

In the Beginning – Introduction

LESSON ACTIVITIES

✓ **Further Understanding:** Investigation/Reasoning Skills

Scripture relates that it is trustworthy, that men inspired by God wrote down an accurate account of truth. The prophet Isaiah said that God's word lasts forever. Jesus said that he came to fulfill the Scriptures. The Disciple John says that God's word is the truth and the means by which we are saved. Either all these things are true, or they aren't. If they are true, then we need to believe and trust all of what is written down in the Bible. If the accounts in the Bible aren't true, then we are fools following a made-up, false religion.

Have the students look up the following verses and summarize from each what the Word of God says about itself.

1. Matthew 24:35 - *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.* (It is eternal)
2. John 20:31 - *But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.* (It is the means to salvation.)
3. 2 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.* (It instructs and equips us.)
4. John 17:17 - *Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.* (It is true and purifies us.)
5. 1 Corinthians 10:11 - *These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.* (It is a warning for us.)
6. Hebrews 4:12 - *For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.* (It convicts of sin and judges us.)
7. Psalm 119:105 - *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.* (It guides us.)
8. Proverbs 30:5 - *Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.* (It is without error and protects those who believe it.)
9. Matthew 4:4 - *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"* (We need it as much as we need physical food.)
10. Psalm 119:130 - *The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.* (It makes us smart.)

✓ **Craft:** Bible Book Marker

As a reminder of the importance of the Bible, make a bookmarker to keep in your Bible.

Materials: colored cover stock paper, ribbon, colored pencils or crayons, stickers or foam shapes, paper hole punch

Preparation:

Cut the cover stock paper into appropriate sized bookmarkers. Punch out a hole over the hole on each bookmarker. Cut ribbon into 8" pieces.

Instructions: Decorate the bookmarker by drawing pictures, sticking on stickers, etc. Loop the ribbon in half and push the loop through the hole. Bring the loose ends of the ribbon through the loop and pull tight.

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✓ **Game:** Charades

As a reminder that the Bible is a true record of history and how important it is to study and remember the stories, play charades.

Instructions: Without saying a word, one child acts out a Bible character or story and the other children guess who or what it is. The one who guesses correctly gets to act out the next character/story.