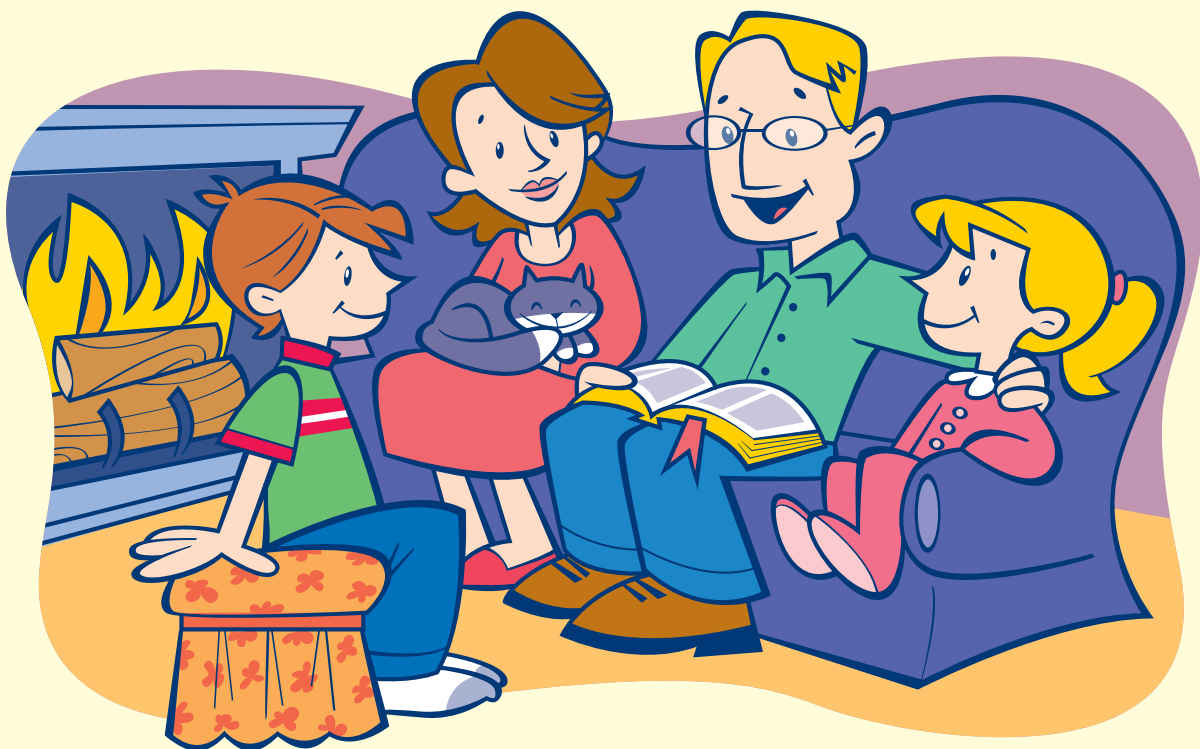
<b>C</b>	Do not forget my law.
<b>C</b>	Keep my commandments in your heart.
<b>P</b>	My commandments will add length of days, long life, and peace to you.
<b>C</b>	Acknowledge Him in all your ways.
<b>P</b>	He will direct your paths.

## Ephesians 6:1–3

<b>C</b>	Obey your parents in the Lord because this is right.
<b>C</b>	Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise.
<b>P</b>	It will be well with you, and you will enjoy long life on the earth.

## Philippians 4:6–7

<b>C</b>	Do not be anxious (worried, upset, or careful) about anything.
<b>C</b>	Make all your requests known to God by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.
<b>P</b>	The peace of God, which is beyond our understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.





Using the code in the box below, complete the following puzzle:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Once a lawyer came to Jesus and asked which of all the commandments was the greatest.

Jesus commanded him to **L O V E T H E L O R D** his **G O D** with all his **H E A R T** and with all his **S O U L** and with all his **M I N D**. This is the **F I R S T** and **G R E A T E S T** **C O M M A N D M E N T**.