

# What Is the Bible?



# **Checklist**

□pencils without erasers
□big eraser
□wooden wedge or door stopper
□Bible

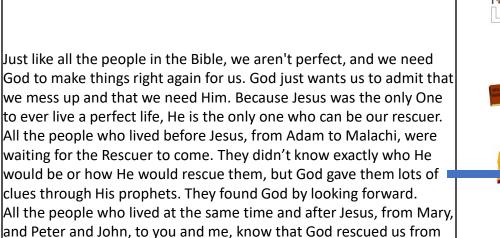
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Торіс:	Introduction to the Bible	What is the Bible?
Supplies:	pencils without erasers, big eraser, wooden wedge or door stopper, Bible	X .
Intro:	If you were going to write a book, what would it be called? What would it be about?	
standing	Read the following statements about the Bible. Have children guess if they are true or false. If they are true, have them point up to the sky. If they are false, have them cover their heads with their arms.	
TRUE	The Bible was the first book printed on a printing press.	2 Timothy 3:16-17 Every Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in
FALSE	The Bible was handed to Moses on Mount Sinai.	righteousness, that each person who belongs to God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
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2 Timothy 3:16-17	Every Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, that each person who belongs to God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.	
Bible	Show children a Bible.  Flip through the books, noting names of people who wrote them.  Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, John, Matthew, James, Peter, etc. all wrote different books. The Bible is a collection of books written by about 40 different people. Most of the Old Testament was written in Hebrew, with some in Aramaic. The New Testament was written in Greek. Some religions claim that they got their special writings directly from their god, or that they found them magically. God didn't write anything with His own hand (except the Ten Commandments). He has always used people to be a part of His plan.	#3 #2 #3 #2 #3 #4  About 40 writers  1600 years  #3  Jinguages
2 Peter 1:21	For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit.	2 Peter 1:21 For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit.
	Have you ever messed up and as a way of explaining your mistake said, "Nobody's perfect?" The Bible says the same thing about people.	God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit.  Who guided the writers of the Bible?  The
Psalm 14:2-3	The LORD looked down from heaven on the children of men, to see if there were any who understood, who sought after God. They have all gone aside. They have together become corrupt. There is no one who does good, no, not one.	Pialm 14:2-3 The LORD looked down from heaven on the children of men, go se if there were any who understood, who sought after a. They have all gone aside. They have together become corrupt. There is no one who does good, no, not one.  Who sins? (circle)



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wedge	Place a wedge (or door stopper) between books on a bookshelf that are together. Push just the tip of the wedge in. This is like when we first let a sin into our lives. Push it in just a bit more, separating the books a bit. Push it more and more, until the books are completely separated. This is what sin does to our relationship with God. It separates us.	Romans 6:23  r the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is-
	Whenever you do something bad, that's sin. Whenever you don't do something you were supposed to do, that's also sin. The problem with sin isn't that God just wants to keep a scorecard. It drives a wedge between you and God. Each sin drives you farther from Him.	life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  How does God teach us through the Bible?  Stories of God's people  Rules about how to live  Poetry praising God  Letters  Telling about the future
pencils without erasers	Have children write down sins. Tell them to erase them. They can't, because you have only given them pencils without erasers.	
big eraser	We can't erase our sins on our own. Only God can do that. Without our sins getting erased, that wedge between us and God can't go away.	
Romans 6:23	For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.	
How-To Books	"How To" books and articles are popular today. You can find how to books about training a dog, fixing a house, getting in shape, or being smarter. These books tell you plainly what to do and not do in order to get the thing on the cover. Imagine if the bible had just been a series of how to books (show books). The Bible has lists of things to do and not do, but that is not all. It includes poetry, history, law and letters.	
	Instead of just writing a how-to book, God started with one person, then one family, then one nation. He used their stories to show us His plan for saving us from sin. Some parts of the Bible have God telling people directly what to do through His prophets. Other parts are just history, and they don't say that God approved or disapproved of what people were doing. Some other parts are prayers people wrote, sharing their feelings with God. And some of the strangest parts tell about weird things that will happen in the future.	
John 3:16	For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever	John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only 5 that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.





Have children list their accomplishments on the left side of their paper in order of how important they are. Some examples might be learning how to swim, ride a bike, speak another language, win a prize in school or sports. Children can share if they wish and talk about which ones are the most important.

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crucifixion and resurrection.

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Talk about what things the world values (being smart, talented, rich, powerful). How is this different from what the Bible tells us we should value? Is the purpose of reading the Bible to learn how to become being smart, talented, rich, or powerful? (no) What is the purpose of reading the Bible? (to learn who God is and how we can know Him personally in our hearts.)

Closing:

Books of the Bible Review different groups of Bible books: Law, History, Wisdom Teachings, Prophecy, Letters.

