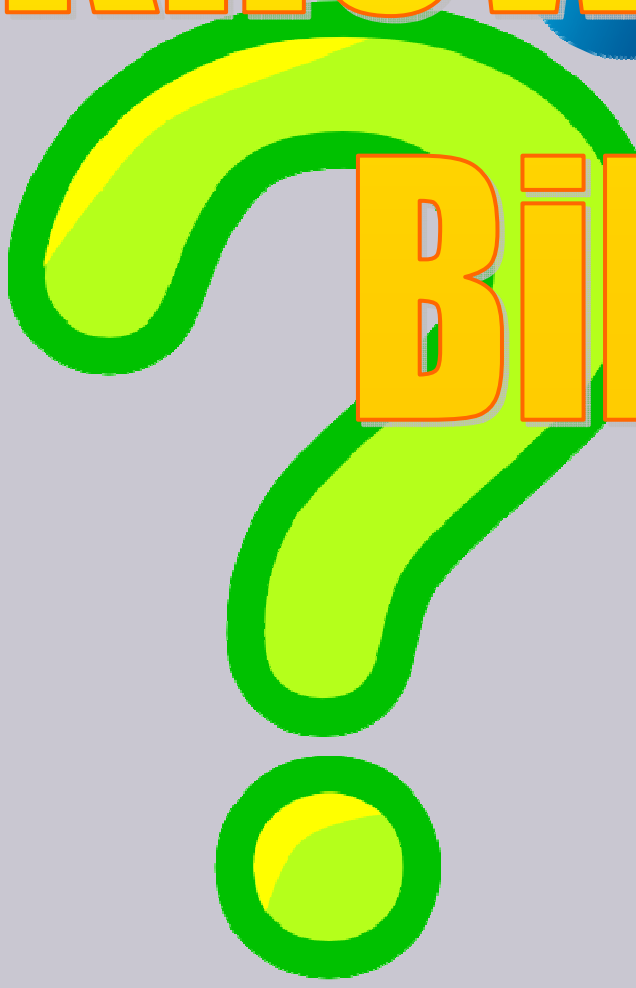
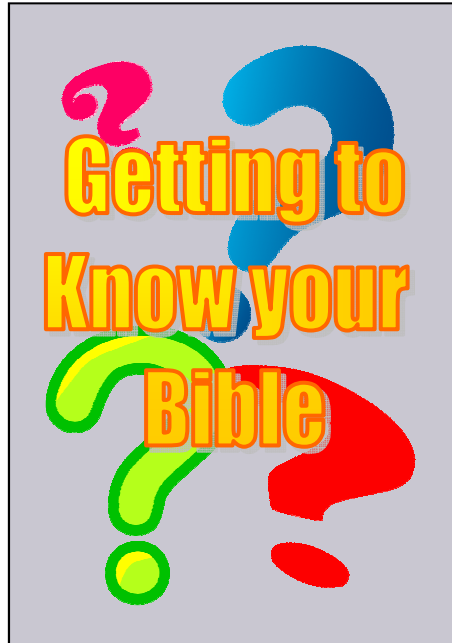




**Getting to
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Welcome to



**This book is designed for children aged
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'Getting to know your Bible' doesn't give all the answers.
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Do you want to know why your family is interested in learning about the Bible?

As you go through each study you will learn the basics of the Bible.

Like...

'What is the Bible?'

'Who is God?'

And...

'What is the purpose of it all?'

Enjoy!



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Study 1 - The Bible

Lesson 1

What is the Bible?

What is the Bible and where did it come from?

The Bible says... that it is the inspired word of God.

2 Timothy 3:16 - 'All scripture is given by inspiration of God'.

God selected men who were holy and feared him. God made his will known to them.

These men wrote down the message they received from God.

Look up and write down 2 Peter 1:21.

'For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the holy spirit.'

Why was the Bible written?

The Bible was written to teach us about God and his purpose, so we can live our lives the way God wants us to.

Look up and write down 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

'All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.'

What do we do with the Bible?

We need to study the Bible and find out for ourselves what is true.

Proverbs 2:3-6 - 'Indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you

will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.'

God will reward us in our search.
Look up and write down Hebrews 11:6.

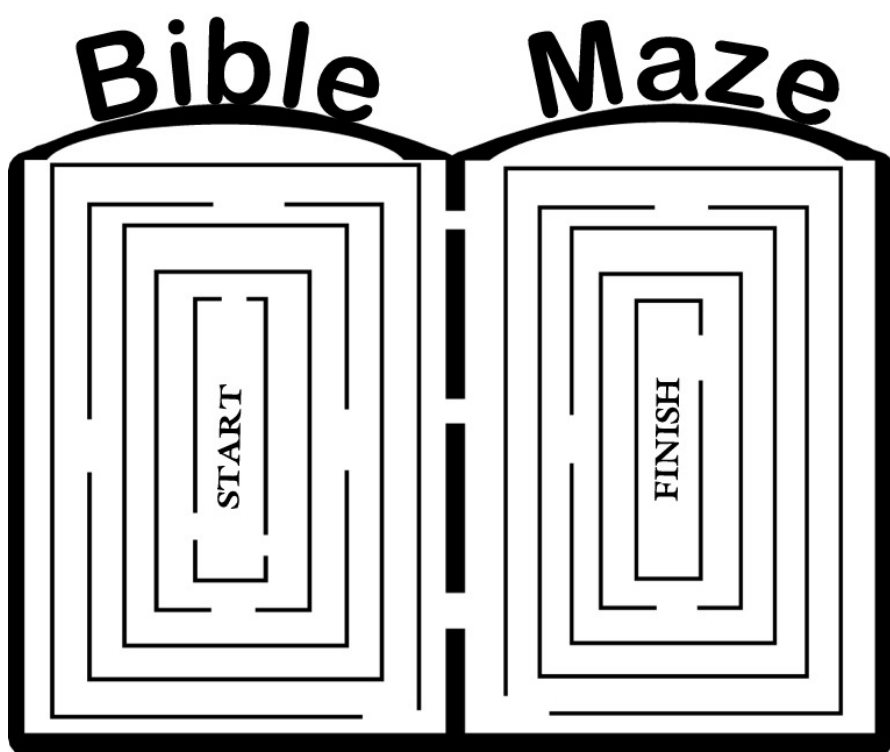
'And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.'

How can we study the Bible?

- By reading the Bible you will get to know the Bible.
- The Bible is written in a way that allows us to look things up. (Study)
- Always think about the what the Bible says in context. (Read the whole story)
- Compare what you are reading in the Bible with other passages in the Bible.
- Use a concordance - this helps you to understand what each word means.
- Talk to others about the scriptures and ask questions.
- Look up what others have said to see if it is true.

When you think... "That doesn't make sense!" that's when and what you should study.

- Read it again.
- Find other verses about that subject.
- Talk to others who may know where to find the answers.
- Pray about it!



- Maze -
Start the maze at the word 'START'.
Follow the correct path through the maze without crossing over any lines.
Finish the maze at the word 'FINISH'.

Study 1 - The Bible

Lesson 2

How do we know the Bible is true?

The Bible can not be proven wrong:

Many people don't believe the Bible so they try to prove the Bible wrong but they can't.

Prophecy proves the Bible true:

From time to time the Bible speaks of events that will happen hundreds of years later.

Over time many nations that the Bible talks about are no longer nations today, but the Bible says that the Jews would survive. The Jews are still a nation today. Many other nations have tried to destroy the Jews.

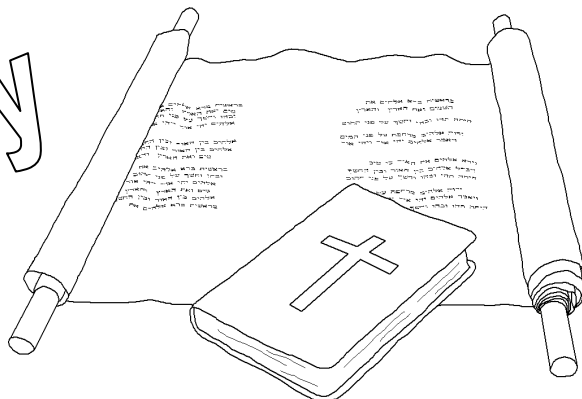
Jeremiah 30:10-11 - 'So do not be afraid, Jacob my servant; do not be dismayed, Israel, declares the Lord. I will surely save you out of a distant place, your descendants from the land of their exile. Jacob will again have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid.'

