



THE GOSPEL PROJECT SR. What is the Bible Pt 2

Date: Sunday September 20, 2026 **Teachers:** Mike S (**lead**), Denzil H (**co-lead**)

Key Passage: **2 Timothy 3:16** “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

Props: at home: none

At centre: activity sheet

REVIEW RULES:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Speak Kind words like our God three in ONE!

INTRO BIBLE STORY: “What is the Bible?”

Rachel

materials: (printed pic of a mosaic or a quilt with picture if you have one) Last week we learned that The Bible is a collection of stories that all make up one large story about God’s world and His love for it. We learned:

It’s not like a fiction book: it tells a fantastic tale, but it’s not true.

The Bible is telling a story, but it is the truest story ever told, not *just history*, but pointing to TRUTH itself.

It’s not like a “how to Manual”: detailed instructions for building or fixing things, though the Bible gives us information.

It’s not like a travel book that tells us all sorts of things about places far from here or places from history, though the Bible tells about places and cultures not like ours, it is not a history book, though it speaks about History.

The Bible is a very unique book, it’s the number one selling book of all time, and it’s not like any other. The bible is more than a book. It is God’s wisdom uniquely written to a people that God called and made His own, and we found our story in their story and how God brought salvation to the world through Jesus.

Just like this mosaic, if we look at one of the pieces of this mosaic, and decided what the whole thing was through one piece we might think the picture was....(depends on pic) but we need to see the pieces all come together to give us the full picture of the whole.

KEY PASSAGE VERSE:

Dana

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2 Timothy 3:16

SHOW THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE VIDEO:

DISMISS SR. KIDS Gr. 2-5 (Mike & Denzil—walk students to library)

Bible Quiz : (this is review as they did these same questions last week)

Denzil

The Bible contains how many books? 66 books

Written over a period of: over 1000 years

Authors: 44 authors

Written in how many languages? 3 languages, Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek

The Bible is a unified Story that points to Jesus.

TEACHING: *"The Bible is..."*

Mike

materials: *(pics representing each category and invite kids to try to remember each category that the Bible is)*

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Messianic Literature

The story of the Bible and all of its main themes come to their fulfillment in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and the gift of the Spirit.

Communal Literature

The Bible was designed to be read and studied within a community that is learning to live within its story.

Human and Divine Literature

The Bible is the result of a creative collaboration between humans and God's Spirit. By exploring its humanity, we discover its divinity. By confessing its divinity, it transforms our humanity.

Ancient Literature

The Bible was written in another time and culture, and we need to honor that ancient historical context as we come to understand it better.

Unified Literature

The Bible has many authors, literary styles, and themes, but it tells one story about God's creation and rescue of humanity to become his partners in overseeing the world.

Wisdom Literature

The Bible invites its readers to not simply learn new ideas, but to go on a journey of character transformation that leads to wise living.

Meditation Literature

As ancient Jewish literature, the Bible is artistically designed to reveal its meaning over a lifetime of re-reading and reflection.

VIDEO: THE BIBLE PROJECT: LITERARY STYLES

ACTIVITY: *"Categories & Books"*

Mike

materials: activity sheet

Learning what different kinds of books there are in the Bible helps us understand the whole story. We read the books in light of what kind of book they are. This is called genre. Who knows what the word genre means?

Work through the activity sheet together. Teach the different genres below and then the kids have to fill in each genre/category based on the groupings

The First thing to note about the Bible is that it is divided into 2 parts. Who knows what the two parts are and why?

THE OLD TESTAMENT/ THE NEW TESTAMENT. Some Bible scholars describe the O.T as the story of **Jesus concealed**,

meaning: we don't have direct access to Jesus through this part of the story (except the Christophany's or manifestations of Him directly!) We have lots of anticipation, literary motifs and patterns that point to Jesus.

The Old Testament is the story of Creator God, creating out of the Love God enjoyed in the Trinity, and God's covenant with His people after they rebelled and broke the good world God made and the anticipation of the Messiah to redeem the world.

The New Testament is: Jesus revealed. It opens with the gospel accounts of Jesus, and the gospel writers telling us their eyewitness accounts that through Jesus, God has incarnated among us and has brought His kingdom to this world; and through Jesus, is reconciling the world to God.

THE CATEGORIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

TORAH (means law): *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy*

It is the story of God's people and the way in which God "sets them apart" to worship Him alone as the one True God.

HISTORY: *Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah Esther.*

These books record aspects of Israel's history, but they also employ literary design and devices and are not all to be read like: "this happened exactly like this as in a factual retelling."

POETRY/WISDOM LITERATURE: *Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes Song of Songs*

These books are written to speak truth to use through the use of story and poetic language, it's not about did this happen- but what is the greater truth they are pointing to.

MAJOR PROPHETS: *Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel*

MINOR PROPHETS: *Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Michah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi*

THE CATEGORIES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

GOSPELS: *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*

HISTORY: *Acts*

PAUL'S LETTERS: *Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon*

GENERAL LETTERS: *Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Revelation*

PROPHECY: *Revelation*