

V. Week 4

Key Concepts: New Testament

Exercises:

Memory Verse: Memorize all of the books of the New Testament:
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians,
2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians,
1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus,
Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John,
3 John, Jude, Revelation

Lesson 2: The Bible

LESSONS

1. God the Father
2. The Bible
3. God the Son
4. Prayer
5. Scripture Memory
6. God the Holy Spirit
7. Self Discipline
8. Respect for Authority
9. Quiet Time
10. Faith and Works
11. Your Testimony

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The first five books of the Bible are written by Moses. In Genesis, God describes for us not only the creation of the world but what people did with the world God made for them. People turned their backs on the God that created them. Yet in the midst of such rebellion, individuals rise up and make a stand to obey God. Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph stand before the rest of the world and choose to follow God.

The next three books describe the people of God descended from Abraham. God free's His people from slavery (Exodus) and they spend forty years wandering the desert. During this journey, God reveals His plan to forgive the world of its sin. The last of the first five books, Deuteronomy, is a summary of the journey that God's people have made and Moses reminds the people of the promises of God and what God expects His people to do.

After Moses, we have the story of God's people before they get a king. Joshua, Judges, Ruth and portions of First Samuel all show a pattern of behavior of God's people. They are victorious when they follow God. Then they get lazy and forget God's

Exercises:

Memory Verse:

Memorize all of the books of the Old Testament:

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalm, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi,

IV. Week 3

Key Concepts: Old Testament

The Old Testament is divided into three sections. The history section begins with the creation of the world (Genesis 1:1) and ends with the people of God receiving permission to return home (II Chronicles 36:23). The story is not just a dry historical account of what happened from the beginning of the earth forward. Instead it is a love story of God wanting to have a relationship with His creation.

Much of the history follows a pattern. The pattern starts with God's people victorious because they are obedient to God. Then the people are lazy and take God for granted. When they take God for granted, bad things begin to happen to them. God punishes them for ignoring Him and being disobedient. Then the people remember God and call out to him to save them. God remembers his promises to His people and provides a way to save them and make them victorious again.

The second portion of the Old Testament is the Prophets. Prophets are people whom God has called to tell others about God's will. Being a prophet does not always mean that they give predictions on the future. But often that is part of God's message through his prophets. The prophets each had a specific ministry at a specific time yet the message that they gave is just as important for us to understand as it was for God's people 3,000 years ago.

The last section of the Old Testament is the Wisdom books. Among the wisdom books are Psalms, Proverbs and Job. Psalms is a book of songs and poetry. In many ways, much of the book of Psalms is like getting to look inside of King David's prayer journal. We can see in Psalms David going through all of the emotions that we have – happiness, sadness, anger and fear. When David felt these things he cried out to God. Sometimes loudly! And God listened, just as he does with you. Proverbs is a collection of sayings written by King Solomon. They cover just about every part of life. How to handle money, to avoid temptation, how to behave – Proverbs has it all.

I. Introduction

The Bible is composed of 66 books. These books are divided into two major divisions: The Old and New Testaments. It has been divided into some 1,189 chapters. These have been divided into 31,101 verses. The Old Testament is divided into three major sections: History, Prophets and Wisdom books. The New Testament is divided into the Gospels, the Letters and Revelation. There are 40 different authors of the books within the Bible. The whole Bible has been translated into over 429 languages. Portions of the Bible have been translated into many other languages. The New Testament is translated into 1,144 languages.

The Bible is probably the most translated, copied and widely distributed book in history. Yet what makes this book different than any other book? In this section we will explore the Bible and

II. Week 1

Key Concepts: Bible – Written by Men, Inspired by God

Repeatedly through God's Word, we find that God has instructed men to write what He showed them. For example, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you'" (Jeremiah 30:2). God instructed Isaiah to write (Isaiah 30:8), he instructed Moses to write (Exodus 34:27) and He instructed John (Revelation 1:11).

Exercises:

Memory Verse:

2nd Timothy 3:16-17 "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."

III. Week 2

Key Concepts: How God Communicates

God desires for us to know him. The Bible communicates God's plan for humanity. He created men to have fellowship with them. He gave humans the ability to choose to obey or disobey him knowing that men would choose to disobey. Knowing we would disobey He planned ahead and made a way that we could be reunited with Him. It provides all of the information we need to know God and what He desires of us.

Read Hebrews 4:12. How does the Bible show us what he expects from

Lets us know what God Expects

"Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does." (James 1:23-25)

Exercises:

Memory Verse:

Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."