

The Bible, God's Words

2 Timothy 3:15-17; John 5:39



The Bible is the word of God.

God used about 40 people to write down His words.

Altogether, the Bible consists of 66 Books.

The 39 books written before the birth of Jesus Christ are called the Old Testament, and the 27 books written after Christ came are called the New Testament.

The compilation of these books is the Bible we have today.

And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:15)



The Bible is a letter that God sent to us.

It nicely reveals to us who God is and how much He loves us.

So whoever learns the Bible can be saved and go to heaven.

Also, the Bible teaches us how we can grow up to be people who please God and it changes us accordingly.

We need to read the Bible at all times and keep it close to us.





Today's Study

Read the text and answer the following questions.

- 1. What did God give to people in order that they may know His love?
- 2. What can we know from learning the Bible? Choose all the correct answers.
 - ① God is alive ()
 - 2 The Bible is the word of God.()
 - 3 We can be saved by believing in Jesus ()
 - 4 God loves us. ()
 - 5 The Bible is a book fabricated and written by people.()



The Bible Contains God's Thoughts.



Although Andrew is writing the letter, the thoughts of _____ are contained in the letter.



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Although man wrote down the words they were told, revealed within the Bible are the thoughts of ______.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the _____ was God. (John 1:1)



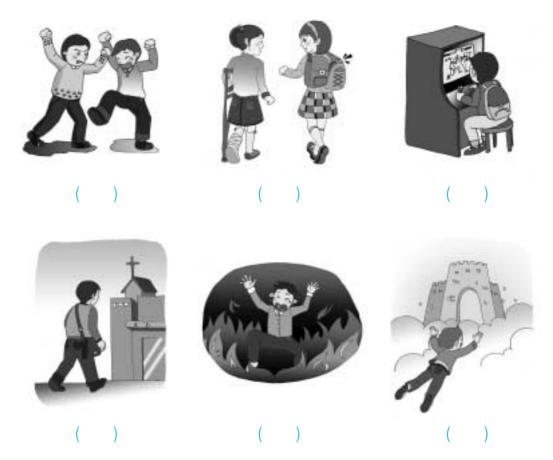
Today's Lesson

Keep the Bible Near You All the Time.

The Bible changes us so that we can live according to God's will. So if we read the Bible fervently and learn it diligently, we can become Christians that please God.

- How can we be changed by nearing ourselves to the Bible?

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All Scripture is given by inspiration of ______, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (2 Timothy 3:16)



The Bible, an Amazing Book

The Bible was written from about 3,500 years ago from today.

It was written over a long period of time. The first recording took place 1,500 years before Christ came to the earth and the last recording took place 100 years after His birth. So the Bible took about 1,600 years to complete. God inspired about 40 people to record the books in the Bible. Some of these people were shepherds, kings, and fishermen.

The phrase "God says" appears in the Bible about 3,800 times. Throughout the Bible, the recorders emphasize that they did not write their own thoughts but instead wrote whatever God had told them to write.

In the times of the Bible recording, there was no paper. They used either papyrus, a plant that was woven into an old form of paper, or lamb skin to write the Bible. The original copies of the books of the Bible, which were the ones that were written directly by the recorders, have been long lost. However, there are still many copies in existence today. Amazingly, these copied manuscripts match each other no matter where they were found or when they were duplicated.

The Bible, whose content was preserved by the awesome power of God, is now in our hands today.



