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TRAVEL THROUGH THE BIBLE
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UNIT ONE:
HOW IT ALL BEGAN
WHAT A BOOK!

The word *Bible* means ________________. The Bible is the most important book ever written. It has been translated into more languages, published by more companies in more versions and editions, and sold more copies than any other book in the world.

The Bible is also called ________________, which means ________________. Because this book contains the words that _____ spoke and commanded men to write down, it is called ________________.

According to 2 Timothy 3:16–17, all Scripture is ________________, which means “______________.” That is, the words in the Bible are from God. What was written down was precisely what God wanted to say.

According to 2 Peter 1:16–21, God inspired men through the ________________. He spoke to them. Then they wrote His words to other people. Using a Bible dictionary, write the definition of *inspiration* in the following box:

**Inspiration:**

God used many people to write the Bible—likely several dozen different individuals. Many of them are unknown. For example, no one knows for sure who wrote the books of _____ or ________________, which were written between _______ B.C. and A.D. ______, respectively. Some books like Joshua and the prophets would appear to be named after the authors, but we have no specific biblical evidence. Still, the Bible is one unit. All of the books fit together to tell one story. This harmony of writings by different authors who lived many years apart shows that one mind guided them.
Read Exodus 34:27 and 1 Corinthians 2:10–13 to learn how God guided the human authors of the Bible.

- God told some writers exactly what to write down. Moses, for example, wrote down the laws as God dictated them (Ex. 34:27–28). Other writers wrote about what they saw and heard. For example, Matthew, a disciple of Jesus, wrote about the things he saw Jesus do and what he heard Him say. Some writers, such as Luke, investigated and wrote down what others told them (Luke 1:1–4). Some authors copied the history from other books (2 Sam. 1:17–27). The Holy Spirit guided all of these men and their methods so that whatever they wrote was true.

People communicate in two basic ways.

- God has spoken to humankind in these two ways.

As you read John 1:1, 14; 14:9–11, and Hebrews 1:1–2, discover how God has spoken to us in these ways. Then fill in the following:

- God’s __________ are summarized in the __________________.
- God’s ______________ are summarized in ____________________.

**HOW IT ALL ADDS UP**

As you read the following information, fill in the appropriate Bible division charts. Use the contents page in your Bible to fill in the name of each book.
OLD TESTAMENT DIVISIONS IN ENGLISH BIBLES

- Law—Moses wrote these first five books of the Bible. They describe the beginning of time, the beginning of the world, and the beginning of God’s nation, Israel.

- History—The books Joshua through Esther cover 1,000 years of Israel’s history, recording Israel’s conquest of the land that God promised and how the nation rose and fell under its judges, kings, and prophets.

- Poetry—This section is also called Wisdom Literature because wise men wrote their advice in these books. They include poems, songs, story-poems and wise sayings, and teachings. Except for Job, each of these books was written in the days of David and Solomon.

- Major prophets—Because these books are longer than the other prophets’ writings, they are called major. The four authors, all prophets, lived during the time of Israel’s kings. Lamentations is also a book of poetry.

Define prophet:

Define prophecy:

- Minor prophets—These twelve prophets who wrote shorter books also lived during the time of Israel’s kings.
**OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS AND DIVISIONS**

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NEW TESTAMENT DIVISIONS

- Gospels—These four books record the story of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

  Define gospel:

- History—Acts tells the story of how the church began. The four gospels are sometimes placed in this category, too.

- Paul’s letters—The apostle Paul wrote to churches and friends to teach them God’s will. Some Bibles use the word epistle, which simply means “letter.”

- General letters—Peter and other church leaders also wrote to churches and friends to explain God’s will. People who believe Paul wrote Hebrews include it with his letters. Because no one knows for sure who wrote it, we have placed it here.

- Prophecy—Revelation tells about the past as well as the present and the future. It reveals secret truths. Sometimes it is called the Apocalypse, which means revealed truth or revelation.
NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS AND DIVISIONS
Genesis is a book of beginnings.

- The beginning of ___________ (1:1–25)
- The beginning of _______ and ____________ (1:26–2:25)
- The beginning of _______ in the ____________ (3:1–7)
- The beginning of ___________________ and ________________ (3:8–24)
- The beginning of _______________ ________ (4:1–4)
- The beginning of ____________________, _____________ and ____________ (4:17–22)
- The beginning of _________________ (10:1–32; 11:1–9)
- The beginning of the _______________ ________ (12:2)

God prepared ____________ to write Genesis by having him trained to read and write in the palace of ________________ of ____________ (Ex. 2:1–10). God spoke to him at ___________ ____________ (Ex. 3:1), which is another name for Mount Sinai. God also commanded him to write down the laws that are recorded in Exodus through Deuteronomy.

In the first verse of Genesis, God tells us the most important facts we must know about Him. Write those facts in the blanks.

When: __________________________________________

Who: _______
How: ________________
What: __________________________________________________________________________
The only question not answered in that verse is Why? Why did God create the world? David gives us a clue in Psalm 19:1. What is it?

- __________________________________________________________________________

**CREATION: THE BEGINNING OF OUR WORLD**

Study Genesis 1. Place each of the following items in the proper box according to the day on which it was created:

- wild animals
- light
- cattle
- moon
- sky/atmosphere
- fish
- trees
- sun
- stars
- birds
- plants
- seas
- man

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Assignment: Write Genesis 1:27 in the space below. Rehearse it until you have it memorized.

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What would we not know about God if He had not given us the book of Genesis?

__________________________________________________________

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Lesson 3

Genesis

How It Fell Apart

The Fall of Man

What three commands did God give to Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:28 and 2:15–17?