Look up and write down Jeremiah 30:11.

'I am with you and will save you,' declares the Lord. Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only in due measure; I will not let you go entirely unpunished.'

Look up and read Jeremiah 46:28.

Prophecy



How the Bible describes things before they were invented:

The Bible prophesies about the following things. How would you describe the following things to people who lived way before these things were even thought about?

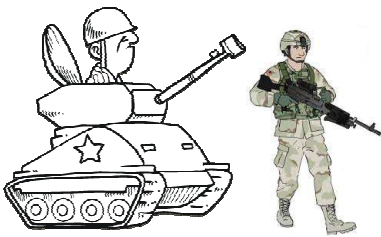
How would you describe to someone that **seas will get polluted?**

The Bible describes it like this...

'Like dead man's blood...every living thing in the sea will die

(Revelation 16:3).

This is what God tells us is going to happen just before Jesus comes back. Years and years ago people had never seen anything like this; now we see it happening in different areas around the world.



How would you describe **army tanks and guns?**

The Bible describes them like this...

'Noise like chariots', 'leaping over mountains', 'like crackling fire', 'like a mighty army' (Joel 2:5).

How would you describe **Nuclear power?**

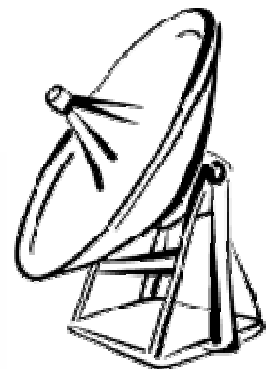
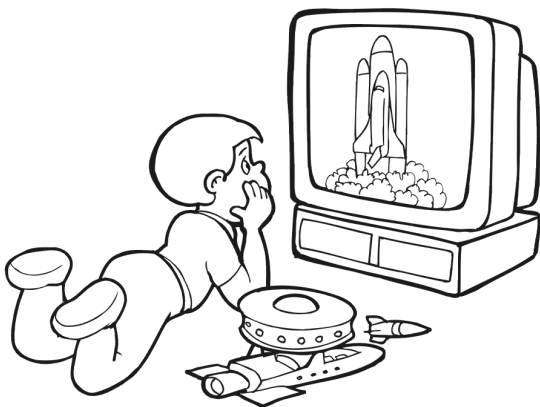
The Bible describes it like this...

'a great star', 'blazing like a torch', 'fell from the sky', 'waters turned bitter', 'many people died from the water' (Revelation 8:10-11).

This is another prediction that God has said will happen before Jesus returns.



Before **TVs, satellites and the internet** God knew that we would be able to see what is happening on the other side of the world without being there (Revelation 11:9).



Study 1 - The Bible

Lesson 3

What else can prove that the Bible is true?

Archaeology proves the Bible true:

Many of the old nations, cities and kings etc. referred to in the Bible vanished without a trace. For years and years there was no sign or evidence of them, making people believe the Bible was made up.

Archaeologists have uncovered many artefacts and inscriptions which confirm the Bible. These archaeology findings are in museums all around the world.

Some archaeologists started out to prove the Bible wrong but as a result of their discoveries, they ended up believing in the Bible.

Some Archaeologists have used the Bible to help them find new places to discover.

Science proves the Bible true:

In 1847 Ignaz Semmelweis discovered that washing hands after performing an autopsy and before examining pregnant woman reduced the number of woman dying after child birth.

God told his people to wash after touching something that is dead (Numbers 19:19).

Around the 1400's some people thought the earth was flat, but they soon discovered the earth was round.

The Bible tells us that the earth is round (Isaiah 40:22 - circle of the earth).

Before the invention of the telescope the only way to see what stars looked like was to look up. When you look up at the stars all the stars seem to look the same.

Look up and write down 1 Corinthians 15:41.

'The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.'

The Bible tells us that each star is different. We can see from pictures from the Hubble telescope how different stars look from each other. Did you know there are stars out there that are way bigger than the earth. God calls each star by name (Psalm 147:4).



History proves the Bible true:

Josephus ben Matthias is the best known ancient Jewish historian.

He recorded information about Jewish wars and the history of the Jewish people.

In Josephus' book 'Jewish Antiquities' he tells us some important information about Jesus (*Jewish Antiquities 18.3.3*)

- Jesus was a teacher
- He did wonderful works
- He had a brother named James
- Jesus was crucified under Pilate
- He rose from the dead

Other records recorded in Josephus' writings which are also mentioned in the Bible are... John the Baptist, the Sadducees, the Sanhedrin, High Priests and the Pharisees.



Archaeology

Science



History

Study 1 - The Bible

Lesson 4

How is the Bible laid out?

The Bible:

The Bible is a collection of 66 books. The books are divided into 2 main sections: The Old Testament and the New Testament.

There were around 40 different people who helped write the Bible.

It was written over a period of 1,500 years.

The Old Testament:

There are 39 Books in the Old Testament. It was written before the time of Jesus.

The Old Testament was written in the Hebrew language.

The History books:

Genesis = Tells us how God dealt with the first people.

Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy = Tells us how God called Abraham, made a covenant with him and his descendants. How he brought his descendants out of Egypt and gave them the land now called Israel.

Joshua - Esther = A record of the history of the Israelites and how God dealt with them.

Poetic books:

Job, Psalm, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon = Written as Hebrew poems.

They contain many teachings about God's ways and the feelings and duties of man.

Books of Prophecy:

Isaiah - Malachi = Tells us about God's holiness, wrath, grace and mercy. We can also read about prophecies regarding Christ's birth (Isaiah, Micah), Christ's sacrifice (Isaiah) and Christ's return (Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah).

The New Testament:

There are 27 Books in the New Testament. The New Testament was written after the time of Jesus. The New Testament was written in the Greek language.

Gospel records:

Written by four different people: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John = They all record Jesus' life and each one tells the gospel message in his own way.

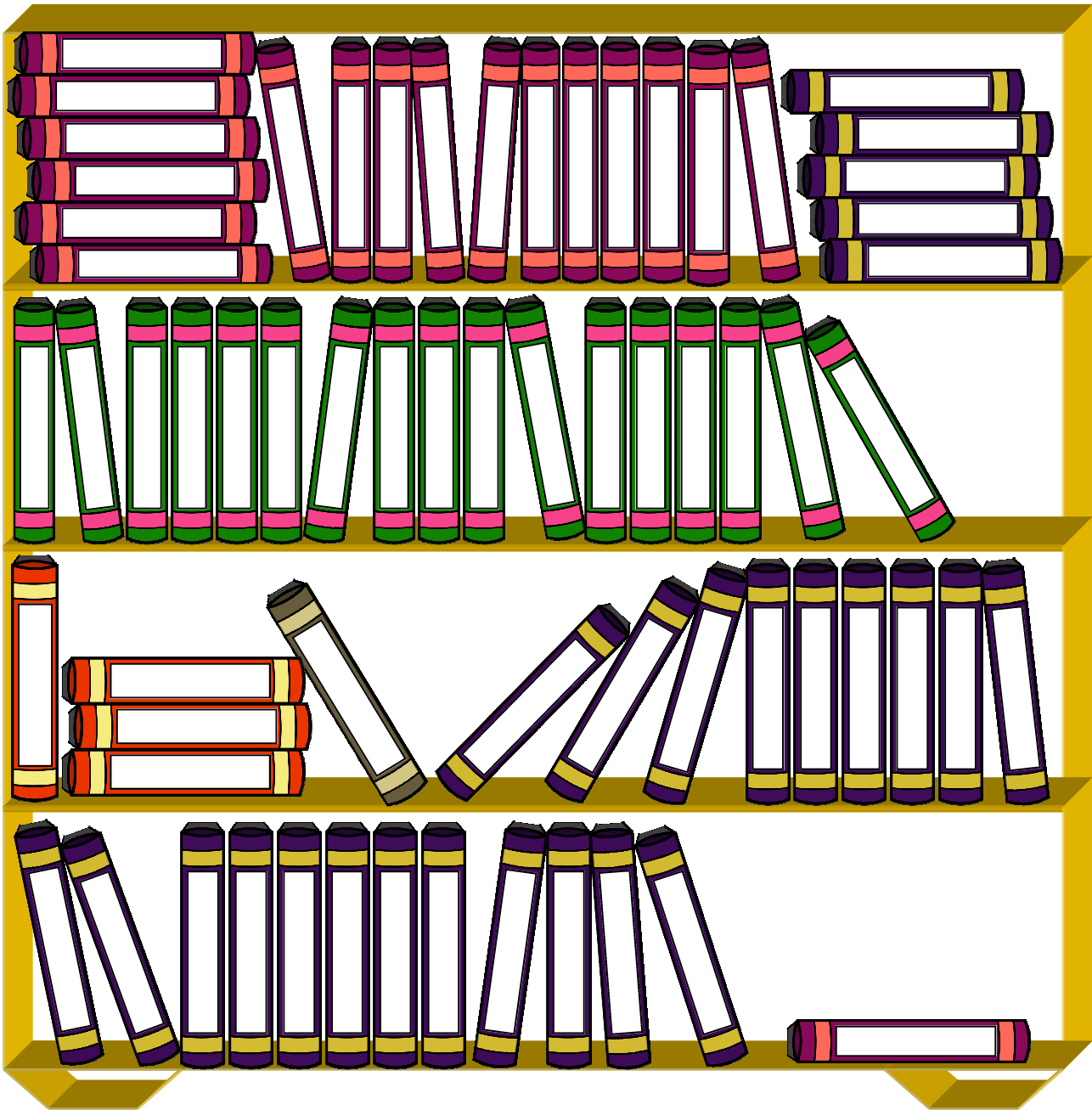
Acts of the Apostles = Written by Luke. This book tells us what happened after Jesus was risen from the dead. It tells us how the first churches started.

