



The Big Picture

Lesson 1: The Greatest Book Ever Written

The story of creation, the flood, Abraham and Isaac, David and Goliath, Jonah and the great fish, Daniel in the lion's den, and Jesus. There are some great stories in the Bible. But, even though the Bible has a lot of great stories in it, you can find great stories in other books as well. Still, you probably have heard people say that you need to read the Bible. So, you may be asking, "What is so important about the Bible?" "Why should I spend so much time reading such a big book?"

These are really important questions to think about! You see, the Bible is not like all the other books you can get in a library. The Bible is special – very special. In fact, the Bible is the greatest book that has ever been written!

First, the Bible has the greatest author. Every book that you can find in the library had someone who wrote it. But, there is something special about how the Bible was written: The Bible was written by God! 2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." This means that the words that are written on the pages of the Bible are from God. He has spoken them (Hebrews 1:1-3). Now, although He did not write the words on paper, He told His words to people like Moses, Solomon, Matthew, Paul, Peter, and others who did write them down.

Now, I want you to think about the importance of having a book that was written by God. He is the one who created all of the things that you can see in the earth and the universe around you. He is the one who knows everything. He is the one who always knows what is right and what is wrong. Don't you want to read His book? You can – whenever you read the Bible!

Second, the Bible has the greatest story. There are a lot of stories that are in the Bible. There are stories about some people who do good and some who do bad. There are stories about wars. There are stories about animals. There are stories about miracles. But, all of these stories fit together perfectly like pieces of a puzzle! When every piece of the puzzle is put into the right place, they all make one big picture.

The Bible story has a lot of pieces that you will read about and learn from. But, when all of these pieces are put together, the big picture tells a story about God who loved everyone so much that He sent Jesus to this earth to save the people who would not listen to God. Now, because of what God has done, everyone has a chance to live in Heaven with God forever!

Third, the Bible has the greatest message. Many books that you read and stories that you hear are not true. And, even those that are true can never help you and all your family go to Heaven and be with God some day. But, the Bible has a message that is always true and that will help you go to Heaven. There is not one story or word in the entire Bible that is not true!

When you read the Bible, it will teach you things that are right and things that are wrong. It will help you learn about what God wants you to do and what God does not want you to do. It will always give you the right answers to your questions. It will always give you the right answers to your problems. And, if you will learn what it teaches and do what it says, God promises that you will go to Heaven one day!

The Bible really is the greatest book ever written! Although you can find many other books and stories, none of them are as special as the Bible. None of them have a greater author than the Bible has. None of them have a greater story than the Bible has. And, none of them has a greater message than the Bible has. I hope that you will read your Bible every day so that you can learn what God wants you to know.

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Study Questions:

1. What are some stories in the Bible?
2. Why should you read the Bible?
3. Whose words are written in the Bible?
4. How did His words get in the Bible?
5. What is the main story of the Bible?
6. Is the Bible ever wrong?
7. What will the Bible help you learn?
8. How often should you read the Bible?

Memory Verse:

“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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about: