

FINDING GOD'S PROMISES

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LESSON 1

LEARNING FROM THE BIBLE

1-A GOD'S PROMISES

This year, you will read about many promises. God always keeps His promises because He is loving and powerful. He will never fail to take care of His children.



Read the sentences below. Mark the sentences that describe a **good promise**.

If we pray to God, He will hear us.

Some people like to learn about God.

We should give up learning about God.

God will never stop loving His children.

God will give us what we need.

Where do we learn about God?

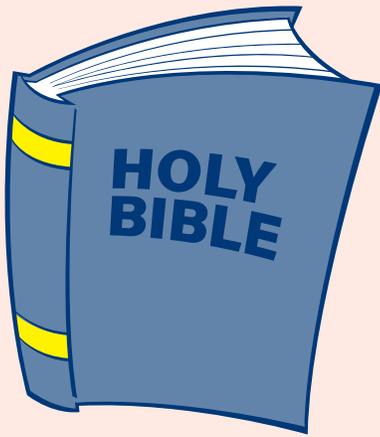
God has forgotten about us.

Schoolwork is never fun.

If we ask God to forgive us for the wrong things we do, He will.



Cross out any of the sentences above that you think are untrue.



The Bible

The set of 66 books inspired by God

Inspire

To move, guide, or influence

1-B GOD'S OWN WORD

Open your Bible to the **Table of Contents**. You can find the Contents near the very beginning of the Bible. On this page, you should see the names of 66 books.



Using the Table of Contents, answer the questions below.

- What is the name of the *first* book of the Bible?

- On what page does the **Book of Ruth** start? _____
- Some books of the Bible come in pairs—like **1 Samuel** and **2 Samuel**. Look at the names below, and mark the books that have pairs in your Bible.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth | <input type="checkbox"/> Kings | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronicles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew | <input type="checkbox"/> Corinthians | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians | <input type="checkbox"/> Timothy |

- What is the shortest book name in the Bible? _____
(*Hint:* It has three letters.)



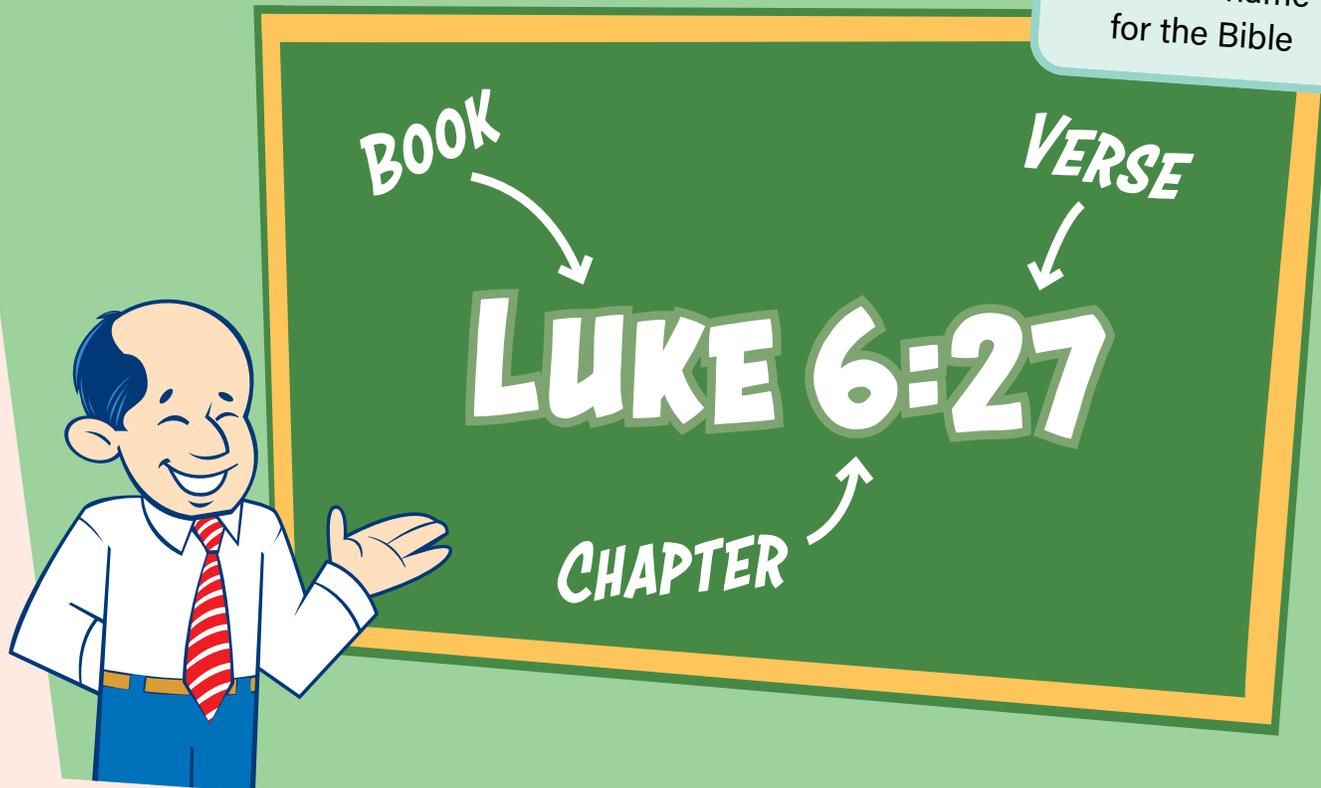
Find the page number for **Colossians**, and then turn to this page in your Bible. Mark all the names that appear in the first sentence of Colossians.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Priscilla | <input type="checkbox"/> Silvanus | <input type="checkbox"/> Timothy |