Letters:

Romans - Jude = These were written by some of the apostles to help believers in the small young churches.

The book of Revelation = The last message. End-time prophecies.

Write the names of the books of the Bible on the bookshelf below:



Translations:

The Bible has been translated from Hebrew and Greek into many different languages. People all around the world are able to read God's word.

The English language has many different translations. They have been translated to suit the translator's way of thinking.

So how do we know what we are reading in our translation was written in Hebrew or Greek?

Thankfully some translators have also made concordances.

A concordance is a book which has every word in the Bible listed in alphabetical order. It can tell you what the word means and where you can find that word in the Bible.

Study 2 - God

Lesson 1

Who is God?

How do we know there is a God?

Look around at creation - Do you believe that the earth just formed itself in the right spot?

Scientists now know that if the earth was just a little bit closer to the sun it would be too hot for us to live in. If the earth was a little further from the sun it would be too cold for us to live in.

There must have been something or someone who designed these things just right!
But who?

We learnt in our last study that the Bible is true. It has been proven by Archaeology, Prophecy, Science and History. And the Bible tells us that God exists!

Look up and write down Genesis 1:1.

'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.'

The Bible tells us... God is the creator:

Genesis 1:1 - *'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.'*

Isaiah 45:12 - *'It is I who made the earth and created mankind on it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshalled their starry hosts.'*

Look up and read Proverbs 3:19 and Jeremiah 10:12 and write down what God used to create the heavens and the earth:

'Wisdom', 'Understanding', 'Power'.



The Bible tells us... God is all-knowing:

God watches us and knows what we do... (Job 31:4, Psalm 33:13-15, Jeremiah 23:24).
Look up and write down Psalm 139:2-3.

'You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with my ways.'

God knows what we think about and he knows what's in our hearts... (1 Chronicles 28:9, Psalm 44:20-21, Jeremiah 17:10, Hebrews 4:12-13, Jeremiah 16:17, Job 10:14).

God knows what will happen before it happens... (Isaiah 46:9-10, 42:9, Daniel 2:28).

He knows what we will say... (Psalm 139:4).

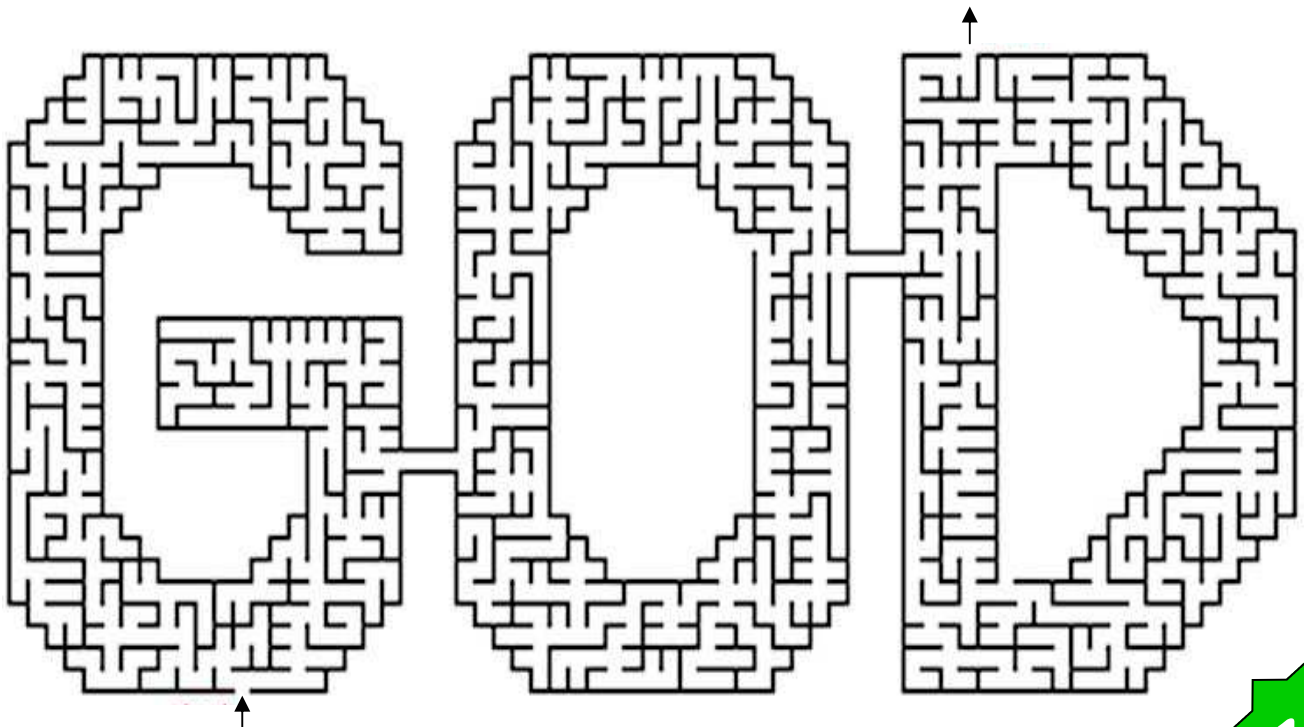
He knows how many hairs are on our heads... (Matthew 10:30).

God knew us before he made the world... Look up and write down Ephesians 1:4.

'For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.'

- Maze -

Starting from the arrow pointing into the maze; follow the correct path without crossing over any lines. Exit the maze at the arrow pointing away from the maze.



Study 2 - God!

Lesson 2

What else does the Bible say about God?

God is eternal (Lives forever) and Immortal (Can't die):

Many people wonder, 'where did God come from?'

The simple answer is God was never created, he was never born and he never came from anywhere. God has simply always been.

God has been here from the beginning, and will be here in the end.

