# Bible BasiCS FOR KIDS

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To Carolyn As you learn the old, old story

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Letting God's Word Change Your Life

## **Before We Get Started**

ou've got questions.

That's good. Questions are important. Questions like... *Are all these Bible stories true*?

Did Jesus really rise from the dead?

Does it actually matter if He did?

Do I believe in God? Or are my parents just telling me I should?

What difference does it make if I'm a Christian or not?

Those aren't questions you can just push to the back of your mind. They're too big. Too important. And the answers just might change your life.

But where do you go to find the answers? The Bible, There's just one problem...

You don't know where to start.

So you flip to a page near the beginning and read, "Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk." Well...okay. You'll be sure to remember that next time you're cooking a goat. Maybe you'll try a different part. You flip to another page, and this time you read, "The grain offering given with the ram is to be an ephah, and the grain offering with the lambs is to be as much as he pleases, along with a hin of olive oil for each ephah."

Huh?

There's some pretty weird stuff in the Bible. A lot of its stories are strange and hard to understand. After all, it was

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written thousands of years ago in languages almost no one speaks today. The Bible is a collection of more than 60 books that sometimes seem to say totally different things. It can be confusing!

But if you take a closer look, you'll see that all these stories in all these books come together in one big story, and there's one main character: Jesus. The Bible is the story of God reaching out to His children, showing them over and over again how much He loves and cares for them. The Bible is also the story of how people try to reach back to God...and how they sometimes screw up.

That means it's a story about *you*. You've got a part to play in this story too. God is reaching out to you just like He reached out to Abraham and Moses and Esther and all the other Bible heroes you've heard about.

Think of this book like a tour guide to the Bible. Inside, you'll start to understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together. You'll figure out how you can read and study it for yourself. And you just might find the answers to some of those questions you've been asking.

Ready? It's time to dig in!

## Seven Ways the Bible Helps Us Know and Love God

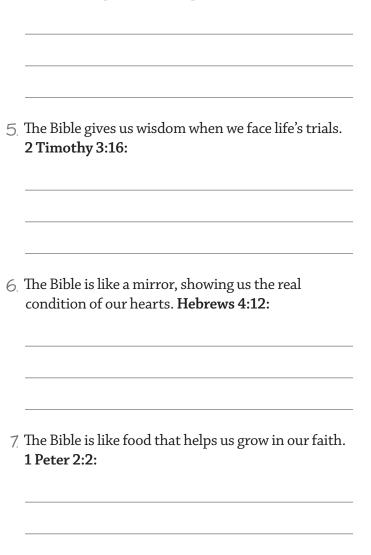
ook up each verse in your Bible and write it down to help you remember it. What does that verse tell you about God?

1 The Bible helps us look at circumstances through God's eyes. **Romans 8:28:** 

2 The Bible shows us the way when we're not sure where to go. **Psalm 119:105:** 

3 The Bible helps us find faith in Jesus. **Romans 10:17:** 

4 The Bible helps us face temptation. **Psalm 119:11:** 





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### Five Great Reasons to Read the Bible

aybe the Bible is brand new to you. You've always thought it was just a really old, long book with tiny print. But you've heard people talk about someone named Jesus and you want to know more about Him. You're just not sure where to start. Is the Bible the best place?

Or maybe you've been hearing Bible stories since practically before you were born. You've heard them in Sunday school and in your family devotions. And you've learned all the songs to go along with them, right? Maybe you've even memorized some verses. You know the Bible from front to back already. So why bother reading it for yourself?

**First, because** *it contains an amazing message from God.* No other book can claim to be the very Word of God. It's the story of God showing His people just how much He loves them, even when they disobey. That's a message that still matters to us today!

Second, because it's filled with wisdom about how we should live. In the pages of the Bible you'll learn how to draw near to God and to other people. The Bible shows us the best way to live.

Third, because it teaches us about God, about ourselves, and about the world we live in. The Bible is a mirror in which we learn to see ourselves as God sees us and realize we need to depend on Him.

Fourth, because you need to meet Jesus for yourself.

Even if your parents have taught you all about Jesus, you still need to believe in Him and choose to follow Him. That's a decision no one else can make for you. If you're not sure what to think about Jesus, dig into the Bible for yourself to see what He's all about.

**Fifth, because** *the Bible is an incredible story*. Really! The Bible is full of adventure, romance, war, miracles, anger, for-giveness, and stories that will leave you on the edge of your seat. You'll never be bored when you dig into the Word.

Here's why I want to read my Bible:

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## Wait—My Bible Says Something Different!

Back in the days of Moses, King David, and Jesus, God gave writers inspired words to record His message. There's just one problem—they wrote that message in Hebrew and Greek! Unless you go to school to study those languages, you'll need to read God's Word in an English translation.

Every language works a little bit differently. Sometimes one word in another language can be translated as many words in English. For example, the Hebrew word *tob* can mean *good*, *pleasing*, *high*, *well done*, *beautiful*, *handsome*, *happy*, *upright*, *righteous*, or *pleasant*. Each translator has to choose which word to use, and that makes each translation different.

If you look at the Bibles in a bookstore you'll see that there are lots of different versions. None of them are right or wrong. They just use different words to explain the same idea.

Take a look at how three different Bibles translate a familiar passage—1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth (King James Version).

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails (New International Version).

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance...Love will last forever! (New Living Translation).

Is one version harder than the others? Does reading the other versions help you understand it? Circle the passage that's easiest for you to understand.