> Have two cards that say "Old Testament" and "New Testament." Place on opposite walls. Call out a book of the Bible. Instruct students to run toward the wall where the book is found.



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# **Books of the Old Testament**

- Law
- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuterono my

#### **History**

Joshua

**Judges** 

Ruth

First Samuel

Second Samuel

First Kings

**Second Kings** 

First Chronicles

**Second Chronicles** 

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

#### **Poetry**

Job

**Psalms** 

**Proverbs** 

**Ecclesiastes** 

Song of Solomon

#### **Major Prophets**

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lamentations

**Ezekiel** 

**Daniel** 

#### **Minor Prophets**

Hosea

Joel

**Amos** 

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi



# **Books of the New Testament**

- History
- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

#### **History**

Acts

#### **Letters of Paul**

Romans

First Corinthians

**Second Corinthians** 

Galatians

**Ephesians** 

**Philippians** 

Colossians

First Thessalonians

Second Thessalonians

First Timothy

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**Titus** 

Philemon

#### **General Letters**

**Hebrews** 

**James** 

First Peter

**Second Peter** 

First John

Second John

Third John

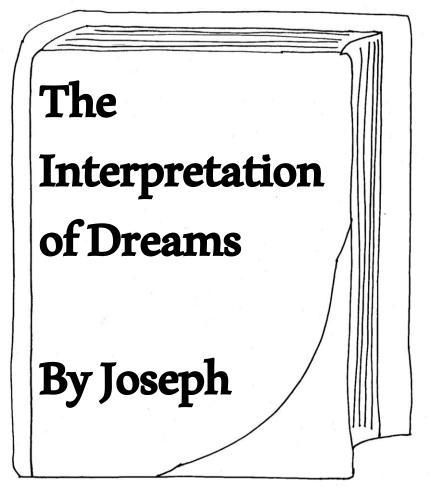
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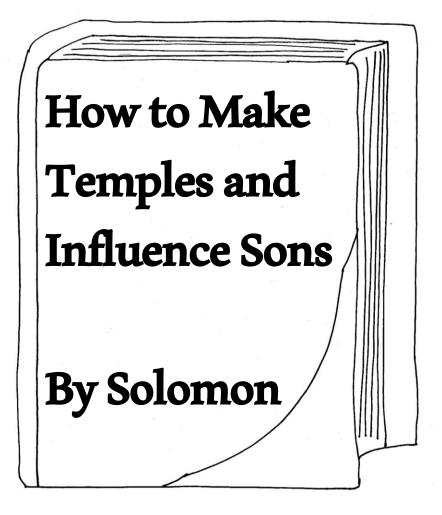
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Revelation



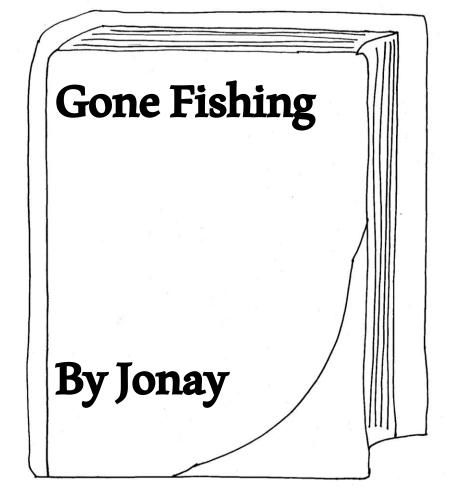
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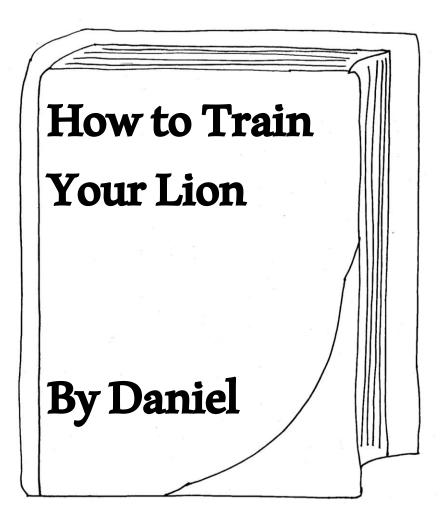






