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## The Bible: The Way it Was Written

### SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

#### Introduction:

The Bible is also known as the Word of God. Do you believe the Bible? Why? Has anyone ever told you that they don't believe the Bible?

Many people unfortunately think the Bible is just another long boring book. But of course the Bible is not just another book, it was given to man from God to reveal Jesus Christ as our savior.

From Genesis, the very first book, to Revelation, the last book, the purpose of the Bible is Jesus. In John 5:39 Jesus himself says, "These are the Scriptures that testify about me."

But what can we say to people who just don't believe the Bible is the word of God? Let's look up some scriptures that may help us understand the significance and truth about the Bible.

Help the children find the following verses and have someone read each one. Then discuss each verse.

#### Verses and Discussion Questions:

##### 2 Timothy 3:16-17

1. Where does all Scripture come

from? (*From God.*)

2. What is Scripture good for? (*Teaching, rebuking, correcting, training and equipping.*)

##### 2 Peter 1:20-21

1. Does Scripture come from the will of man? (*No, from the Will of God.*)

2. Who "inspired" or "carried" men to write the Bible? (*The Holy Spirit.*)

##### Psalm 12:6

1. Does the Bible contain any mistakes? (*No, it is flawless.*)

2. What does "pure" gold or silver mean? (*Without any impurities.*)

##### Psalm 119:160

1. How can you respond to someone who says the Bible isn't true? (*All of God's words are true, so the Bible is also true because it is the Word of God.*)

2. Does God ever need to come up with new rules or laws? (*No, His laws are eternal.*)

##### 1 Corinthians 2:14

1. Why is it difficult for some people to understand the Bible? (*Because they do not have the Holy Spirit to guide them.*)

2. How does God reveal the Bible to us? (*By the Holy Spirit.*)

### Power Point

God's Word is the best of all books because of the way it was written.

### MEMORY VERSE

2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

### The Miracle Journey of the Bible to Us

#### Four lessons:

1. **God's Big Team of Writers:** Did you know that the Bible was written by over 40 different people? It's like God had His own super team of writers, including shepherds, kings, and fishermen, all working together to write down His amazing words!

2. **The Divine Whisper:** Imagine God whispering into the ears of these writers, telling them exactly what to write. That's how we got the Bible! Just like a coach gives players instructions, God guided the writers to share His love and rules with us.

3. **A Long, Long Time Ago:** The Bible didn't just pop up

in a bookstore; it was written a very long time ago, over thousands of years! It's like a collection of ancient letters and stories that have been carefully passed down from one generation to the next.

4. **The Great Bible Puzzle:** Putting the Bible together was like doing a giant puzzle. Leaders and scholars had to figure out which writings were truly from God. They looked for clues, like if the writing talked about God's love or if it was written by someone who knew Jesus or His friends.

**Remember,** the Bible is a special treasure that teaches us about God's love and how to live a good life. It's been kept safe and sound for us to read and learn from today!

## Year 2—Quarter 1 The Bible

### Game: Musical Chair Share

Play Musical Chairs. Remove one chair. When the music stops, the person without a chair must say one true thing about themselves. The difference with this game is that you will remove no more chairs and no one leaves the game. Continue playing with one person each round saying something true about themselves. Play until interest fades.

When the game is over, explain that the Bible is like the game students just played. They told true things about themselves in the game and the Bible is the place where God tells us true things about Himself.

### Game: Follow the Leader

The Class Teacher chooses a Leader. Students must follow the Leader in every way, going where they go and doing what they do. Play for a specified amount of time and then choose a new Leader. Play until everyone has had a chance to be Leader or until students lose interest.

After the game, explain that today's lesson is about why we should study the Bible. When we study the Bible, we are learning how to play Follow the Leader. God and Jesus are our Leaders and the Bible tells us everything we need to know to follow Them. The Bible tells us how we can live the way Jesus lived and how we can do the things that God is happy for us to do.

### Books of the Bible Memory Project

If you have decided to adopt the Books of the Bible Memory Project for your class, have stars ready for your students to put on the STARBOARD.

