

SESSION 2 FAMILY GUIDE

WHY SHOULD I TRUST THE BIBLE?

The Bible is the trustworthy Word of God. The words of the Bible are the very words of God given to us so we can know Him. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God used men as the means by which His words were written. Over time, as God's Word was preserved, men recognized that the Scriptures were, in fact, divinely inspired. Through the measuring rod of a system called the canon, the Scriptures were organized into the Bible we have today. Additionally, Jesus affirmed and used the Scriptures to attest to the truth and reveal that all of Scripture points to Him.

Key Verse: *Romans 15:4*

Key Passages: *2 Timothy 3:16-17;*

Hebrews 1:1-2; Matthew 5:17-18

STUDY

Who wrote the Bible?

- God Himself is the Divine Author of Scripture. Though the Bible was written by men, it is not the product of human creativity or human wisdom. The Bible is the very spoken, breathed-out words of the living God.

How did we get the Bible?

- From the days of Moses through the apostles of the New Testament, God's words were written and preserved by God's chosen divinely inspired authors. Over times, these words were recognized and measured by a standard of measures (the canon) as the very words of God. The Scriptures were organized into the Bible we have today.

Did Jesus affirm Scripture?

- Not only did Jesus affirm the words of God, but He also quoted the Scriptures. Jesus testified to the authority, truthfulness, and purpose of the Bible. (See Luke 24:27; Matt. 12:40; Matt. 4; and Mark 7:6-13.)

DISCUSS

- Why is it important to believe God's Word is true and trustworthy?
- Why can I trust the different translations of the Bible? Are there any errors? (See Matt. 5:18; Matt. 24:35.)
- How did Jesus confirm the historical accuracy of the Bible? Were the people of the Bible actual people or just stories? (See Matt. 19:4-5; Matt. 8:11; and Matt. 24:15.)

PRAY

Take a few moments to pray over the concepts taught in this session with your preteen. Give thanks to God for His Word and for providing us with a way to know Him. Ask God to help us to believe and live out the words of the Bible. Confess any unbelief or sin, asking God for forgiveness and the faith to believe He is trustworthy. Close with any prayer requests for your preteen.

PROPHECIES FULFILLED

Look up the following Old Testament and New Testament verses, then discuss how the fulfillment of these prophecies provides evidence for the trustworthiness of the Bible.

- Genesis 3:15 and Galatians 4:4-5; Hebrews 2:14
- Genesis 12:3 and Galatians 3:8
- Genesis 14:18 and Hebrews 6:20
- Exodus 12:46 and John 19:31-36
- Numbers 21:9 and John 3:14-18; 12:32
- Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 1:35
- Isaiah 53:1 and John 18:1
- Daniel 9:26 and Matthew 27:50-51

There are many more fulfillments of the Old Testament found in Jesus that prove the trustworthiness of the Bible. What God promises will be done, and all of His words are true.