

**Take out the puzzle pieces and work together to complete the puzzle.**

**Read what it says.**

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**Dig through the box and find the red quarter.**

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**Like archaeologists, brush away the sand in the box. Pull out four papers and give them to your leader.**

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**When archaeologists dug around a town called Tel Dan in Israel, they found a stone monument called a stele. A piece from it had the words "House of David" written into it. This refers to kings who were descendants of David, and it confirms that King David was a real person just as the Bible says.**

**Many other real Bible objects have been found as well.**

**The Bible tells of a place called Jericho where the city walls fell down supernaturally after the Israelites walked around them seven days. Archaeologists believe there's good evidence the walls did indeed collapse. They found a heap of bricks right where the walls would have been.**

**Many other real Bible places have been found as well.**

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**Prophecies the  
Bible speaks of  
against cities  
like Nineveh,  
Babylon, and Tyre  
are confirmed  
by evidence.**

**Archaeologists  
found the name of  
Gideon, one of the  
most famous judges  
in the Bible, on a  
small pottery jar.**

**Many other names  
of Bible people have  
been found as well.**

## Bible Box 1—Uniqueness of the Bible

**Directions:** Take out the puzzle pieces and work together to complete the puzzle.

Leader (after they've finished the puzzle—use the puzzle as a reference): One reason we know the Bible comes from God and is trustworthy to lead us is because it fits together like a puzzle even though it was written by over 40 people. These men wrote the words God inspired, or guided, them to write. They lived over a period of 1,500 years, spoke different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek), and lived on

three different continents (Asia, Europe, and Africa). Imagine if you wrote a chapter for a book, and 39 other people who have never met you or talked to you wrote the other parts of it—some of whom aren't going to write their chapters until over 1,500 years from now! No normal book would make any sense if it were written like that, but the Bible is in complete unity and goes together perfectly because it comes from God.

Take the puzzle apart and leave it as you found it. Move to the next station.

## Bible Box 2—Fulfilled Prophecies

**Directions:** Dig through the box and find the red quarter.

Leader (after they've found the quarter): One reason we know the Bible comes from God and is trustworthy is because the promises made about events that would happen in the future (prophecy)—written hundreds or thousands of years earlier—actually happened. Some are yet to be fulfilled, but they will happen exactly as promised. No other book or person can always be right when predicting the future, only the Bible. If you take just the prophecies about Jesus coming as the Messiah, for instance, you'll find that the chances of those prophecies happening just as

predicted are the same as taking this quarter or a silver dollar, painting it red, then covering the entire state of Texas three feet deep in quarters (or silver dollars) and burying this red one among all of them. If you were blindfolded and could only grab one coin, do you think you'd have a good chance of finding it on your first try? [Pause for responses.](#) No way! And there are many, many more prophecies that have been fulfilled besides the ones about Jesus being the Messiah.

Bury the red quarter in the box and leave it as you found it. Move to the next station.

## Bible Box 3—History Confirmations

**Directions:** Like archaeologists, brush away the sand in the box. Pull out four papers and give them to your leader:

Leader (after the papers are found—read the following bullet points from them): One reason we know the Bible comes from God and is trustworthy to lead us is because people, places, and things mentioned in the Bible are often found. When they're found, their description matches what the Bible says from all those years ago.

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the walls would have been. Many other real Bible places have been found as well.

- When archaeologists dug around a town called Tel Dan in Israel, they found a stone monument called a stele. A piece from it had the words "House of David" written into it. This refers to kings who were descendants of David, and it confirms that King David was a real person just as the Bible says.
- Archaeologists found the name of Gideon, one of the most famous judges mentioned in the Bible, on a small pottery jar. Many other names of Bible people have been found as well.
- The fulfillment of prophecies (promises about the future) that spoke against cities like Nineveh and Babylon are confirmed by archaeological evidence.

Bury the papers and leave it as you found it.