1-C SEARCHING SCRIPTURE

Scripture

Religious writing;
another name
for the Bible



Use the words below to complete the sentences.

book **chapter** **verse**

JOHN 3:16

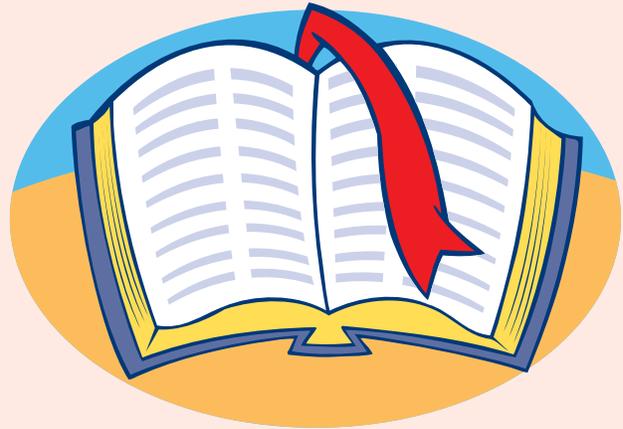
- In the reference above, the **16** is the _____.
- The **3** is the _____.
- "**JOHN**" is the name of the _____.



Look up the following verses in your Bible and mark the best answer to each question.

Genesis 1:1 – In the beginning, what did God create?

- Nothing
- The heavens and the earth
- Just a few plants



Deuteronomy 6:5 – According to this verse, who should we love?

- Our friends
- Our enemies
- God

1 John 4:11 – Because God loved us, what should we do for others?

- Love them
- Smile always
- Hate them



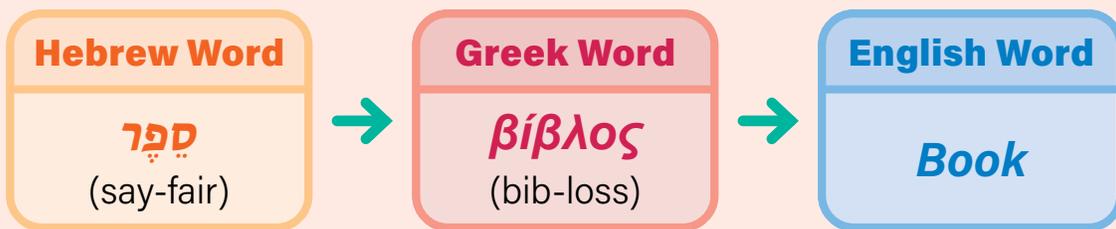
LESSON 2

THEMES OF THE BIBLE

2-A WORDS OF TRUTH

People first wrote the Bible in languages other than English. Most of Scripture was written in Hebrew, and some was written in Greek. These two languages are very old. They look and sound different from English.

