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BIBLE 306

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

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THE BIBLE: GOD'S WORD

Christians believe that the Bible is God's Word. They believe that the words contained in the Bible are the Word of God. God spoke to people over many, many years. His words are recorded in the Bible.

Some people do not believe that the Bible is God's Word. Other people are not sure that the Bible is the Word of God. In this LIFEPAC, you will learn some of the reasons why we can say that the Bible is God's Word. Using these reasons, perhaps you can help others believe that the Bible is God's Word. God would be pleased if you helped others know that the Bible is His Word.

In this LIFEPAC®, you will learn four reasons that show the Bible is God's Word. First, you will see how the Bible was written by many people over many years. Second, you will learn how God's Word has been preserved over time. Third, you will see how God's Word changes lives. Fourth, you will learn how God's Word has promises that came true. Learning more about these four reasons can help you show others that the Bible is God's Word.

Objectives

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAK.

1. Explain how the many writers and many years of the Bible's writing show that it is God's Word.
2. Tell about the true author of the Bible.
3. Tell some ways the Bible has been preserved and explain how this shows the Bible is God's Word.
4. Give some examples how God's Word has changed lives and how this shows that the Bible is God's Word.
5. Tell about some promises in the Bible and how they show that the Bible is God's Word.



1. GOD'S WORD HAS WRITERS

In this section of the LIFEPAC, you will learn about the writers of the Bible. You will see that the Bible is a very special book when **compared** to other books! It is special because of the number of writers. It is also special because of the time that it took to write the Bible. Finally, it is special because of its one, true author!

Learning about the writers of the Bible is important. It can help you believe that the Bible is God's Word. It may also help you show others that the Bible is the Word of God.

Vocabulary

Study these new words. Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAC.

author (aw' thor). The person who originally thinks of a story or book and the words to use.

character (kare' uk tur). A person in a story.

compared (kum pared'). To look at to see how things are different.

consistent (kun sist' unt). Always the same; does not change.

foretold (for told'). Something which has been told before it happens.

inspired (in spiurd'). Influenced and guided by God.

occupations (oc yu pay' shunz). Different types of work that people do.

salvation (sal vay' shun). Being freed from sin.

theme (theme). The main subject of something written.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAK appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /FH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ or /ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

Ask your teacher to say these words with you.



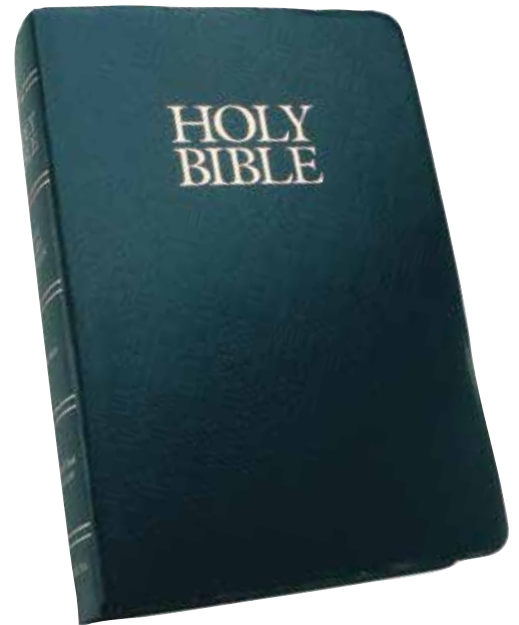
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Many Writers

The word Bible comes from a Greek word meaning “book.” The Bible can be considered as one book. Like most books, the Bible has one main **theme**. The theme of a book is its main subject. The theme of the Bible is God’s loving plan of **salvation**. This means that the Bible shows us God’s loving plan to free people from sin.

The Bible also has one main **character**. The main character of the Bible is Jesus Christ! In the Old Testament of the Bible, Jesus is **foretold**. It tells how God prepared the world for the Savior, Jesus Christ. In the New Testament of the Bible, the story of Jesus and His church is told. Therefore, Jesus is the main character of the Bible.



| The Bible is a book with one theme and one main character.

