

Book of Books

Name _____

HELLO, EXPLORERS! We hope you had a blast today at *Operation Arctic* where you started exploring the one-of-a-kind book—the Bible! Our animal pal, Blizzard the polar bear, is unique to the Arctic. Polar bears are not found anywhere else in the wild. And the Bible is unique, too—it's the Book of books! The Bible is God-breathed (inspired); every word of the Bible came from God Himself. The original writings contained no mistakes. Since God wrote it and He cannot lie, we know that every word of the Bible is completely true. The Bible has been read by more people than any other book in the world, and it has been translated into the most languages—over 2,000! There are more copies of the Bible than any other book. And the Bible is a life-changing book that will never go away!

You also explored how the Bible came to be. God chose a man named Moses to record the first five books of the Bible. Moses wrote the words on scrolls (animal skins or plants sewn together). After Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible and some of the Psalms, God chose around 40 other men to record His words. These men had different jobs, such as fishing, farming, and being a king. They lived in different places at different times and spoke different languages. Over time, these writings were put together in a larger book that we call the Bible today. Now, people all over the world can read the wonderful, true account of the world—how God created the world, how sin entered, and how God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sin. It tells us how much God loves us and how we can become His child. This book is like no other book. It's the Book of books!

The Bible is a one-of-a-kind book, written by God Himself!

Explore today's memory verse. Look up 2 Timothy 3:16 to find out what the Bible has to say about the Scriptures.

1. All Scripture is given by _____ of God.
2. Scripture is useful for _____, _____, _____, and instruction in _____.
3. What does "reproof" mean? _____

4. Give an example of how the Bible can "instruct in righteousness."



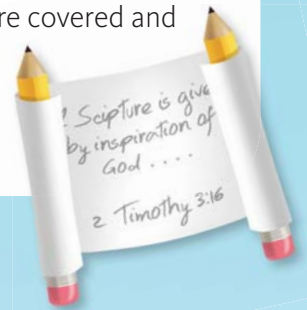
BIBLE GEM VERSE CHALLENGE

Today's Verse

**All scripture is
given by inspiration
of God**

2 Timothy 3:16

Challenge: Write the memory verse on a piece of copy paper. Now make a "scroll" by rolling both ends toward the middle. (You may want to use a pencil to roll it around.) Open your scroll and read the verse. Roll it in so it covers some words and say it again. Continue until all the words are covered and you can say the verse without looking.



Tomorrow's Verse: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105

Ask yourself these questions: Do I realize the treasure God's Word is? What should I do to get to know God better through this unique Book of books?

GO AND DO

1. Guess which book of the Bible is right in the middle? Psalms! Find Psalm 1 and read it. What does it say the person is like who delights in God's Word? Draw a picture to illustrate that and give it to someone!
2. Talk to God (that's prayer!) and ask Him to help you love Him and love His Word more.
3. Ask an adult who follows Jesus to show you his Bible. What does he love about it?
4. Check answersvbs.com/oakids for more fun information!