Translate
To change words from one language to another; to interpret



Look up the references below and read the verses. Then **translate** the **Hebrew** and **Greek** words into English.

Genesis 1:1
In the beginning, God created the heavens and the ...

אָרֶץ

Genesis 1:3
God said, "Let there be ..."

אֹר

Matthew 1:21
Mary will have a son, and you will call His name ...

יְהוֹשֻׁעַ

Matthew 5:14
You are the light of the ...

κόσμου

Testament

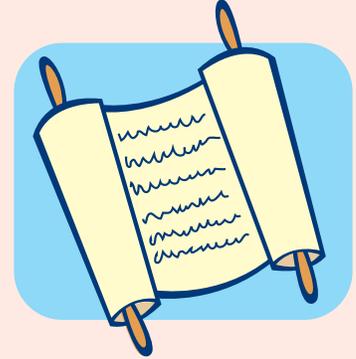
A promise or record; a name for the two major parts of the Bible

Israel

A name for God's chosen nation or people

2-B THE OLD TESTAMENT

The **Old Testament** was written thousands of years ago. These 39 books describe how God cared for the people of **Israel**. The Israelites were part of God's plan to share His love with the whole world.



Read the following verses. In each box, write the **letter** of the correct word.

C. Canaan

E. Egypt

I. Isaac

L. Law

P. Prophets

Prophet

Someone chosen by God to share a message

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Genesis 21:3 | Abraham and Sarah had a son named <input type="text"/> . This family was the beginning of the nation of Israel. |
| Exodus 5:4 | For a long time, the king of <input type="text"/> forced the Israelites to work for him. |
| Exodus 24:12 | After God rescued the Israelites, He gave Moses a <input type="text"/> written in stone. |
| Leviticus 25:38 | God gave the land of <input type="text"/> to the Israelites. This became their new home. |
| Jeremiah 25:4-5 | Some Israelites did not follow God, so He sent <input type="text"/> to warn them. |

2-C THE NEW TESTAMENT

The New Testament records many things that Jesus said and did while He was on Earth. These books also describe the work of Jesus' followers.



Read the following verses to complete the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Matthew 2:1

Jesus was born in **B**____, in Judea.

DOWN

2. Matthew 14:14

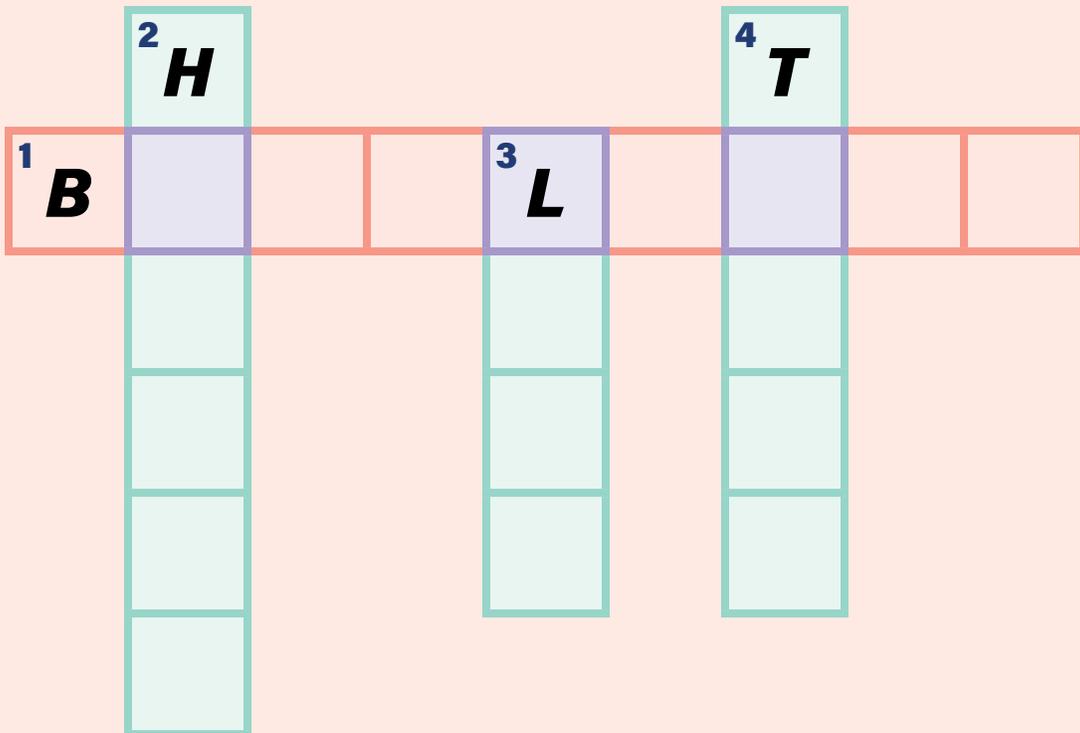
Jesus met many people and **h**____ those who were sick.