1. ______________________________________________________
2. ______________________________________________________
3. ______________________________________________________

According to Genesis 3:1–24, what eight things happened to Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God?

1. ______________________________________________________ (3:7)
2. ______________________________________________________ (3:8–10)
3. ______________________________________________________ (3:12–13)
4. ______________________________________________________ (3:15)
5. ______________________________________________________ (3:16)
6. ______________________________________________________ (3:16)
7. ______________________________________________________ (3:17–19)
8. __________ (3:19, see also 2:17)
This is called “the Fall” because Adam and Eve fell from their perfect relationship with God. They fell from His good pleasure. The world fell, too, because sin had arrived. But God had a perfect plan to save His creation from complete destruction by sin. It would take centuries to prepare for the main event in the plan; it would take the entire history of the earth to finish the plan. Nonetheless, from the very beginning God knew exactly what He intended to do.

God told Adam and Eve about His plan in Genesis 3:15. Answer the following questions about this verse:

- Whom does the serpent represent? _______________________________________
- If the offspring of the woman is one man who crushes Satan, who would that man be? __________________________________________________________
- How did Satan “bruise His heel” (Mark 14:64)? _____________________________
- How did Christ bruise Satan’s head (Rom. 5:6–11, 15–17)? ____________________________
  ________________________________________________________________

Bonus Assignment: Memorize Genesis 3:15.

**THE FLOOD**

Study Genesis 6:1–9:17 and fill in the missing words below.

- Noah’s sons were named ________, ________, and ________________.
- God decided to destroy the earth because everything man thought and did was ________. God felt __________________ (6:6–7) that He had made man because the earth was full of __________________ (6:11).
- God saved Noah and his family from the Flood because Noah was a ______________ man, and he _____________ with God (6:9).

God made a special covenant with Noah. List the six promises that God made to Noah and Noah’s six responsibilities.
Imagine that you are a radio news reporter during the time recorded in Genesis 11:1–9. On a separate sheet of paper, write a news story about the day God confused the languages at Babel. Add some details by using a Bible dictionary, encyclopedia, or commentary. Create some other details using your imagination. (Remember, a good news story tells who, what, when, where, how, and why.)

**THE TOWER OF BABEL**

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**WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?**

What was God revealing about Himself when he promised a plan to redeem people in Genesis 3:15 and when he provided a way of deliverance for Noah and his family? ____________________________________________________________

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Why was God displeased with the intentions of the people who built the Tower of Babel? ____________________________________________________________

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Abram, whose name God later changed to Abraham, grew up in a city called Ur of the Chaldees. The Chaldees lived in the area of what is today Iraq and built magnificent cities. In Ur’s famous schools and libraries, students learned reading and writing. They wrote with sticks on clay tablets. Many of these tablets, or “books,” have been found at Ur and other ruined cities where the Chaldeans lived.

Citizens of Ur worshiped the moon-god, Nannar. Sometimes they offered human sacrifices to her. Using the following verses, trace on the following map Abraham’s journey from Ur to Canaan: Genesis 11:31; 12:1, 4–5.
GOD PROMISED ABRAHAM...

Match the following verses to the appropriate promises. Write the letter of the references in the blanks to the left of the promise.

| 1. His children would become a great nation. | 12:2a |
| 2. God would bless those who blessed him. | 12:2b |
| 3. His descendants would own the land of Canaan. | 12:3a |
| 4. He and Sarah would have a son. | 12:3b |
| 5. All nations would be blessed by one of his descendants. | 12:3c; 22:18 |
| 6. God would protect Abraham like a shield. | 12:7 |
| 7. He would be a great man who would bless others. | 15:1 |
| 8. God would curse his enemies. | 18:1–15 |

...AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD

Write Genesis 15:6 in the following space: ________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
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Abraham believed what God told him, even though it sounded impossible. How could God make his descendants a great nation when he was old, had no children, and his wife was unable to bear children? Abraham asked questions (15:2) and wondered how God would keep His promises, but he never doubted that God would do it.

Do you ever wonder how God is going to work out His promises? Maybe He asks you to control your temper, and you think you can’t. Maybe He asks you to tell the truth, but you are afraid. Sometimes it seems as though God doesn’t mean what He says in His promises. But when you obey Him, you discover that with His help you can do whatever He asks (Phil. 4:13). It’s never as impossible as you think!

Just like Abraham, all of us wonder about God’s plan. But that doesn’t mean that we lose faith. We still believe that God is going to carry out His plan. We’re just not sure about all of the details of that plan.
God rewards faith. Abraham believed, and God counted that faith as righteousness. God declared him to be righteous, in spite of his faults, because he believed. Do you think that God does the same with us? (Write the definition of faith in the following box.)

Define faith:

Read Romans. 3:22–24. According to Paul, how does a person become good (righteous and just)? 

The implication is that when God sees believers, He sees neither their sinfulness nor some goodness that they have produced, but rather the righteousness of His holy Son.

One of the greatest demonstrations of Abraham’s faith is found in Genesis 22:1–18. After reading that passage, check T (true) or F (false) for each statement.

1. God told Abraham to go to the mountain to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.
   - T | F
2. God demanded a sacrifice because He was angry with Abraham.
   - T | F
3. Abraham refused to go.
   - T | F
4. Isaac did not know that he was to be the sacrifice.
   - T | F
5. God provided a ram to take Isaac’s place on the altar.
   - T | F
6. Abraham named the place Yahweh-jireh, or “The Lord will provide.”
   - T | F

WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?

What was God revealing about Himself when He called Abram out of a land of idolatry to become the father of a great nation with a special relationship to God?