Incredible Impact

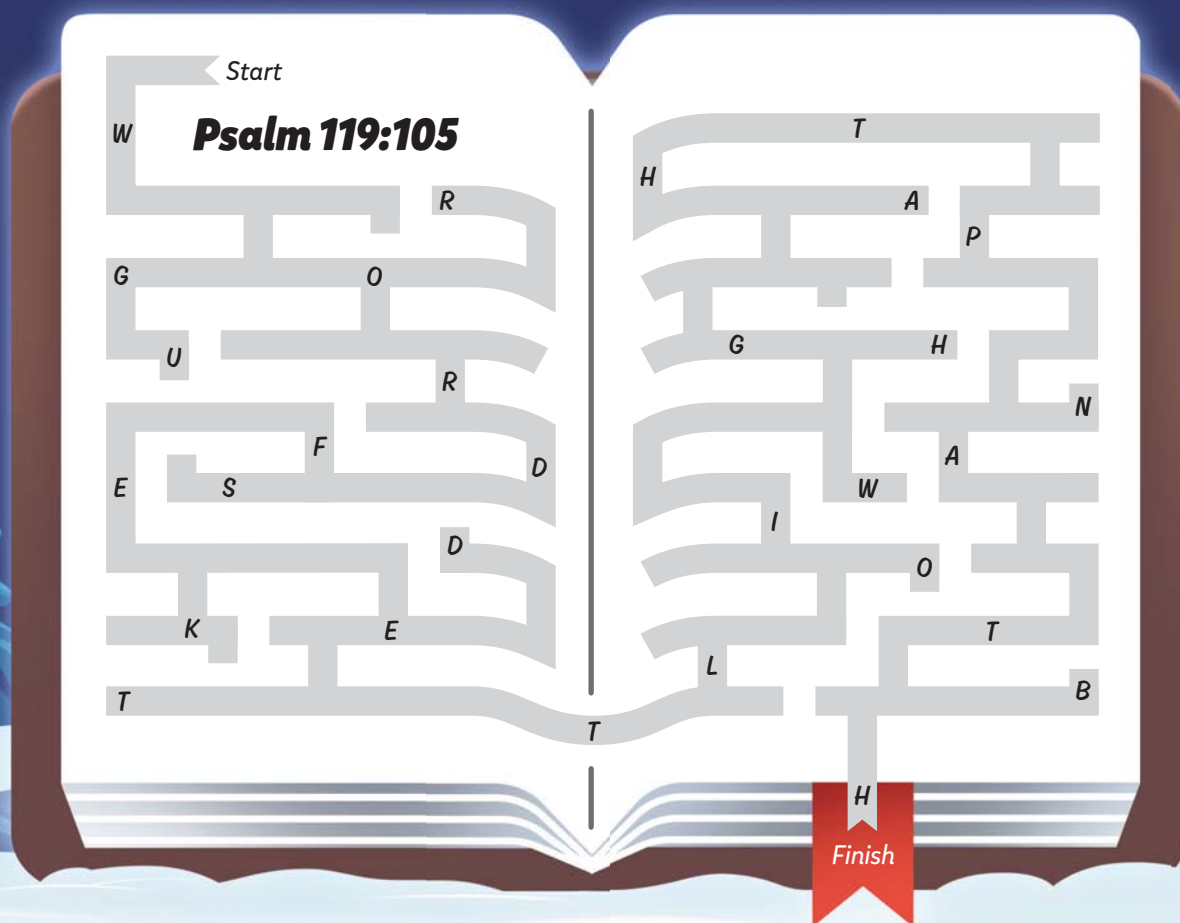
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WELCOME BACK, EXPLORERS!

We hope you had an awesome time at *Operation Arctic* today! Our animal pal, Snowball the Arctic hare, reminds us that just like Arctic hares can change colors, God uses His Word to change us, too. If we are part of God's family, His Holy Spirit is working inside us to help us become more and more like His Son, Jesus! A man named Paul heard the Word of God and God changed him (Acts 9)! Paul was mean to those who loved Jesus; he persecuted (badly hurt) Christians. On his way to Damascus, he saw a bright light and suddenly couldn't see. He fell to the ground and heard a voice from heaven. The voice was Jesus asking Paul why he was persecuting Him. God changed Paul so that he became a follower of God. Paul began to tell many people about Jesus. The people were amazed at the change in Paul as he was no longer persecuting Christians. Just like Paul was changed, God promises to change His children so we act more like Jesus. The Bible is an important part of that change. God uses His Word to show us where we need to change. It has incredible impact!

The Bible has had an incredible impact on the people of earth—it has the power to change lives!

Complete the maze, picking up the letters as you go. Place the letters in order as you come to them and put them in the blanks below to complete today's memory verse.



Thy _____ is a lamp unto my _____ and a _____ unto my _____. Psalm 119:105

BIBLE GEM VERSE CHALLENGE

Today's Verse

**Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet, and a
light unto my path.**

Psalms 119:105

Challenge: Write the verse on a piece of paper. Then find a flashlight and go into a dark room (bathroom, closet) or make a fort. Using the flashlight in your dark space, read your verse. Now turn off the flashlight and see if you can remember it!



Tomorrow's Verse: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." Matthew 7:24



1. Go on a treasure hunt and find things (or people) in your house that have been impacted by the Bible. It may be a painting of something from the Bible, a book about God, a CD, a DVD, or a person who is a child of God! How many did you find?
2. Look up Bible verses on an area you struggle with (telling the truth, being kind to your siblings, obeying your parents, or being gracious in your speech). Talk to God and ask Him to change you to be more Christ-like as you read and learn from His Word.
3. Ask an adult who follows Jesus to share a favorite Christian book, song, Bible verse, or Bible account. How has it impacted her?
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Ask yourself this question: How has my life been impacted by God and His Word?



Bedrock Base

Name _____

HELLO, EXPLORERS! Today our animal pal, Spike the narwhal, reminded us that the Bible isn't like a slippery, icy, sinking floor—it's a bedrock base for our lives! A foolish builder builds his house on the sand, so when the wind and the rains come, the house is destroyed. A wise builder knows to use a strong foundation, like a rock, to build on. The word "bedrock" has the word "rock" in it because it's the solid rock under the ground. It's a firm foundation, just like the Bible is a firm foundation in our lives. The Bible never changes and is never wrong—it's our absolute authority for every area it touches on. The Bible tells us that when we hear God's words and do them, we're like a wise man whose house is built on a rock—the wind and the waves may come, but the house stands strong. If we build our lives on the bedrock base of the Bible, we are able to stand strong through the storms of life. God wants us to be like the wise builder and build our lives on His Word!