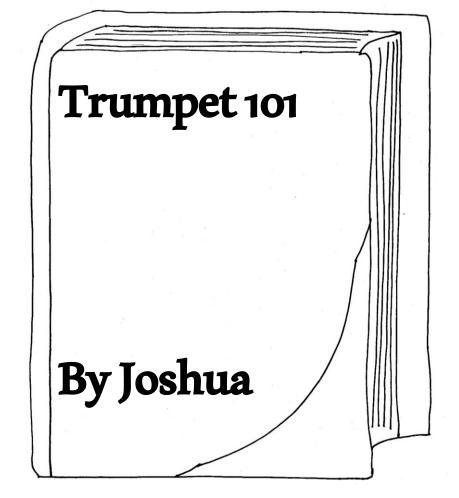
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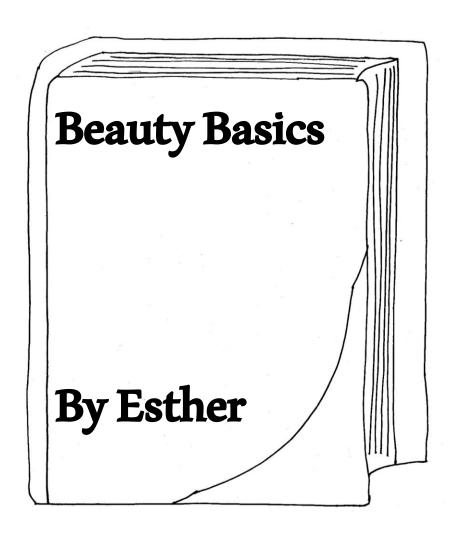






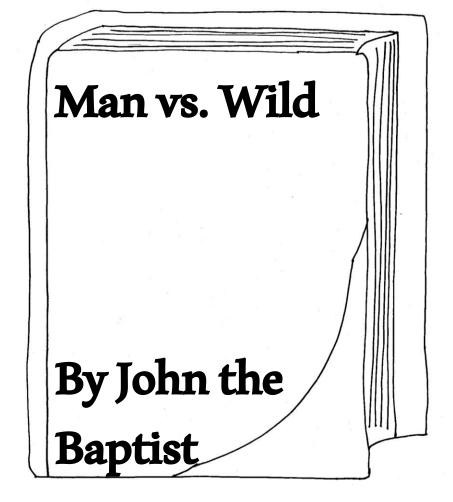
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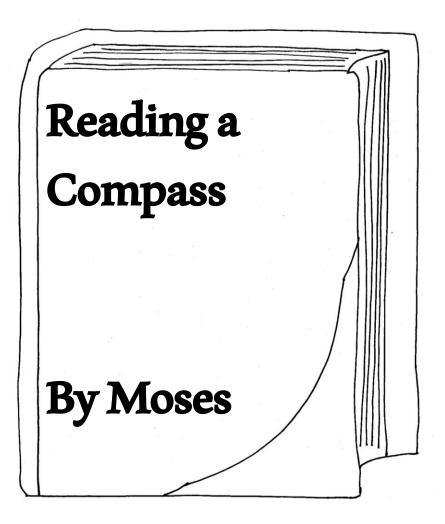






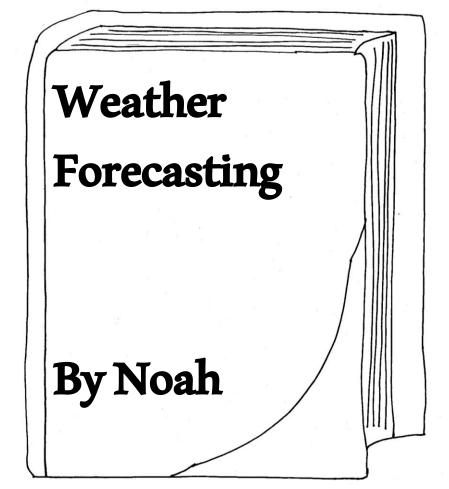
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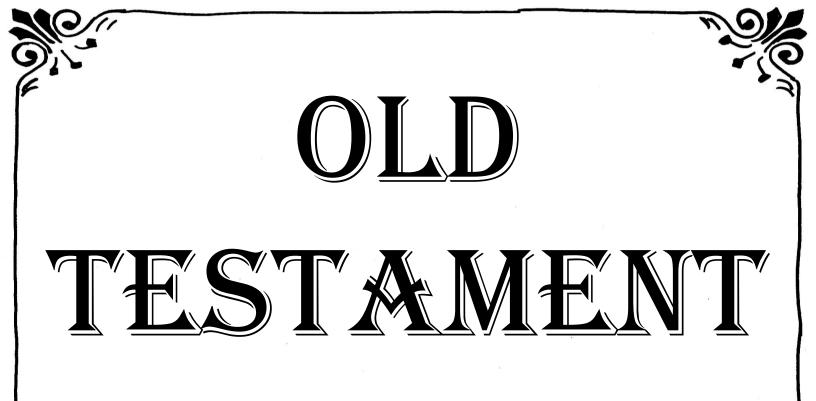




