



**THE**  
**BIBLE**  
**IS**  
**HOLY**  
**BECAUSE**  
**GOD**  
**IS THE**  
**AUTHOR**





## The Bible is Holy Because God is the Author

### Holy Bible

The Bible is called “holy” because God is the author and He is holy. He did not do the writing, but put the words and the thoughts in the minds of men who wrote it. God inspired (guided, gave and showed) these men to write what they did. It is what we read in our Bibles today.

The Bible is full of holy words. The men could do nothing without God’s help and direction.

### GOD’S OLD TESTAMENT PROMISE

God made a promise in both the Old and New Testament. In the Old Testament, God promised that if the people who lived in Israel would obey His commandments and keep His laws, they would be His special people. He promised to keep them in the land that he had given them.

### Lesson Opening: Blindfold Relay

**Materials Needed:** Toothbrush, hair brush, water, various household items

Play a blindfolded relay game to identify the uses of various things. In a box, have set aside a toothbrush, a hair brush, bug spray, cleaner, a box of tissues, a box of crackers, a spoon, etc...one at a time, students must don the blindfold and hustle over to the box (you can make this a team race or an individual activity). Ask them to find a particular item, like “find what you’d use to clean your teeth” or “an item to get rid of ants...” Blindfolded, the students are to attempt to find the items. After a few rounds, sit and chat briefly about what they were doing. Would a toothbrush be an appropriate tool to detangle hair? Would a hair brush work for our mouths? Explain that these things all have special purposes. They are set aside and special. If we used a toothbrush to polish shoes, we probably would not be inclined to use it again for our mouths.

### GOD’S NEW TESTAMENT PROMISE

In the New Testament, God promised that if we, you and me, would love and trust Him, He would make us His disciples. The Bible is not out of date. It’s message is for people today

### GOD IS HOLY

God is Holy because He is perfect and does nothing wrong. Because of His holiness He provided a way for us to have a relationship with Him and go to Heaven when we die. When we ask God to forgive our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, then we become God’s children.

### Power Point

God is the author of the Bible

### MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 40:8, “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.?”

Today we will be talking about how the Bible is holy because God is the author and He is holy. We will learn what it means to be holy, and how holiness means we are set apart and designated for certain things.



# Year 2—Quarter 1 The Bible

## DEFINE AND REMEMBER:

To help the kids remember that God is holy, take a few minutes to define the attribute.

*HOLY = SINLESS, PERFECT AND SET APART*

**EXPLAIN:** God gave the 10 commandments not as a list of things to make them His people, but as a way to show they were different (or set apart) from the nations around them. God is set apart and He expects His people to be as well. The commandments also show us how easy it is for us to sin and break God's law because we all do these things all the time...we lie, we disobey our parents, we worship ourselves instead of God, etc.

Since motions & actions help kids remember, choose an action for *HOLY*. A good motion might be to hold your left hand out palm up and use your right hand to wipe your left hand clean as a reminder that holy is sinlessness.



## Game: Guess the Author

Divide the audience up into small groups first. To play this game, each person writes down their favorite in each of four categories: cartoon, dessert, song, and band. Take one category at a time. Have a leader read each entry for that category and have each person in the small group guess who is the “author” of each entry. The person who receives the fewest correct guesses wins that round because they have “stumped” the group.

## Holy: Dig Deeper

Brainstorm with students what the word “holy” reminds them of. Some may think of the Holy Spirit, or of being perfect, and that all has to do with it. The word does have a few potential meanings, but one in particular that we will focus on has to do with being sacred, special, set apart...one dictionary reference puts the definition this way: **“specially recognized as or declared sacred by religious use or authority; consecrated”**

Something holy is set aside for a special use. Ask kids how this relates to our faith...can people be holy? The Apostle Paul tended to think so...he often admonished people to live in a way that was special, sacred, and pleasing to God. This is how he encouraged Timothy to be. Remember who Timothy was? Invite students to open Bibles to the book of 2 Timothy, and if necessary review who the young pastor was and how Paul interacted with him.

Paul wants to encourage Timothy to pass on his faith to others and lead by example...look at these verses.

*“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me*

*his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. 9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” -2 Timothy 1:6-10*

And what can we take from that? God calls us all to be Holy, to be set apart. This does not mean we have to be perfect. No one is perfect aside from Christ, after all. But we give ourselves to God and recognize His control over our entire lives. We can be set apart, by and for HIM.

## Snack Idea

After the closing prayer, offer the kids a special snack of donut holes. Say: this is a “hole-y” treat.