3. John 14:6

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the **L**____."

4. Luke 18:33

Jesus promised that people would beat Him and kill Him. But on the **t**____ day, He would rise again.



LESSON 3

TRUSTING GOD

3-A TRUSTING GOD'S POWER

While on Earth, Jesus taught many **disciples**. One of Jesus' closest disciples was a man named Peter, and he learned to trust Jesus in an amazing way.



Read each passage, and then mark which event came **first**.

Disciple

A student or follower who learns from a teacher

Matthew 14:22-23

Jesus climbed up a mountain to pray.

Jesus sent away His disciples and all the other people.

Matthew 14:24-25

Jesus walked on the water toward the disciples in the boat.

Wind and waves beat against the disciples' boat.

Matthew 14:26-27

The disciples saw Jesus and thought that He was a ghost or spirit.

Jesus told His disciples not to be afraid.

Matthew 14:28-29

Peter said that Jesus should tell him to come out on the water.

Jesus said to Peter, "Come."



Faith

A belief in something we cannot see or prove; trust in God

Matthew 14:30-31

Jesus asked Peter why he doubted.

Peter began to sink into the water.

Matthew 14:32-33

The wind stopped blowing.

The disciples worshiped Jesus, saying He had come from God.

Peter still doubted sometimes, but he continued to follow his Teacher. After Jesus died and rose again, Peter became an important leader in the Church. He taught many other people to have **faith** in God.

3-B TRUSTING GOD'S LOVE

Jesus told people about God's love, and He also *showed* them God's love by doing kind things. He healed people and served them. He had compassion even for people that everyone else hated.

To explain His kind of love, Jesus told a **parable** about a lost son and a forgiving father.

Parable

A story that pictures a lesson



Read the following passages and mark the best ending to each sentence.

Luke 15:13 – The younger son left his family and took his money to . . .

a country far away.

a bank.

his older brother.

Luke 15:15 – After he ran out of money, the son had to work by . . .

teaching.

fishing.

feeding pigs, or swine.

Luke 15:18-19 – Finally, the son decided to go . . .

to a different pig farmer.

to his aunt's home.

back to his father.

Luke 15:20 – When the father saw his son coming home, he . . .

warned the son to stay away.

ran to him and hugged him.

asked for all his money back.

Luke 15:24 – The father began to prepare a huge party. He said that his son had been dead, but was now . . .

alive.

lost.

very dead.

Luke 15:28 – The older son found out that his younger brother had returned. When he heard about the party, he was . . .

happy to see his brother.

angry and did not go in.

scared of his brother.

In Jesus' parable, the father explained why he had to celebrate. He loved both his sons, but one had wandered away. The father didn't care about all the wasted money. There was plenty of money left for the older son. The father was just so glad that his son had come back home safe.

God is more loving than any human. If humans can show love like the father in this parable, then God can, too.

So why did Jesus care for people who did wrong? Because He wanted them to come back to God, our Father.

3-C FAITH AND FAITHFULNESS

Throughout Scripture, God asks us to trust Him. Many verses describe God's power and love, and it takes faith to believe that these words are true. Thankfully, God earns our trust by taking care of us. We can have faith because He is faithful to us.



Read the following passages. Complete the summary sentences by using the words below.

delight

desires

gift

lights

Lord

◉ Psalm 37:4

_____ yourself in the
_____, and He will give you the
_____ of your heart.

◉ James 1:17

Every good and perfect _____ comes
down from the Father of _____.



If we believe that God loves us, we will try to pass on His love to others. Describe one way to show faithful love to people this week.