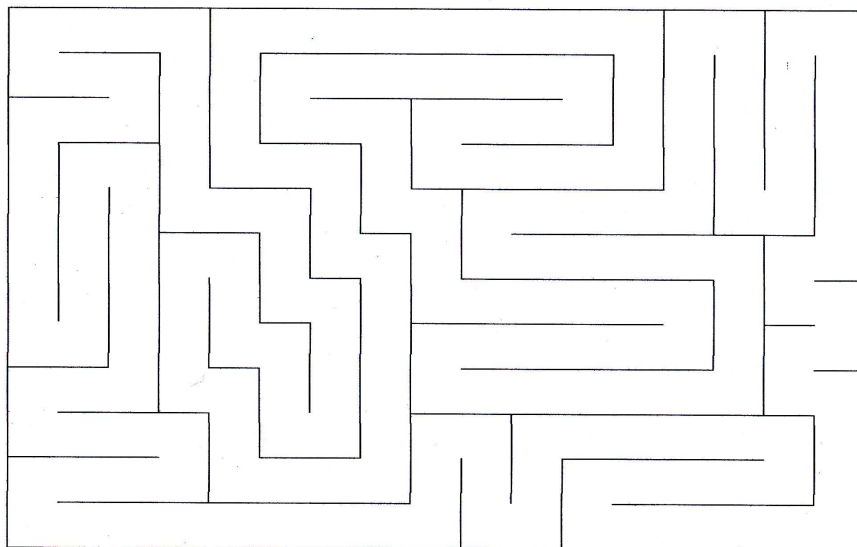
God is everlasting to everlasting (Psalm 90:1-2).

God is from all eternity (Psalm 93:2).

Revelation 1:8 says '*He is the Alpha and Omega, he is the one who is, who was and is to come.*'

Look up and write down Revelation 22:13.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.'



Everlasting
to Everlasting

MAZE

You choose where to
Start you choose

when to **Stop!**

(This maze can go on forever)

God is the source of Immortal/Eternal life:

God is *immortal, eternal* (1 Timothy 1:17).

God's gift to us is immortal life. Look up and write down Romans 6:23.

'For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

The Bible tells us who God will give eternal life... (John 5:24, John 6:47, Romans 2:7).

He is the one true God:

The Bible tells us there is 'One God'... (Deuteronomy 6:4, Mark 12:29-32, Ephesians 4:6, 1 Timothy 2:5, John 17:3).

Look up and read Isaiah 45:5-7... Write down Isaiah 45:5.

'I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God.'

God lives in heaven:

The Bible tells us that God is in heaven sitting on his throne.

Jesus teaches us to pray in Matthew 6:9... *'Our father in heaven...'*

Look up and write down Psalm 123:1.

'I lift up my eyes to you, to you who sits enthroned in heaven.'

God's creation testifies to his wisdom:

As we can tell by the world and all the creations in it, they must have been made with great thought. The Bible tells us that God made the heavens and the earth by his wisdom. Psalm 136:5, Jeremiah 51:15.

Look up and write down Psalm 104:24.

'How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.'

Study 2 - God

Lesson 3

What is God like?

Look up and read: Psalm 103 and Exodus 34:6-7:

God is a **LOVING** God (1 John 4:8-10, John 3:16, Psalm 103:8, 11, 1 John 5:3, Micah 7:18, Exodus 34:6-7, Psalm 36:7).

Full of **COMPASSION** and **MERCY**; he is **GRACIOUS** (Psalm 103:8, 13, Micah 7:19, Daniel 9:9, Exodus 34:6, Ephesians 2:4, Jonah 4:2).

He is **FAITHFUL** (Psalm 3:5, Exodus 34:6, 1 Corinthians 10:13).

God keeps **PROMISES** (2 Peter 3:9, Exodus 34:7, Joshua 23:10).

He **SHIELDS** and **PROTECTS** (Psalm 18:30, Proverbs 2:7-8, Proverbs 30:5-6).

God is a **COMFORTER** and a **HELPER** (Advocate) (John 14:26, Isaiah 41:10).

He **STRENGTHENS** (Isaiah 41:10).

He **UNDERSTANDS** (Isaiah 40:28).

He **FORGIVES** (Psalm 103:3, Micah 7:18-19, Daniel 9:9, Exodus 34:7).

God is **SLOW TO ANGER** (Psalm 103:8-9, Exodus 34:6, Joel 2:13, Jonah 4:2, Psalm 30:5, Micah 7:18).

God is also a **JEALOUS** God (Deuteronomy 32:16, 4:24, Nahum 1:2).

He will **PUNISH** the guilty (Exodus 34:7, Zephaniah 3:8).

He is a **JUST** God (Deuteronomy 32:4, Psalm 50:6, Isaiah 30:18, Revelation 16:7).



- Word find -

Can you find the words listed below in the scrambled letters?
The words can go from left to right and from top to bottom or diagonal.
Draw around each word as you find them and cross the word off the list.

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Study 2 - God

Lesson 4

What is God's Purpose?

God created the world and everything in it, But WHY?

God created the world to be inhabited (Isaiah 45:18).

God wants the whole earth to know him (Isaiah 11:9).

God wants the whole earth to be filled with his glory (Habakkuk 2:14).

All things have been created for God's pleasure (Revelation 4:11).

Look up and write down Numbers 14:21.

'All the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.'

Does the earth bring glory to God now?

No...

Not everyone wants to know God.

Some people believe God isn't real and that he is made up.

Some people hate God.

Some people do what they want and not what God wants.

Some people are sinful and love to do wrong and not good.

These people do not give God glory.

The Bible tells us that the earth is full of people who want to do wrong.

Look up and read 2 Timothy 3:2-3.



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- MONEY
- PROUD
- SELF-CONTROL
- SLANDEROUS
- THEMSELVES
- UNFORGIVING
- UNGRATEFUL
- UNHOLY
- WITHOUT LOVE

*'People will be lovers of **THEMSELVES**, lovers of **MONEY**, **BOASTFUL**, **PROUD**, **ABUSIVE**, **DISOBEDIENT** to their parents, **UNGRATEFUL**, **UNHOLY**, **WITHOUT LOVE**, **UNFORGIVING**, **SLANDEROUS**, without **SELF-CONTROL**, **BRUTAL**, not lovers of the good,'*

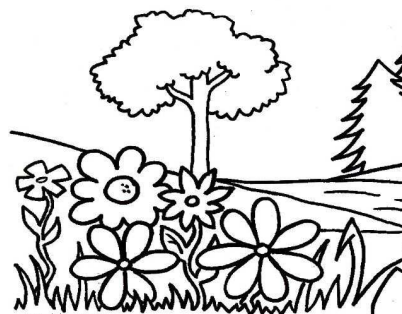
2 Timothy 3:2-3

God's Purpose fulfilled:

God is going to wipe out sin and set up his kingdom. His kingdom will be a perfect place that fulfils everything on God's list.

The Kingdom of God will be a place where...

- The world will be inhabited.
- The whole earth will know God.
- The whole earth is to be filled with God's glory.
- All the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord!



God's purpose for us:

God wants us to be a part of his kingdom. He calls us (2 Thessalonians 2:12).
 He chose us before the creation of the world (Ephesians 1:4).
 God's promise is to give eternal life to those who love him (James 2:5).

Study 3 - Sin

Lesson 1

What is sin?

What does the Bible say sin is?

Look up and write down 1 John 3:4.

'Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.'

Sin - is an offence, it is doing what is wrong.

Law - is a rule, a commandment.

Lawlessness - is wickedness and unrighteousness.

A sin is not doing what God asks us to do.

When we sin we are saying to God... 'I will not do what you ask, but I will do what I want to do'.

How do we know what the law is (What are God's rules)?

We have learnt from above that a sin is going against the law or a rule (James 4:17).

Romans 2:18 tells us if we learn what the rules are we can obey them.

As we read and study the Bible we learn more and more about God, his purpose and what he wants us to do. There are many examples in the Bible of how different people lived their lives; we can learn from their mistakes and try to do what they did that pleased God (2 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 119:11, Romans 15:4).

Is it easy to do what is right?

Our flesh is weak (Matthew 26:41) and we keep falling short of what God wants us to do (Romans 3:23).

We desire to serve our own lusts. We want to do what we want to do (James 1:14-15, 1 John 2:15-17).

We need to fight those desires. We need to stop doing what we know is wrong and do what is right. 1 Timothy 6:12 says *'fight the good fight of faith'*.

Yes it can be hard to stop doing what we know is wrong. But if we fill our hearts with the things of God it will make it easier for us to make the right choices (Colossians 3:1, Romans 8:5, Romans 13:14).

Here is how Paul describes his fight against sin...
Look up and write down Romans 7:19.

'For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.'

Paul didn't want to sin, he wanted to do what God wanted him to do.

What will be our choice?

