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Give ear, O my people, to my law;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable:
I will utter dark sayings of old,
Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children,
Shewing to the generation to come
The praises of the LORD, and His strength,
And His wonderful works that He hath done.

For He established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers,
that they should make them known to their children:

That the generation to come might know them,
even the children which should be born;
who should arise and declare them to their children:
That they might set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep His commandments.

— Psalm 78:1-7

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Recommended Usage

This workbook has been designed as a seven-week study covering both what the Bible is, why we believe it, and how long it shall be true, as well as covering the first 1500 years of earth history (Genesis chapters 1-5). Though families are encouraged to find the method of use that best suits them, the recommended usage of this book is to work through one chapter each week. This provides time to let the truths covered in each chapter soak into the student's mind. It also provides time to memorize the memory rhymes included for each chapter, as well as any verses the parent may find helpful to retain more closely in memory.

After each chapter has been completed, time should be taken throughout the week to review material covered and reinforce lessons learned.

It is also recommended to have each child write out all Bible verses studied and passages covered in each chapter to better grasp and retain the meaning of these Scriptures. A separate notebook may be assigned for this purpose, or the child may prefer to write the verses and passages out on the backs of each page.

CHAPTER TWO

How Reliable is the Bible?

The verses we examined in the previous chapter tell us that the Bible is the Word of God. But what does that mean? Does that mean the Bible is true? Does it mean that the Bible will *always* be true? Could God be mistaken? Or could He have spoken something that was not true?

Is it possible that God might be mistaken in something He says? Could some of the Bible be untrue because God was not wise enough to make it true?

HOW WISE IS GOD?

We know God because of the Bible. The Bible is how God has chosen to reveal Himself to man. It is through the Bible that we learn the character and nature of the God who created us. 1 Timothy 1:17 tells something about the character of God. Is God wise? What does this verse say?

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Ecclesiastes 3:11 declares that God made everything. According to this verse, who is wise enough to find out everything that God does?

As created beings, we cannot fully understand God or His work. He is much greater and wiser than we are.

Turn to Romans 11:33. This verse shows how many people can understand God's wisdom and His works. How many?

God's wisdom is unsearchable, which means that man cannot fully search it out or know it all. God is the *only* One who knows all things. He most certainly is wise!

CAN GOD LIE?

Scripture makes very clear that God is all-wise and all-knowing. He created all things, which means He certainly knows all things. The Bible will always be true because He knows the truth. But will God always tell the truth?

Numbers 23:19 tells us something about the character of God. What does it say?

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Hebrews 6:18 also speaks of God and His nature. It declares something that it is impossible for God to do. What is it?

Titus 1:2 gives another glimpse of the character of God. What does it say of Him?

CONCLUSION

Based on the verses we've studied, answer the questions below:

Who wrote the Bible? _____

Can God lie? _____

If God wrote the Bible, and if God cannot lie, is the Bible true or false?

If God cannot lie, then everything He has spoken must be true. Jesus Christ affirms this when He spoke in John 17:17.

How Reliable is the Bible?

Speaking to God the Father, what does He say about God's Word?

God's Word is true. The Bible is God's Word. Therefore the Bible is true. Another word that describes the truth of the Bible is the

INFALLIBLE
incapable of error
or mistake

word *infallible*. Infallible simply means *incapable of error or mistake*. God is not able to make a mistake or to be in error. Therefore He is *infallible*. Because God wrote the Bible, this Word—just like God Himself—is not able to be mistaken or wrong, so it also is *infallible*.

**The Bible is the
infallible Word of God**

Infallible is a word that only applies to God and His Scriptures. Noah Webster states, "No human being can justly lay claim to *infallibility*. This is an attribute of God only."

Because God cannot lie, He will always speak the truth. He *cannot* do anything else. Because of His nature, truth is the only thing God can speak.

How Reliable is the Bible?



REMEMBER THIS!

*The all-wise God has written out
His Word, and it is true.
He ALWAYS can be trusted!
I will trust Him now—will you?*

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How Reliable is the Bible?



LET'S THINK

1. Is it possible that God made a mistake in writing the Bible? *Give Biblical evidence to support your answer.*
2. List several Scriptures that speak of God's wisdom.
3. Can God lie? *Give Biblical evidence to support your answer.*
4. Define *infallible*.