### Books of the Bible Song

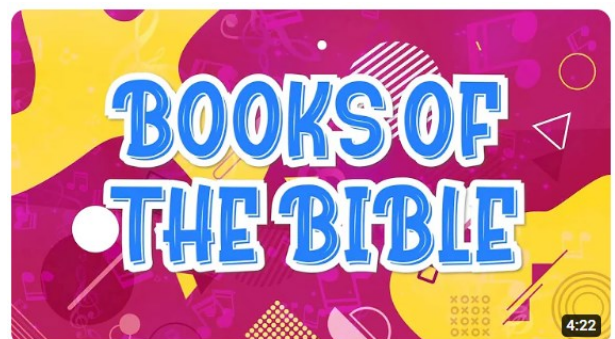
Use the Mary Rice Hopkins song from YouTube to make it fun for your kids to learn the books of the Bible.

### Award Certificate/Prizes

Consider giving your students a certificate of completion. (See *template, Lesson 5*)

**Other ideas:** Offer a prize, give a new Bible, invite them to all say the books of the Bible together on stage in a church service and give them their certificates there.

Books of the Bible STARBOARD	Memorized To:											
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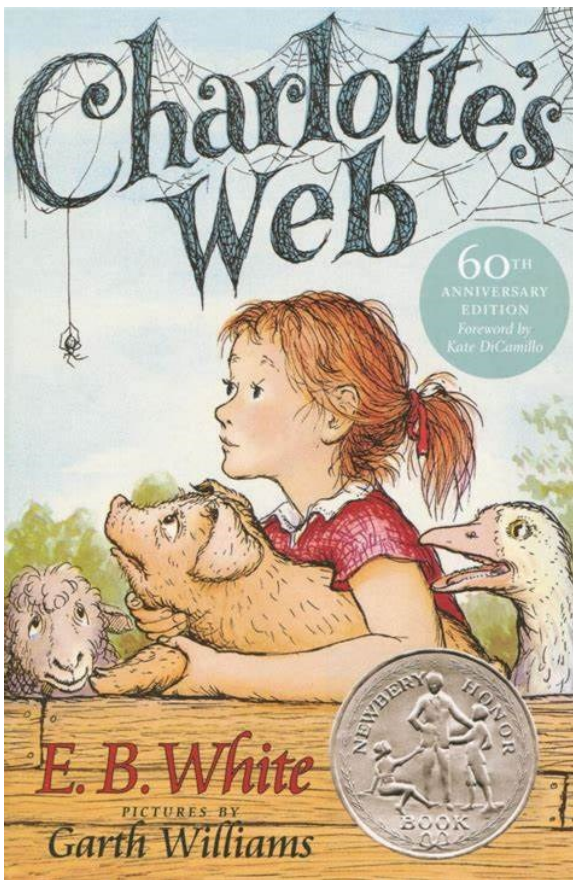


By Mary Rice Hopkins on YouTube

## Year 2—Quarter 1 Bible

### Craft: Devotion Diaries

If time allows, let children use construction paper, hole punches, ribbon, and craft supplies to make their own Devotion Diaries. Students will tie construction paper into a booklet with ribbon (yarn or string) and then decorate the covers with markers, stickers, or whatever else you have available. Encourage students to take their booklets home and record Bible verses, prayers, and important things they learn about God in them.



### Object Lesson: Fictional Children's Book

Show students a popular children's fiction book and ask, Who can tell me who wrote this book?

Now show them the Bible and ask, Who can tell me who wrote this book?

More than 40 people wrote the Bible, people like Moses and King David and Peter and Paul. It is a collection of books, a big book made up of a lot of smaller books. There are 66 books in the Bible. But those 40 different people weren't just making up the Bible from their own ideas, were they? They weren't just making up a story like this fiction book, right?

The people who wrote the Bible were writing true things, things that really happened. And they were writing the things that God gave them the idea to write about.

Look up and read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (quoted here from the NIV).

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

What does it mean for the Bible to be God-breathed? It basically means that it comes from God. When the people were writing the Bible, God was talking to them and helping them to know what to write.





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