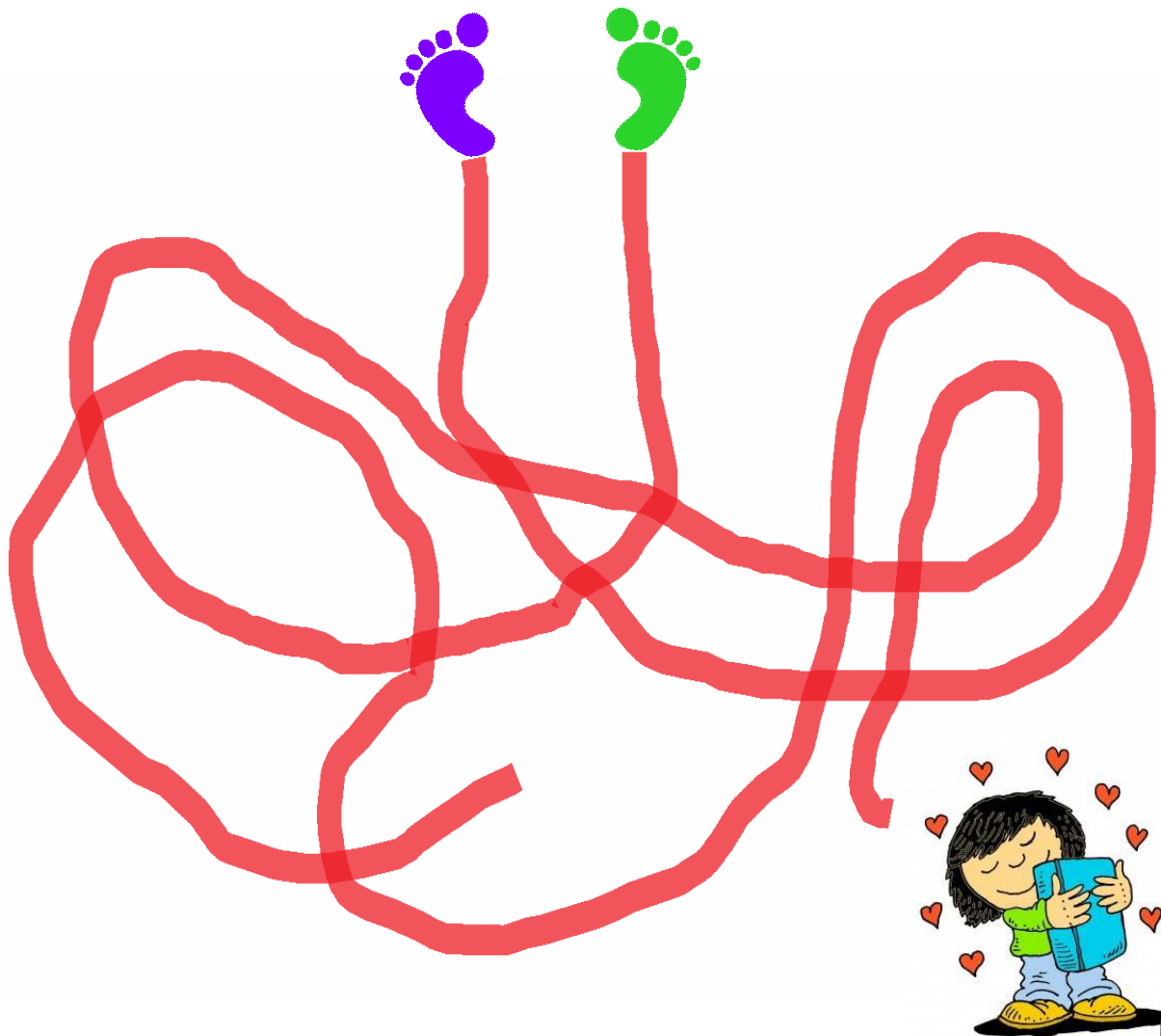
We have a choice.

To follow God's way or our own way (Galatians 6:8, Joshua 24:15).

In this activity there are 2 paths to follow...

One path leads nowhere; the other path follows God's ways...

Which path will you follow?



Study 3 - Sin

Lesson 2

What choice did Adam and Eve make?

What was God's rule in the garden?

God told Adam and Eve that they could eat from any tree in the garden **except** the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

God warned them *'for when you eat from it you will certainly die'* (Genesis 2:16-17).

Adam and Eve had freewill; they could choose to be faithful and obey God, or they could choose to be disloyal and disobey God's command.

Eve understood this rule and the punishment that would come from disobeying. Look up and write down Genesis 3:3 to see what Eve said;

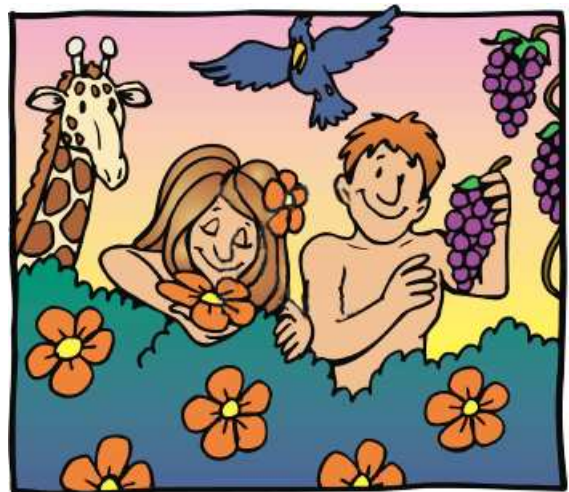
'But God did say, You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'

The serpent told Adam and Eve that they wouldn't die if they ate from the tree, but they would be like God knowing good and evil.

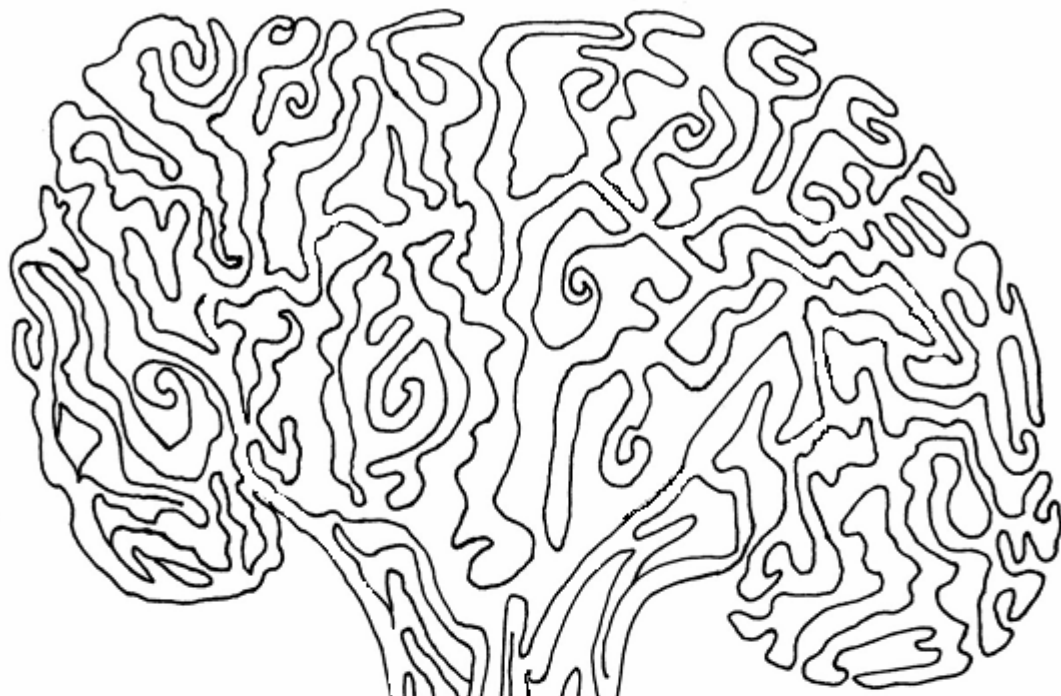
Why did Adam and Eve disobey?

We desire to serve our own lusts. 1 John 2:16 tells us that we have *'the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life'*.

In Genesis 3:6 Adam and Eve chose to disobey because...