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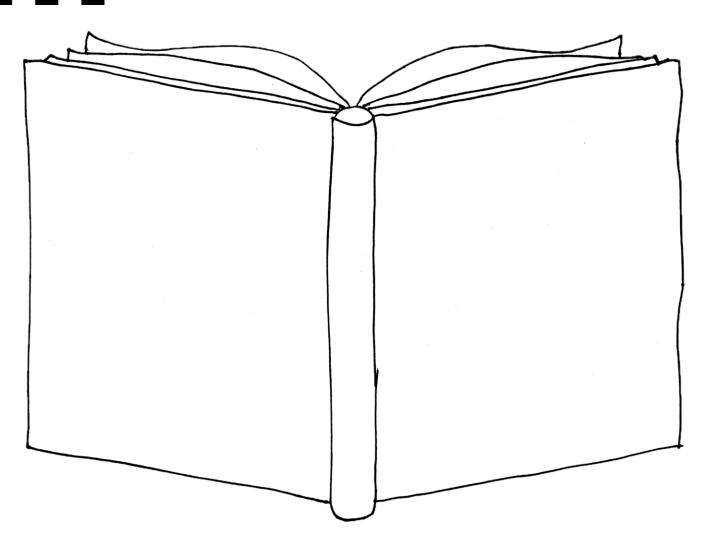
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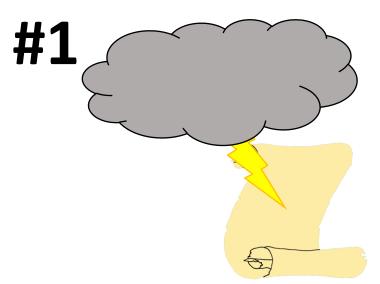




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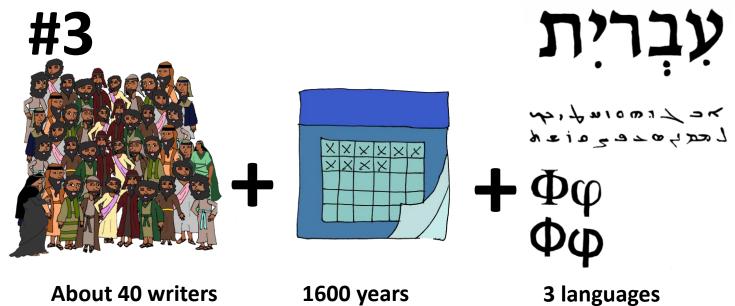
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#### How did God write the Bible? (Circle one)



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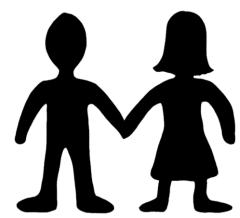


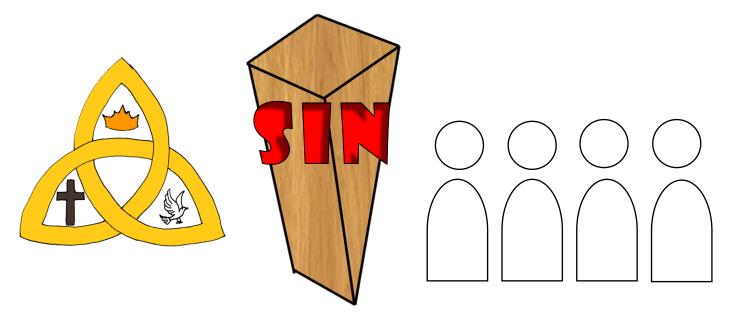
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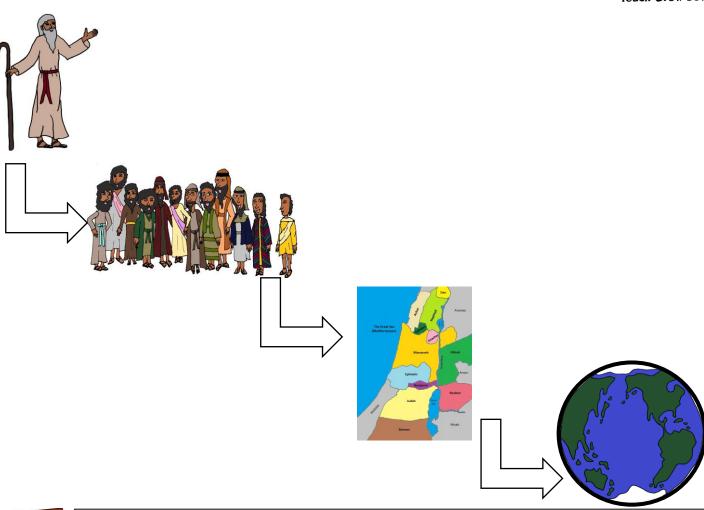


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Rank the Accomplishments of which you are most proud.	
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- Purple Bibles may be rare, but they are perfectly legal.

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