The Bible is the bedrock base we build our lives on—the absolute authority!

Use the code to discover who
God compares a wise man to.

A	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	N	O	R	S	U	W	Y
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Therefore whosoever heareth these $\frac{14}{14} \frac{1}{17} \frac{8}{8} \frac{11}{11} \frac{6}{6} \frac{14}{14}$ of mine, and doeth
them, I will liken him unto a $\frac{16}{16} \frac{8}{8} \frac{14}{14} \frac{4}{4}$ man, which built his $\frac{7}{7} \frac{12}{12} \frac{15}{15} \frac{14}{14} \frac{4}{4}$
upon a $\frac{13}{13} \frac{12}{12} \frac{2}{2} \frac{9}{9}$. And the rain descended, and the $\frac{5}{5} \frac{10}{10} \frac{12}{12} \frac{12}{12} \frac{3}{3} \frac{14}{14}$
came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that $\frac{7}{7} \frac{12}{12} \frac{15}{15} \frac{14}{14} \frac{4}{4}$; and it
 $\frac{5}{5} \frac{4}{4} \frac{10}{10} \frac{10}{10}$ not: for it was founded upon a $\frac{13}{13} \frac{12}{12} \frac{2}{2} \frac{9}{9}$.

Matthew 7:24–25



BIBLE GEM VERSE CHALLENGE

Today's Verse

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

Matthew 7:24

Challenge: Act out this verse. Pretend you're building a house on a large, sturdy rock while saying it.



Tomorrow's Verse: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Ask yourself this question: Am I trusting and believing every word of the Bible?



GO AND DO

1. Find building blocks and make a sturdy house. Or, draw a picture of a sturdy house. How does it make you feel knowing God's Word is a rock-solid base that never changes?
2. Read all or part of Matthew 6–7. What promises or commands can you find in these chapters? Talk to God and ask Him to help you truly trust every promise, every command, every word in the Bible.
3. Talk to an adult about things that have changed during his lifetime (e.g., transportation, technology, news headlines, scientific ideas). How is God's Word different than all that?
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Letter of Love

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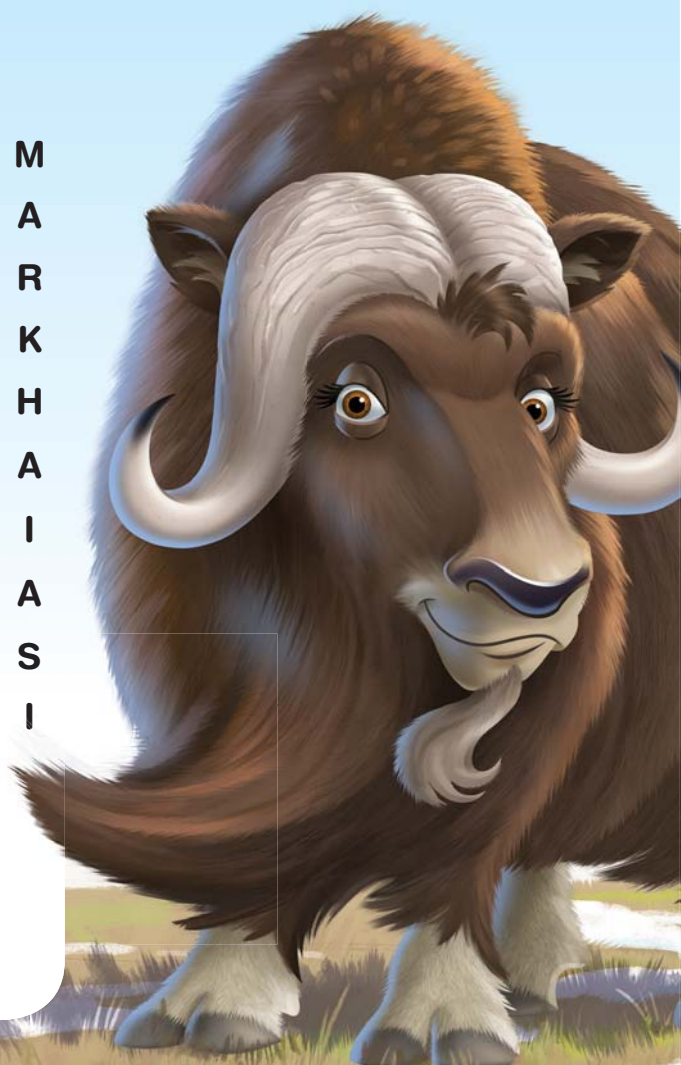
GOOD DAY, EXPLORERS! Our animal pal, Shaggy the musk ox, cares for her young in amazing ways! Even more than Shaggy cares for her children, God cares for His children! Isn't it neat to learn that the Bible is like a letter of love written for us by the God of love? In the beginning of the Bible, we see God's love for us through the beautiful world He created for us to enjoy. And we see His care for His people in the promise He gave Adam and Eve after they sinned (disobeyed God's command). God is holy, and He must judge sin. Because of our sin, we aren't allowed to live in God's perfect heaven. The punishment for sin is death (Genesis 2:17) and eternal separation from His goodness in hell (Matthew 10:28). He promised that He would one day send a Savior (Genesis 3:15). After Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, everyone who has been born since has sinned (Romans 3:23). We deserve to be punished for our sins, but 4,000 years after Adam sinned, Jesus came to earth to take that punishment for us. God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son Jesus to live a perfect life, die on the Cross, and rise from the dead so that whoever repents of (turns from) their sin and believes in Jesus will have eternal life (John 3:16). That's the best news a letter could ever have!