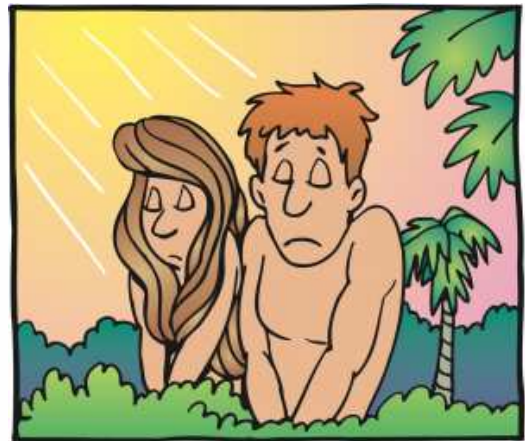


'the fruit of the tree was good for food' - Lust of the flesh
'and pleasing to the eye,' - Lust of the eyes
'and also desirable for gaining wisdom' - the pride of life



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What was their punishment?

The punishment for eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil was death - *'you will certainly die.'* Genesis 2:17
Adam and Eve sinned. They ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil and now they have to be punished (You can read the whole punishment in Genesis 3:8-21).

'...for dust you are and to dust you will return.' Genesis 3:19.

Adam and Eve were made from the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7) and now God is telling them that they are going to return to the dust.
When we die we cease to exist and we decompose back to dust.

Study 3 - Sin

Lesson 3

What is the wages of sin?

What happens if we sin?

'And the Lord God commanded the man, You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die' Genesis 2:16-17.

The Bible tells us that if we choose to sin; we will die. Punishment for sin is death. Romans 5:12 *'Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—'*

Ezekiel 18:4,20 *'The one who sins is the one who will die.'*

James 1:15 *'after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.'*

Look up and write down Romans 6:23.

'For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

Who sins?

Everybody has sinned except Jesus (Isaiah 53:6, Ecclesiastes 7:20, 1 John 1:8).

Look up and write down Romans 3:23.



'for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.'

What happens to us when we die?

'Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being' (Genesis 2:7).

The Bible tells us that when we die we return to the dust of the ground.
(Genesis 3:19, Ecclesiastes 3:20, Psalm 90:3).

Look up and write down Ecclesiastes 12:7.

'and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.'

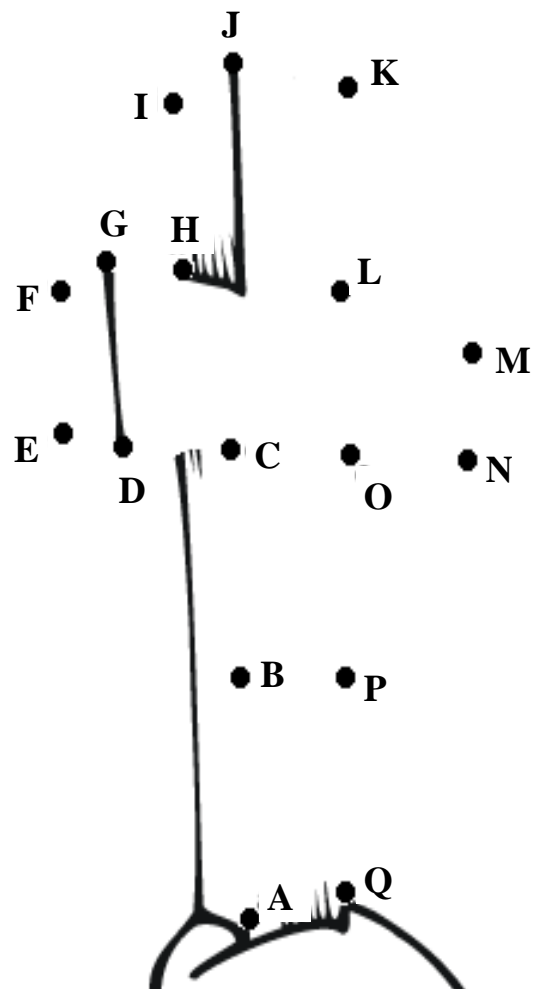
When we die we cease to exist and we decompose into the elements of which we were made; in Psalm 146:4 it says: *'When his breath departs his plans perish'*.

Can we be saved?

Look up and write down 1 Thessalonians 5:9.

'For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Yes! God knew we would sin. God knows the beginning from the end. God wants us to be saved.



Draw a line from one 'dot' to another in alphabetical order starting at 'A' and finishing at 'Q'.

Study 3 - Sin

Lesson 4

Is there any hope for us?

We all Sin:

Sin is not doing what God asks us to; but to do what we want to do. Everybody sins, it's in our nature; sin makes it hard for us to stop doing what we want and to do what we know is right (Romans 7:14-20).

The punishment for sin is death:

We know that the wages of sin is death. When we are dead it's too late. We can't praise God (Psalm 6:5, 115:17) and we don't know anything, our plans die with us (Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, Psalm 146:3-4).

God is merciful, loving, compassionate, gracious and forgiving:

God created us so that we could fill the earth with his glory. God loves us so much that he doesn't want to see us die. He wants us to be saved! (1 Thessalonians 5:9).
Look up and write down John 3:16.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

God sent Jesus to save us (John 3:16-17, Ephesians 1:7, Ephesians 2:4, Romans 5:8, Romans 5:21, Romans 6:23, 1 John 4:9-10).



Look up and write down Romans 10:9.

'If you declare with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.'

Look up and write down Romans 10:13.

'For, Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

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COMPASSIONATE
DEATH
ETERNAL LIFE
EVERYONE
FORGIVING
GRACIOUS
JESUS
LOVING
MERCIFUL
SAVED
SIN

Q	E	M	X	F	I	C	O	E	B	W	C	A
A	V	U	S	I	N	E	H	T	D	G	K	A
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Study 4 - Jesus

Lesson 1

Was Jesus promised to us by God?

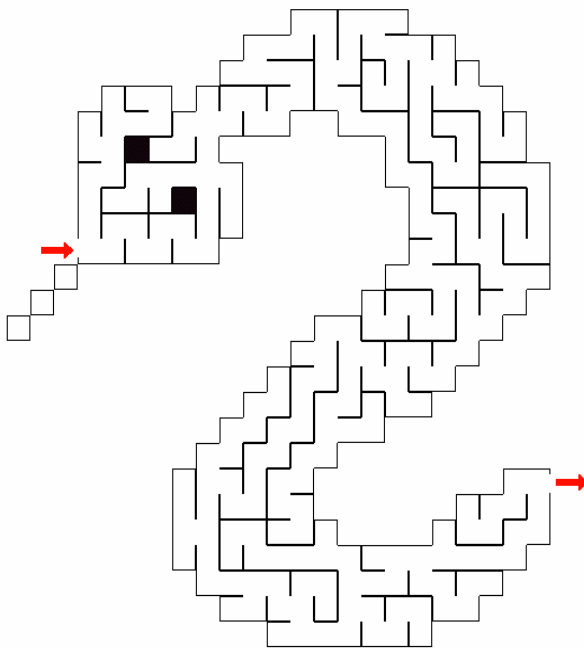
The 1st promise:

God punished Adam, Eve and the serpent because they sinned. In their punishment he also gave them a promise. A promise that a saviour/messiah who could overcome sin would come and destroy sin forever.

Look up and write down Genesis 3:15.

'And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'

The serpent's offspring is SIN, The woman's offspring is the one who will save us from sin; JESUS. Jesus will crush sin (killing it). Sin will only hurt Jesus, wounding him for a short time (dying on the cross).



- Maze -

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Prophecy:

In the bible there are many prophecies that talked about Jesus before he was born. These prophecies came true! Through these prophecies the wise men knew when and where Jesus was to be born.

Look up and write down John 1:14.

'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.'

What does Jesus' name mean?

Jesus is a Greek name that came from the Hebrew name 'Joshua'.

Joshua means "Yah (God) shall save".



What was Jesus like as a child?

When Jesus was 12 years old he and his family went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. After the festival, his parents started to return home. Jesus stayed behind, but his parents were unaware of it. They thought he was with them. They travelled on for a day before they realised Jesus was missing. They went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

Look up and write down Luke 2:49.

'Why were you searching for me? he asked. Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?'

