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Introduction

Have you thought about why you do some of the things you do, why you make some of the choices you make, or support some of the causes you support?

Social media, your teachers, your parents, and others are all trying to tell you what to do; they even try to tell you how to think! Some of those voices are pretty loud, and they don't always agree. How do you know which of these voices to listen to? Are you one that follows the crowd, or do you like to think things through on your own?

You may have heard of ***The Emperor's New Clothes***, a folktale written by Hans Christian Andersen. In the story a couple of swindlers manage to talk a vain emperor into buying expensive clothing from them that is supposedly invisible to those who are "stupid" or "incompetent." The emperor loves the idea, and the fraudsters proceed to display what they describe as exquisite bolts of cloth with which they pretend to create elaborate clothing.

Of course the whole thing is a hoax, but the emperor does not let on that he cannot see the clothing because he doesn't want people to think he is incompetent. All the townspeople as well ooh and aah over the clothing because they too fear being thought of as inept. In the end, the emperor is left parading before the whole village in nothing but his underclothes!

Sadly, this scenario has played out in much of our society today. Many people try to get us to go along with the crowd and to follow the latest trends even though those trends

may be wrong. The emperor may have believed he was wearing fine clothing, but in reality, he was nearly naked. We too may want to believe certain things are true but that does not make them true, even if everyone else thinks they are.

That's why it is important that you know what truth is. Real truth does not change. Real truth helps us make right decisions. More important, real truth leads us to God.

We want to help you discover truth. That's why we are so excited to share with you *We Believe For Kids!* This course will help you answer questions such as "Who is God?" "Who Am I?" and "Why Am I Here?" This course is designed to present you with information that will help you make your own decisions about what you believe, and to make those decisions based on truth. This journal will help you remember the information you are taught and also provide a place to record your own thoughts and opinions. We encourage you to keep it even after you have completed the course as a way to look back and remember your thought processes at this time.

More than anything, we trust that you will use this class time to deepen your relationship with God. He really wants to spend time with you!

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Lesson 1



The Bible

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Big Question:

Why should I believe the Bible?

What We Believe:

(Doctrinal Statement)

We believe the Bible is God's Word; it is truth. It serves as a trustworthy guide to our everyday lives.

Key Verse:

Write out the key verse in the space below.

2 Timothy 3:16

The Bible

Discussion Questions:

Get your pencils ready!

What are your favorite books, or movies that came from books, and why?

What are some movies based on true stories?

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Going Deeper:

Doctrine: something we _____ that is based on what the _____ says.

Each year _____ copies of the Bible are sold! The Bible is the best-selling book of the year, every year!

Did You Know?

Diary of a Wimpy Kid - sold over 200 million copies

Narnia - sold over 100 million

Lord of the Rings - sold over 150 million

Harry Potter - sold over 500 million

But the Bible is the best-selling book of the year EVERY YEAR!

Christians believe the Bible is 100% the creation of human authors but also 100% inspired by God!

The Bible

Did You Know?

The Eiffel Tower in Paris, France is _____ feet tall!

Can you guess how many pieces of steel were needed to build it? _____

Maurice Koechlin was the lead designer of the Eiffel Tower. He created over 5,000 drawings to help the construction workers know what to do.

He didn't make or put together any of the parts, but no one would deny he was the inspiration behind it all.



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Just like the Eiffel Tower, the Bible has many different writers but one designer, one inspiration behind it all, and that is God Himself.

The Bible is not a random collection of writings, it's God's message of love to the world!

John 14:6:

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Jesus says in John 14:6 that He is truth. So if Jesus and God are truth, then it makes sense that anything they create must be true!

The Bible

Questions:

What is the Bible?

The Bible is a _____ of books printed together. Look at the index for all the names of the books.

“Bible” is from the Latin word _____, which means, “library” or “collection of books.”

The Bible has _____ main sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The _____ is the larger of the two and includes everything from the creation of the world until just a few hundred years before Jesus.

The _____ begins with the _____ (the first four books), which are first-hand accounts of Jesus’ life. The rest of the New Testament is how the early followers of Jesus were instructed to live and follow Jesus’ teachings.

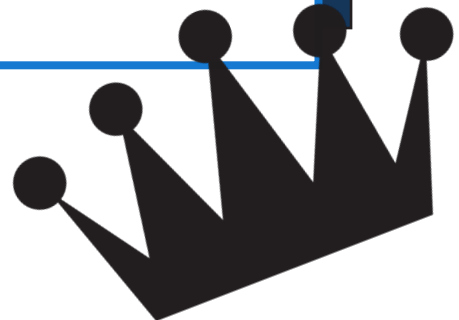
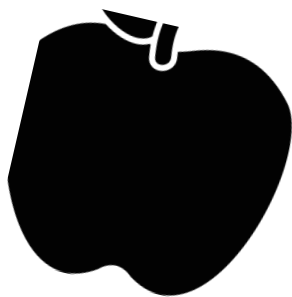
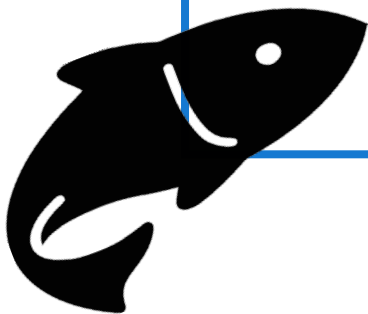
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Together the Bible was written over _____ years
by at least _____ authors.

The Bible also has different types of literature: history,
poetry, prophecy, and letters.

Did You Know?

All kinds of people wrote the Bible –
fishermen, teachers, doctors,
and even kings!



The Bible

There are places in the world where it is illegal to do exactly what you are doing, holding a Bible. Some people risk their lives to get the Bible into the hands of people who aren't allowed to read it. Many people are killed for having a Bible.

Why do they risk their lives to read it? Why is it so precious to them?

It is precious to them because it is truth. The Bible is the answer. It is life. Just like Jesus, this book you hold in your hands is the way, the truth, and the life. There is nothing more precious.

Jesus summarized the entire Bible and all of God's instructions like this: "Love God and love others."

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Journal:

What did you learn or discover about the Bible today?

What is your most precious possession? (Draw a picture or write about it.)

The Bible

Journal:

What is one small goal you can set to make the Bible a bigger part of your life?

Write about what God is speaking to you this week.