



The Bible: My History

History is Important

The Bible is a grand storybook, full of adventures and lessons, that helps us understand who we are and how we can make our world even better! The Bible's history proves it is true. For example:

King David's Name on a Stone:

A long time ago, people weren't sure if King David from the Bible was a real person. But then, scientists found a piece of stone called the Tel Dan Stele. It had writing on it that said "House of David," which means there was a real king named David just like in the Bible. This teaches us that sometimes we find new things that help us understand old stories better.

The City of Nazareth:

Some people thought the city where Jesus grew up, called Nazareth, wasn't real. But guess what? Archaeologists dug in the ground and found old things that showed Nazareth was a real place a long time ago. This shows us that even if we can't see something now, it

doesn't mean it never existed.

The Exodus from Egypt:

The Bible talks about how the Israelites left Egypt in a big group called the Exodus. There's a very old stone called the Merneptah Stele that mentions Israel, which means the people from the Bible were real and lived in that area. It's like finding a piece of a puzzle that fits just right and helps us see the big picture.

Historians Wrote About Jesus:

There were some famous writers a long time ago, like Josephus and Tacitus, who weren't part of the Bible but they wrote about Jesus and his friends. This is like having different people tell the same story, which helps us believe it's true.

Remember, these examples help us learn that history and stories from the Bible can be connected, and finding new things can help us understand the past better. It's like being a detective in history!

Power Point

If the Bible is truly God's Word, then we should cherish it, study it, obey it, and fully trust it.

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

What are the Dead Sea Scrolls?

Imagine you're a treasure hunter and you find a secret map that leads to a hidden cave. Inside the cave, you discover some really old papers that tell stories from a long, long time ago. That's kind of what happened with the Dead Sea Scrolls!

Back in 1947, a shepherd boy found some ancient writings in a cave near the Dead Sea. These writings are called the Dead Sea Scrolls. They're super old—like over 2,000 years old! They're important because they have some of the oldest stories from the Bible.

The scrolls were made of animal skin and plants, and they were all rolled up. They were so delicate that people had to be very careful not to break them when they wanted to read them. These scrolls help us understand what life was like a long

time ago and how people thought and lived back then. It's like having a time machine that takes us back to the days when these stories were first written down!



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Object Lesson: The Bible is History

Item Needed: History Book

Show kids your history book, and ask, How many of you like history?

What do you like about history?

If you don't like history, why don't you like it?

I like history because it tells us stories about what happened, like how our country started or about why we're friends or not friends with other countries, or about how certain inventions were made.

Some people don't like history, though, because they don't like reading about all the dates and specific places. But those dates and specific places are important because they help us know that the story is true. Let me give you an example.

I'm going to tell you two short stories. You tell me which one sounds true and which one sounds made up.

(Tell a historical story, such as the founding of your country, in vague terms first. Then, retell the story in specific terms. The following is an example from U.S. history.)

Story 1: A long time ago, some people thought the king wasn't treating them fairly, so they met somewhere and sent a letter to the king and told him that they were going to make their own country.

Story 2: People in the American colonies didn't think it was fair for King George III to charge them taxes without giving them a vote in Parliament. On July 4th, 1776, representatives from the 13 colonies met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to approve a document that they then sent to King George III. The letter was called the Declaration of Independence. It informed the king that they were forming their own country not under his rule.

Which story sounded like it was made up? (The first one.)

Which story sounded like it was true? (The second one.)

Why did the second story sound when the first one didn't?

The second story had more facts and detailed information.

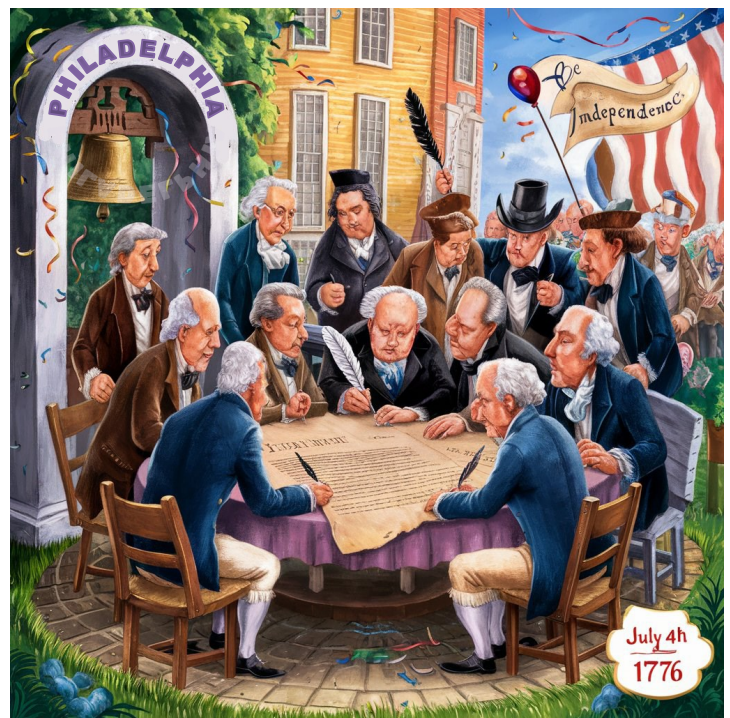
Did you know that the Bible has those kinds of facts and information?

(Read a passage like Genesis 2:10-14 or Ezra 2:3-20.)

Why do you think the Bible tells us all those names of places and names of people?

Just like history needs to include facts and details for us to believe it happened, the Bible tells us those things so that we'll know it's true.