Jesus understood that he was God's son; he wanted to learn more about God and what the scriptures had to say.

Study 4 - Jesus

Lesson 2

Baptism and Temptations

Jesus was baptised:

Read Matthew 3:13-17.

What is Baptism?

It is to show everyone that you 'want' to do what God wants you to do.

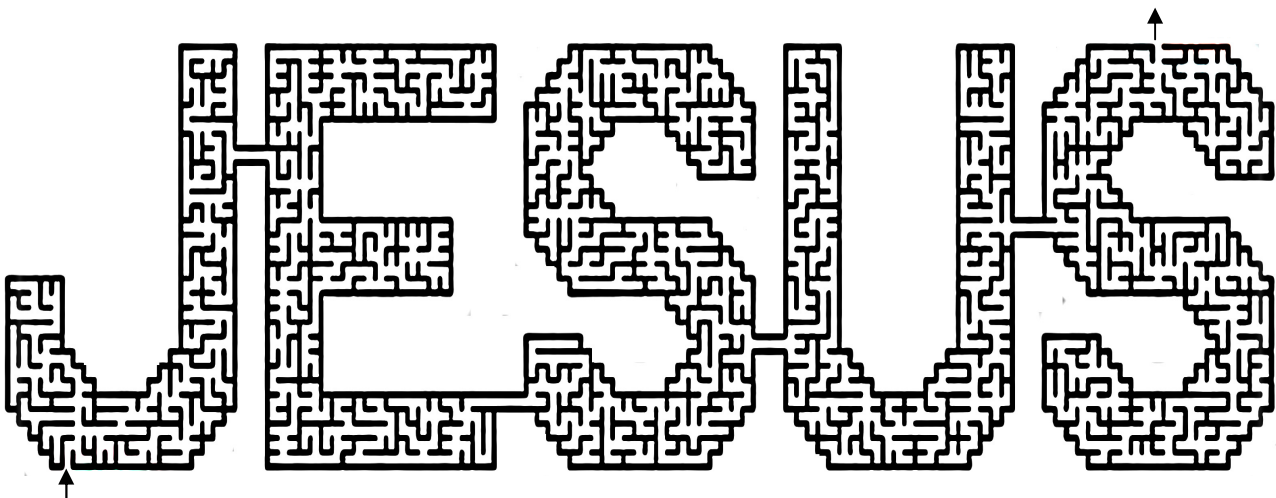
There are 3 steps to getting baptised...

- 1: Confess you sins = You need to understand that you are a sinner and that God's ways are right.
- 2: Repent from your sins = You realise that you don't want to sin. You want to follow God's rules.
- 3: Go under the water = Symbolises that you are killing your old self (bad ways) and are reborn as a child of God.

Look up and write down 1 John 1:9.



'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.'



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If Jesus never sinned; why did he get baptised?

John knew Jesus hadn't sinned but Jesus knew that being baptised was the right thing to do. After Jesus was baptised God told him how pleased he was with him.

Jesus is our example!

Look up and write down 1 John 2:6.

'Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.'

Jesus was tempted:

Read Matthew 4:1-11.

Just like Adam and Eve, Jesus could choose to do what was right or to do what he shouldn't.

After Jesus was baptised God lead him into the wilderness for 40 days.

God wanted to test Jesus to see if he would use his power for his own pleasure and glory or for God's pleasure and glory.

Who or what is the devil?

The devil is the decision to go against what God wants us to do.

The word devil comes from a Greek word called 'diabolos' which means false accuser.

The word 'diabolos' is made up of two words 'dia' and 'ballo' which means to strike or pierce through, cast over, throw out or throw down. If you were given a rule then you can choose to obey that rule or to strike (attack) the rule, pierce (cut) through the rule, cast over (ignore) the rule, throw out (discard) the rule or throw down (put aside) the rule.

Jesus' temptations:

Jesus' 1st temptation was to tempt his 'Lust of the flesh':

Jesus hadn't eaten for 40 days and 40 nights. He was hungry! He was tempted to turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger. He fought that desire by using scripture: *'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*

Jesus' 2nd temptation was to tempt his 'Pride of life':

How cool would it be to show everyone that he was the son of God by jumping off the top of the temple knowing that God would send his angels to catch him. Jesus knew that this was wrong. *'It is also written: Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'*

Jesus' 3rd temptation was to tempt his 'Lust of the eye':

Jesus knew that the earth had been promised to him and he now had the power to take possession of it. By doing so he would not have to go through the pain of the cross.

Again Jesus fought with scripture: *'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'*

When God finished testing Jesus He sent his angels to look after him.

Study 4 - Jesus

Lesson 3

How did Jesus live his life?

Throughout Jesus' life; Jesus **TAUGHT** people about God and his **KINGDOM** (Matthew 4:17, Matthew 4:23, Matthew 9:35, Luke 6:20, Luke 9:11).

Jesus did many **MIRACLES**; he **HEALED** the sick (Matthew 9:35, Matthew 15:30, Matthew 19:2, Matthew 21:14, Luke 4:40).

And **RAISED** people from the dead (Matthew 11:5, Luke 7:12-15, Luke 7:22, John 12:1).

God was **WORKING** through him (Acts 2:22, John 3:2, John 10:25).

Jesus showed **COMPASSION** (Matthew 14:14, Matthew 15:32, Matthew 20:34, Luke 7:13, Mark 8:2).

He **SERVED** others (Mark 10:45, Romans 15:3, John 13:3-5).

He was **OBEDIENT** (Matthew 26:39&42, Hebrews 5:8, Luke 2:51, John 5:30, John 6:38, Philippians 2:8 John 8:29).

He **FORGIVES** others (Luke 23:34, Acts 7:60, Acts 13:38, Romans 3:25, Colossians 3:13).

MEEK (Isaiah 53:7, Matthew 11:29).

And **GOOD** (Acts 10:38, 1 Peter 2:22).



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COMPASSION
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MEEK
OBEDIENT
RAISED
TAUGHT



Study 4 - Jesus

Lesson 4

Death and Resurrection

Jesus overcame sin:

Jesus had the same sinful nature as we do, he was tempted in every way.

Jesus chose not to sin, he always did what God wanted him to do.

Look up and write down Hebrews 4:15.

'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.'

Jesus is our sacrifice:

By not sinning Jesus was a perfect sacrifice
(2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 John 2:2).

Jesus died for our sins; (Ephesians 5:2).

He destroyed sin on the cross. (Romans 8:3).

Jesus couldn't stay dead!

Romans 6:23 says 'The wages of sin is death.'

Jesus never sinned! And because he never sinned God raised him from the dead (Acts 2:24).

Jesus now sits at the right hand of God.

Look up and write down Hebrews 10:12.



'But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.'

Our hope:

Because one man sinned, death entered the world. (Romans 5:12).

Jesus never sinned and through his blood we can be saved from death. (Romans 5:19).

Look up and write down 1 Corinthians 15:22.

'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.'



Spot the differences - Can you spot the 13 differences?

Study 5 - The Kingdom

Lesson 1

What is the Gospel?

God's Plan:

From the very beginning, God planned to fill earth with his glory and peace.
Look up and write down Habakkuk 2:14.

'For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.'

The Gospel:

Gospel means 'Good news'.

The good news for us is ...

God has planned to have the whole earth filled with his glory (Numbers 14:21).

Sin and death would be destroyed (Hebrews 2:14-15).

And if we choose to listen to God and to do what he says he will give us the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

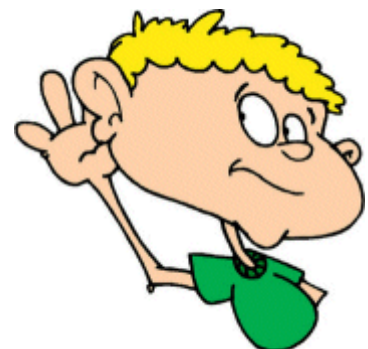
Jesus taught the Gospel/Good news:

Jesus taught people about the kingdom of God (Matthew 9:35, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:43).

Jesus told his disciples to teach everyone about the gospel (Matthew 10:7, Luke 9:2).

After Jesus' death and resurrection Jesus told his disciples to carry on teaching people the gospel (Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15-16).

Look up and write down Mark 16:15.