Most books have one writer. If there is only one writer, it is easy for the writer to have one theme for his book. It is also easy for the writer to have one main character in his book.

The Bible is not like most books. It does not have one writer. The Bible has many writers! It has about forty-one writers! The writers of the Bible were very different. Some of the writers were kings. Some were shepherds. Some were poets. Some were fishermen. Other writers of the Bible were from many other **occupations**.



| The Bible has many writers.

How can so many different writers write a book with only one theme—salvation? How can so many writers only write about one main character—Jesus Christ? It would be very hard for so many writers to stay with one theme and one main character in a book. This means that there must be something very special about the Bible!

The Bible must be a special book for so many writers to tell one continuous story. Later in this section, you will learn how so many writers could write a book with one theme and one main character. You will learn why the Bible is a special book.



Circle the correct answers. Write it on the line.

- 1.1** The word Bible comes from a Greek word meaning " _____ ."
a. writer b. book c. old
- 1.2** The main theme of the Bible is _____
_____ .
a. God's loving plan of salvation
b. how the world was created
c. the story of the Jewish people
- 1.3** The main character of the Bible is _____ .
a. Abraham b. Moses c. Jesus Christ
- 1.4** Most books have _____ .
a. one writer b. many writers c. many themes
- 1.5** The Bible has about _____ writers.
a. five b. ten c. forty-one

Many Years

The Bible is different from other books in another way. Most books are written in a few months or years. Usually, one writer will take a year or two to write a book. The Bible, however, took many years to write. The Bible took about 1,600 years to write! No other book has taken this long to write!

Remember, the Bible tells one continuous story. It has one theme and one main character. How could so many writers take so many years to write a book with one continuous story? Over so many years, there would be many times where mistakes could be made. Over so many years, there would be many opportunities for the writers to change the story, theme, or the main character. Yet, the Bible is **consistent**.

Why did the Bible continue with the same theme and main character over so many years? The answer is that the Bible must be a special book! In the last part of this section, you will learn why the Bible is a special book. You will learn how so many writers could take so many years to write a book with one continuous story.



Write *yes* or *no* in the space next to the sentence.

- 1.6** _____ The Bible was written by two men, Moses and Paul.
- 1.7** _____ The Bible, like most books, took only a few years to write.
- 1.8** _____ The Bible must be a special book because it had many writers over many years.
- 1.9** _____ After a few years, the Bible's writers changed the theme of the Bible.
- 1.10** _____ The Bible tells one continuous story.

One Author

You have learned that the Bible was written by about forty-one writers over about 1,600 years. You have also learned that the Bible tells one continuous story. It has one theme: God's loving plan of salvation. It has one main character: Jesus Christ.

How is this possible? How could so many writers over so many years write a book with one continuous story? How could this book be consistent with one theme and one main character? The answer is that the book has only one **author**. The author of the Bible is God! That is why the Bible can tell one continuous story with a consistent theme and main character. As the one true author, God made sure that the Bible is consistent. God made sure that the Bible tells one continuous story.

How can God be the author of the Bible? It happened this way. God knew what He wanted to tell people through the Bible. God then chose certain men over many years to write the words of the Bible. God **inspired** the writers of the Bible. This means that the Holy Spirit helped the human writers of the Bible to write what God wanted them to write.

The Bible tells us that God inspired the writing of the Scriptures.

2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." Since God inspired the Scriptures, He is the true author of the Bible. Even though there are many writers of the Bible, there is only one author: God.

Since God is the author of the Bible, the Bible contains God's Word. The

Holy Spirit inspired the human writers to write what God wanted them to write. They wrote the words that God wanted. Therefore, the Bible is God's Word.



| 2 Timothy 3:16



Choose one of these words to put in the blank in each sentence.
Use those words to complete the crossword puzzle.