The Bible is mostly a story, but when you see names and dates and specific information like this, remember that it's telling you that information to help you know it's true.



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Easy Craft about the Scriptures for Kids

You will need:

- Construction paper
- Glue and/or tape
- Scissors
- Toilet paper tubes or paper towel tubes
- String or ribbon
- Pens/decorative material

Procedure:

- 1.Cut the paper to fit the size of your tubes, if necessary. Glue or tape pieces together.
- 2.Use markers to write on the paper, inscribing a Bible verse or summarized phrases.

3.Tape a toilet paper tube to each side of the verse, or tape one tube on top if length-wise scrolls (or larger ones) are preferred.

4.Roll up the sides and tie a string around to secure.

Open the scroll to read the Scripture as Jesus might have experienced it!



Bible Questions for Review

We have been studying the Bible for a few weeks now. Here are some questions to help us review what we have learned so far.

True or False

- 1.The Bible is the best-selling book in the world. (T)
- 2.The Bible is God's way of speaking to us today. (T)
- 3.We cannot understand the Bible. (F)
- 4.The Bible was written by one man. (F)
- 5.The Bible is completely true. ®

More Questions

- 1.What is a testament?
- 2.Name one book of the Bible and what it is about.

3.How would you feel if you got a letter from God?

4.If you got a letter from God, would you want others to know about it?

5.If the Bible is God speaking to US, how to WE talk to Him?

6.How important is it for us to know what's in the Bible?

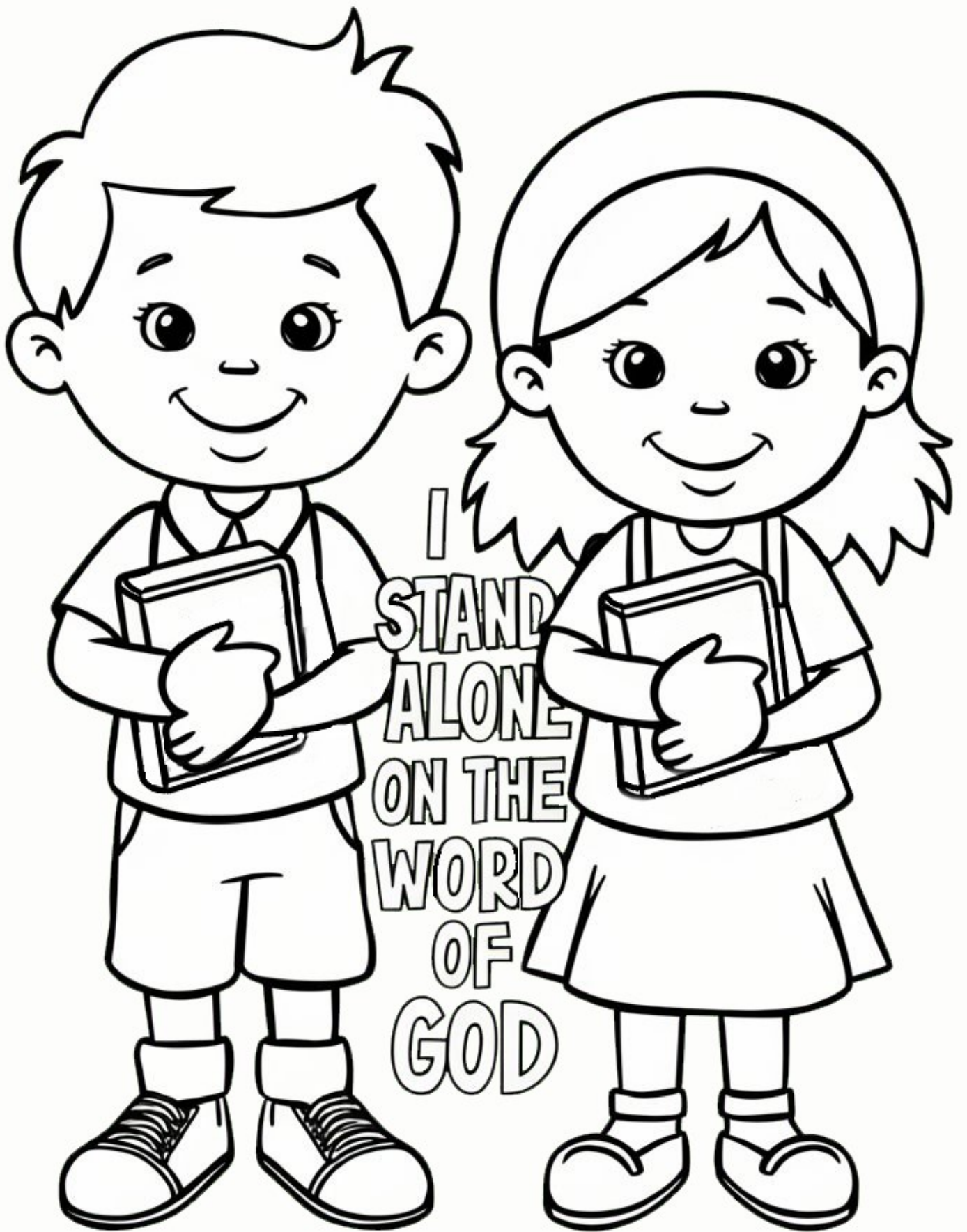
7.Is the Bible one book or a collection of books?

8.Name three different types of writing in the Bible.

9.Name the book that tells about the beginning of the Christian church.

10.Name the book of wise teachings for young people.





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