'He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.'

The Parable of the sower:

This is a story Jesus told to explain how different people react to hearing the gospel.

Read Matthew 13:1-9 and Matthew 13:23.



Draw a line from the type of soil - to what happened to the seed - to the explanation

Among
thorns

Rocky
places

Path

Good
soil

Sprang up quickly but
was scorched by the sun
because it had no root

Choked by
the thorns

Produced a crop 100, 60 or
30 times what was sown

Birds came
and ate it up

Hears the word and
understands it

Hears the gospel and
receives it with joy, but
only lasts a short time

Hears the gospel and
does not understand it

Hears the gospel but
the worries of the
world is too much

Study 5 - The Kingdom

Lesson 2

Will Jesus return?

Where is Jesus?

Acts 1:9-11 says that Jesus ascended into heaven.

Jesus told his disciples in John 14:2 *'My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?'*

Jesus is sitting at God's right hand (Hebrews 10:12, Ephesians 1:20, 1 Peter 3:22).

Look up and write down Mark 16:19.

'After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.'



Jesus will return:

Jesus will come in the same way that the disciples saw him leave the earth (Acts 1:11).

Jesus will return on the clouds (Luke 21:27, Matthew 24:30).

Every eye will see him (Revelation 1:7-When something in the world happens we are all able to see it because of our TVs and the internet).

Jesus will bring God's kingdom to earth (Revelations 21:2, Matthew 6:10, Matthew 25:31).

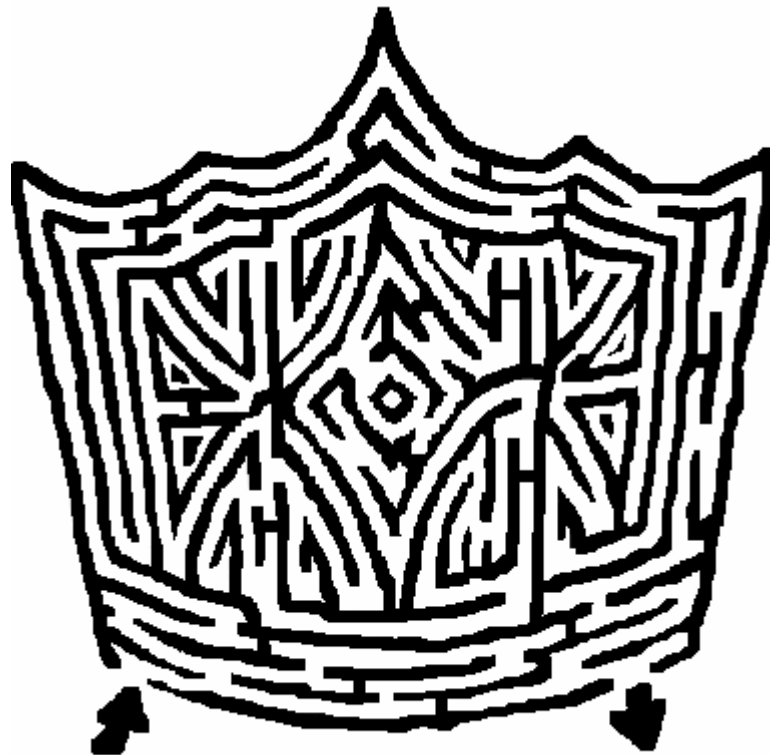
Look up and write down 1 Thessalonians 4:16.



'For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.'

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When will Jesus return?

God has chosen a day when he will judge the world in righteousness (Acts 1:7, Acts 3:21, Acts 17:31, Matthew 24:36, Mark 13:32).

Read: Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21.

Study 5 - The Kingdom

Lesson 3

What will the kingdom be like?

How does the Bible describe the kingdom?

We need to rely on the Bible, because the Bible has been proven to be true so let's look at what the Bible tells us about the kingdom of God.

In the **KINGDOM** we will **LIVE** with **GOD** (Revelation 21:3, Leviticus 26:11-12, Ezekiel 37:27).

There will be no more death, suffering, crying, pain or sorrow. Our tears will be wiped away (Revelation 7:7, Revelation 21:4, Isaiah 25:8, Isaiah 30:19, Isaiah 35:10, Isaiah 61:13, Isaiah 65:18-19, 1 Corinthians 15:26, 52, 54, Jeremiah 31:13).

God's **GLORY** will be so **BRIGHT** that we won't need the sun or the moon (Revelation 21:11, Revelation 22:5, Isaiah 60:19-20).

The city is in the shape of a **CUBE** (Revelation 21:16).

The city is built on 12 foundation stones and each stone is a **GEM**. Each of the stones will have the name of the 12 apostles (Revelation 21:14, 19-20).

The city's walls will be high and built of jasper (Revelation 21:12, 18).

There will be 12 **GATES**; 3 gates on each side and the gates will be made of a solid **PEARL**, the gates will always be open. Each gate has the name of one of the tribes of Israel and will be **GUARDED** by an angel (Revelation 21:12, 13, 21, 25, Isaiah 60:11).

The city and the **STREETS** will be made of pure **GOLD** (Revelation 21:18, 21).

The only people who can enter the city will have their names written in the **BOOK OF LIFE** (Revelation 3:5, Revelation 21:27, Revelation 22:14, Ephesians 5:5, Galatians 5:21, 1 Colossians 6:9-10).

We will wear white clothes (Revelation 3:5).

We will be made like the **ANGELS** (Luke 20:35-36, Matthew 22:30, Mark 12:25).

Dangerous **ANIMALS** will no longer be dangerous (Isaiah 11:6-9, Isaiah 65:25).



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GOD
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GUARDED
KINGDOM
LIVE
PEARL
STREETS

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Study 5 - The Kingdom

Lesson 4

How can we enter into the kingdom?

We have to make the right choice:

To get into the kingdom we must choose one of two options.

The first option is the easiest choice. It is the choice many people choose; Jesus said *'Wide is the gate and broad is the road'* (Matthew 7:13). In this option you get to do what you want to do. In this option you choose 'yourself'.

The second option is harder. Not many people choose this option; Jesus said *'Small is the gate and narrow is the road'* (Matthew 7:14). In this option you choose to do what God wants you to do. In this option you choose 'God'.

When Jesus returns he is going to separate those who choose 'themselves' from those who choose 'God'.

To those who choose 'themselves' Jesus will say *'depart from me'* and they will be thrown into the fire (Matthew 25:41 Matthew 13:42). This option leads to destruction (Matthew 7:14).

To those who choose 'God', Jesus will say *'Come, you who are blessed by my Father'* and they will be able to enter the Kingdom (Matthew 25:34). This option leads to life and only few will find it (Matthew 7:14).

What should we do if we choose God?

We need to say sorry to God and try to do what God wants us to do.

This means we have to repent and change our ways. We must understand that we are sinners and we do things we know we shouldn't (Acts 3:19-20, Acts 17:30-31).

Look up and write down Mark 1:15.

'The time has come, he said. The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

We must be reborn through baptism; being baptised shows everyone that you understand that you are a sinner but you don't want to sin anymore. You 'want' to do what God wants you to do (Galatians 3:27, 1 Peter 3:21).



After Baptism we need to change our lives:

Once we have chosen to follow God and have been baptised we need to change our lives to the way God wants us to live. We need to stop being foolish, stop stealing and work hard so we have something to give to others. Stop using filthy language and encourage others. Stop lying and being angry and become compassionate, kind, patient and forgiving. Sing to God and Thank him for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20, Romans 13:13-14, Ephesians 4:28-32, Colossians 3:8-25).



What do we do while we wait for the kingdom?

Love God with all your heart (Deuteronomy 6:5, Luke 10:27).

Seek first the Kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33, Luke 12:31).

In everything we do, do it for the glory of God (Colossians 3:23, 1 Corinthians 10:31).

Give thanks to God (1 Thessalonians 5:18, Colossians 3:17).

Talk to God in prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17, Ephesians 6:18).

Read and study the Bible (Acts 17:11, 2 Timothy 3:16).

Encourage each other (1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 3:13).



Notes



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Books of the Bible

Old Testament

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
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1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
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2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel

Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi



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
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2 Peter
1 John
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3 John
Jude
Revelation

