

LESSON 2 TEACHING OUTLINE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

FAMILY THEME

How Did We Get The Bible?

STUDY TEXT

[PSALM 119:89; ACTS 2:6-8](#)

Connect

VIDEO: Share this video of New Testament textual scholar Daniel Wallace addressing how we can trust the New Testament when the copies of manuscripts have differences: tinyurl.com/D6Wallace.

OBJECT LESSON: Write this sentence in a notebook: *The bewildered bookkeeper carefully compared the committee's complicated recommendation before approving the final copy.* Pass the notebook to several people in the group, allowing each person to write the sentence and compare their copy to the previous page for accuracy. Say: *This helps us understand how biblical manuscripts were preserved.*

CONVERSATION STARTER: Ask group members to guess how much the following documents sold for:

- United States Constitution – \$43,200,000 (2021) – original first-printing copy
- Codex Sassoon – \$38,126,000 (2023) – 1,100-year-old Hebrew Bible manuscript
- Codex Leicester – \$30,802,500 (1994) – Leonardo da Vinci's scientific notebook

Then ask, *What makes these documents so valuable?*

Teaching the Truth

BIG IDEA 1: The People of God Treasure the Word of God (Job 23:11–12)

Live It Out: Treasure God's Word by reading it, studying it, and trusting it.

- *Why was preserving and studying Scripture so important to God's people throughout history?*
- *How does Jesus' use of the Old Testament strengthen confidence in the Hebrew Scriptures?*

Live It Out: Approach Scripture with confidence, knowing God faithfully preserved His Word through generations of believers.

- *Why would the early Christians consider the writings of the apostles as authoritative?*
- *Why is it important to understand that the church recognized Scripture rather than creating it?*

Pass out copies of the AH 2-2 Adult Member Outline.

Encourage learners to memorize the Family Scripture of the Month (**Hebrews 4:12**) along with family members.

BIG IDEA 2: God Has Assured Us His Word Will Endure
(Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 40:8; Mark 13:31)

Live It Out: Rely on the unchanging Word of God as the trustworthy guide for your life.

- *What is the significance of having such an abundance of manuscripts of the biblical text?*
- *What does the preservation of Scripture across centuries reveal about God’s character?*

Live It Out: Trust that God has faithfully preserved His truth, even when critics question the reliability of Scripture.

- *Some critics will use textual variations to question the reliability of Scripture. Why should textual variations not undermine a believer’s confidence in Scripture?*
- *How should confidence in the truthfulness and preservation of Scripture shape the way Christians live today?*

BIG IDEA 3: God Communicates His Word in the Language of the People (Mark 15:34–35; Acts 2:6–8)

Live It Out: Help others understand God’s Word by supporting efforts to make Scripture available in every heart language.

- *Why is it important for people to have the Bible in their heart language?*
- *What does Pentecost reveal about God’s desire for people from every culture and language to hear His truth?*
- *What can Christians do to help make the Bible more understandable and accessible to others?*
- *What can Christians do to help younger generations better understand and engage with God’s Word?*

Respond

REFLECTION: Encourage learners to thank God for preserving His Word and to take advantage of the access we have to Scripture today by reading, studying, and applying God’s Word in their daily lives.

APOLOGETICS: We need to equip ourselves with answers to the challenges we encounter concerning the preservation of God’s Word. Encourage group members to explore videos and resources from scholars such as Daniel Wallace and Michael J. Kruger.

SHARING ONE’S FAITH: Encourage group members to help make God’s Word understandable and accessible to others. Suggest supporting Bible translation ministries, providing Bibles to younger Christians or seekers, or helping others engage with Scripture in ways that connect to their heart language and life experiences.

Distribute copies of *As You Go* (AYG-2) and encourage your learners to complete the daily devotions in their *D6 Discipleship Journals* this week.

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