The Bible has a thrilling theme running throughout its pages—it's a letter of love!

Search for the names of the books of the Bible in the list below to see how well you know God's letter of love.

J U D G E S E T N A V M
O O W D S X D A S T C A
N A H U M I O N P I R R
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ACTS	EZRA	JUDGES	LUKE	ROMANS
AMOS	GENESIS	HAGGAI	MARK	TITUS
EPHESIANS	JOHN	HOSEA	NAHUM	
EXODUS	JONAH	ISAIAH	PSALMS	



BIBLE GEM VERSE CHALLENGE

Today's Verse

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Challenge: God's Word is a letter of love. Find an envelope and a piece of paper. Write the verse on the paper and decorate it. Put it in the envelope and "mail" it to someone. (Either really mail it, or leave it for them somewhere they will find it.)



Tomorrow's Verse: "I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil." Psalm 119:162

1. Can you get around in God's letter of love? It helps to know the books of the Bible in order. See if you can say all the Old Testament books in order. How about the New Testament books? How about all of them?
2. Read Romans 8:37–39; Galatians 2:20; 1 John 4:9–11. Have you received the gift of eternal life? Talk to God and ask Him to help you remember that He loves you! You have a heavenly Father who loves you! Thank Him!
3. Ask an adult if she has ever received a love letter from someone. Has she ever thought of God's Word as a letter of love from God to her?

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Ask yourself this question: Could I explain to someone how to receive the gift of eternal life?



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Exciting to Explore

HELLO, EXPLORERS! We hope you had an incredibly cool time at *Operation Arctic* this week! Today, our animal pal, Dash the husky, reminds us how eager dogsled teams are to explore the Arctic! They are a great example to us when it comes to exploring our Bibles! The Bible is exciting to explore, and we should be ready to learn it, love it, and live it! We need to be exploring our Bibles every day—it's how we are spiritually fed. Just as you can't eat once a week and be healthy and strong, you can't explore the Bible once a week and expect to be strong in the Lord. Mary and Martha provided a great example of just how important it is to be in God's Word (Luke 10)! Martha was busy getting the house ready for guests, but Mary simply sat at Jesus' feet and listened to Him. When Martha complained, Jesus told her how important it was for Mary to sit and listen to His words. Mary had the right attitude; she wanted to spend time with Jesus. We need to spend time with Jesus, too, and explore His Word!

The Bible is exciting to explore! Let's learn it, love it, and live it!

**Read Luke 10:38–42. How can you have an attitude like Mary?
Give examples of how you can do each of the following.**

Learn it: _____

Love it: _____

Live it: _____



BIBLE GEM VERSE CHALLENGE

Today's Verse

**I rejoice at thy word,
as one that findeth
great spoil.**

Psalms 119:162

Challenge: We talked about explorers today. They need to be wise and know survival skills! Let's try some silly skills as you say your verse. Try to say it while attempting these various silly skills.

- Lick your elbow while saying your verse.
- Stand on one foot while saying your verse.
- Do a split while saying your verse.
- Rub your head and pat your tummy while saying your verse.



Ask yourself these questions: What am I doing to stay spiritually healthy? How can I learn, love, and live the Bible more?

GO AND DO

1. Find a partner to do the BIBLE handshakes with. Show your partner all five letters. Can you remember what each one stands for?
2. Do you have a Bible? Do you have a place to go that's quiet? Can you think of a time of day that would be good to set aside to explore your treasure? Do you have a thought as to where in the Bible you want to start reading? Try Psalm 119.
3. Ask a Christian adult about his Bible exploring habits. When does he study the Bible? What does he study?
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