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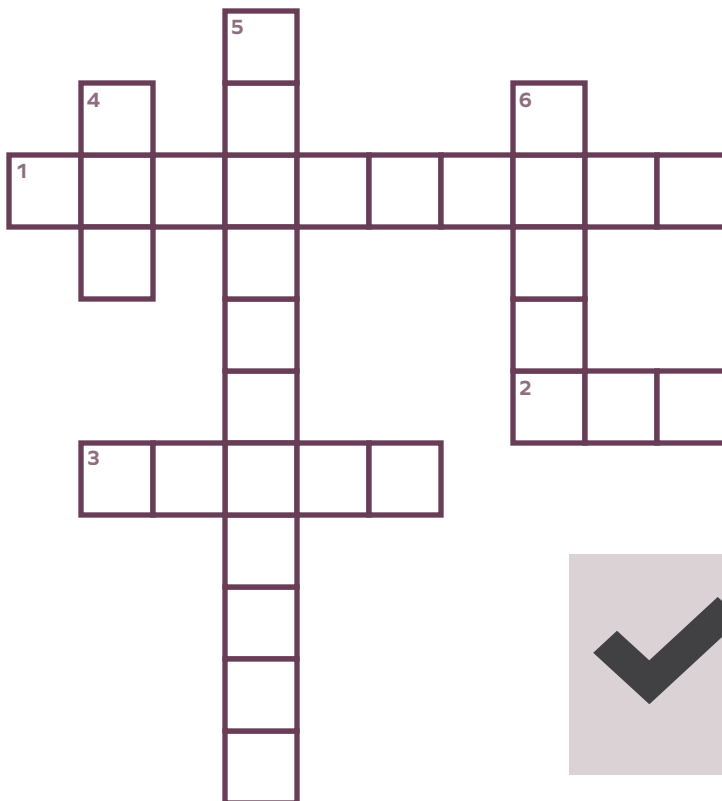
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Jesus sin years

ACROSS

- The Bible is _____ with one main theme and one main character.
- Salvation means God's loving plan to free people from _____.
- The Bible was written over about 1,600 _____.

DOWN

- _____ is the author of the Bible.
- "All scripture is given by _____ of God..."
- The main character of the Bible is _____.



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Prepare a report.

Do you know someone who is a writer? Interview them and write a one paragraph report or give an oral report on something that they have written.



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For this Self Test, study what you have read and done. The Self Test will check what you remember.

SELF TEST 1

Each answer = 1 point

Circle the correct answers.

- 1.01** There were _____ writers of the Bible.
 a. many b. two c. three
- 1.02** Jesus is _____ in the Old Testament.
 a. not b. foretold c. only
- 1.03** The writers of the Bible had many different _____.
 a. styles b. occupations c. ways of eating
- 1.04** The word Bible comes from a Greek word meaning
 " _____ ".
 a. writer b. book c. old
- 1.05** The main theme of the Bible is _____.

 a. God's loving plan of salvation
 b. how the world was created
 c. the story of the Jewish people

Draw a line to match the answers.

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| 1.06 writers of the Bible | ● | a. Holy Spirit |
| 1.07 years to write the Bible | ● | b. Bible |
| 1.08 inspired the Bible | ● | c. forty-one |
| 1.09 contains God's Word | ● | d. 1,600 |

Write *yes* or *no* before each sentence.

1.010 _____ The main character of the Bible is Jesus Christ.

1.011 _____ The Bible is consistent even though it had many writers over many years.

1.012 _____ The one true author of the Bible is God.

1.013 _____ "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."

1.014 _____ Most books have many writers.



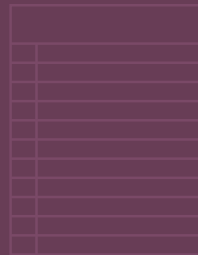
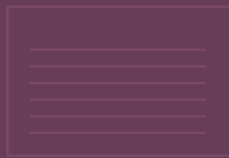
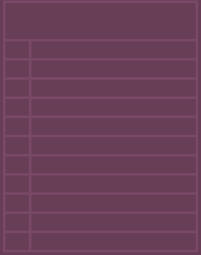
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