

How Did We Get the Bible?

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STUDY TEXT: PSALM 119:89; ACTS 2:6-8

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

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?*

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?*

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Hebrews 4:12

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *Does God's Word change?*
2. *Why did God give and preserve His Word? (so that we can know, trust, and grow closer to Him)*
3. *What are some steps we can take as a family to treasure God's Word more?*

Everyday Extras

Hide a Bible in your home and then gather everyone together. Explain they are going on a treasure hunt, and the treasure is the Bible (give specifics as to which Bible they are searching for). Afterward, talk about why people look for treasure and what makes something valuable. Remind family members the Bible is a special treasure from God to us.

Stand Strong

Was the Bible changed or corrupted over time?

No, the Bible has been carefully preserved through thousands of manuscripts that agree with one another in remarkable ways. While translations may differ slightly in wording, the meaning and message have remained the same. God has faithfully protected His Word throughout history. We can trust that the Bible we read today accurately reflects what was originally written.

Scripture: Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35

Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned the Bible is a very special book. One of the people God used to write His words was a man named Paul. He wrote letters to people and churches to help us learn and grow our faith. We can read Paul's letters in the Bible and learn from it and grow our faith. We can share what we learn with those around us. We can tell others

The Bible Is God's Word.



Passing the faith to the next generation involves helping them understand, trust, and engage with God's Word in ways they can clearly understand.