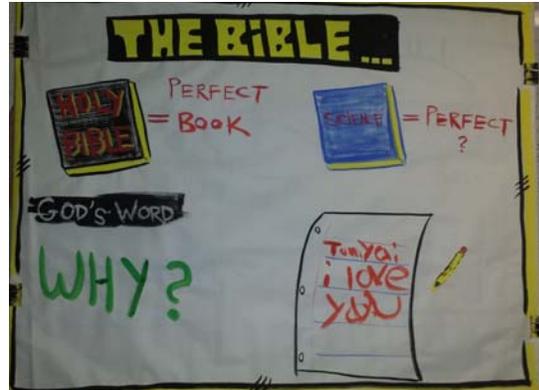




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## Introduction Lesson - **Understanding the Bible**

Note: When you see typing in “CAPS” like this, make sure you are drawing on the sketchboard as you teach

**Purpose of this lesson:** To explain, what is the Bible, how we got the Bible, and why the Bible is important.

Write in the title: **THE BIBLE IS...**

A normal book? A fake book? A book of history? A book of fairy tales? A book of stories? *What is the Bible?*

Let's first start with the cover. The cover says...

- A). Write on the black book: **HOLY BIBLE**
  - 1). The word Holy can mean **PERFECT**
  - 2). The word Bible means **BOOK**
- B). **WHY** is the Bible a perfect book?
  - 1). Because it contains **GOD'S WORD** Since God is perfect, what He says is perfect. Therefore, the words in Bible are perfect because we have written down what God has said.
- C). Is a **SCIENCE** book a **PERFECT** book? No because people make mistakes, and scientists makes mistakes. Since scientists make mistakes, the science and history books have to be changed and updated. The Bible has never been updated, corrected or changed. Why? Because it is God's Word.
- D). Often people want to know how God got his Words written on paper. Did God have a big pencil from heaven? No. Let me show how it happened.

Illustration: Can I have a volunteer? Ask a child to come up. Beforehand, (you the teacher have in mind someone that you love: a spouse, son or daughter etc.). Ask the volunteer child to take your paint brush, and write these words on the piece of notebook paper that you have drawn (In my case, my wife is Tonya, so I have the child write: Tonya I love you). So, the child writes, Tonya I love you (or whatever words you choose). Step back, and ask the child, "Who is Tonya? You just said you loved her!" The child will look shocked. Now ask the audience "Who's words are on the board, mine or the child's?" Some will disagree. Who wrote it? The child did. But whose words were they? Mine, the teacher. So in a similar way, when God spoke people wrote it down. When Jesus spoke, his followers wrote it down. Therefore, just because people took a pen and wrote down the Words of God when they heard it, it still makes the Bible God's Words. People heard God speak, people wrote it down. This is how we got our Bible. So whose words are on the board here? Mine. Who wrote it? The child.

Take off the first drawing, and now show the second drawing.



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Let me tell more about the Bible...

E). The first book in the Bible is **GENESIS** which means **BEG**inning.

F). The Bible covers thousands of years of history, all the way from the beginning of the world, all the way until when Jesus came (**draw in a cross on the timeline**). From the beginning, until Jesus comes to the earth, the Bible has **39** books. After Jesus, the Bible has **27** books that talk about what happened after Jesus and predicts the future on how the world will end. So, the last book in the Bible is the book of **REVELATION** which again means the **END**. So though the Bible is one book, it is made up of **66 BOOKS** total. The men who wrote down God's words before Jesus are called prophets. The men who wrote down God's words after Jesus are called apostles.

- G). If we start to read the Bible, where should we start? When you read a book, do you start at the back and go backwards? No, you start at the beginning. So, what book in the Bible is the most important book?

*House illustration:*

- H). When you build a house which is the most important part of the house? The most important part of the house is the foundation. The foundation holds everything up. Likewise, the book of **GENESIS** is the foundation to the whole Bible. Why? Genesis tells us most plainly who **GOD** is. God is the Creator of all things. Genesis tells us how all of **LIFE** got here. The world today says evolution made everything. Genesis says God made everything. Genesis tells us also how **SIN** and **DEATH** came into the world. Meaning, why is the world messed up, and what God is going to do to fix it (Genesis 3:15).

*Conclusion:* To know God and know the truth about all of life, we must know and learn from the Bible. Also, the Bible tells us about Heaven and how to get there...so keep coming to the Bible club to learn these important truths.