

INSPIRED BY GOD

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Lesson

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PROLOGUE:

TEACHER LESSON BOOK

1. Prepare:

Items Needed:

- Several pieces of paper
- A few pens or pencils
- A red crayon and a blue crayon

Lesson Setup:

No special setup is needed.

2. Summarize how Treasure Tour works by going over the HOW IT WORKS page from the kids' Treasure Tour Passport booklet



3. Teach: this lesson!

Key Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Lesson Introduction:

Before we begin studying the actual books of the Bible, there are some important things you should know. The most important thing is this: The Bible is GOD'S WORD. That is, the words in the Bible (which are called "SCRIPTURE"), are the words of God.

Questions:

Q. Whose word is the Bible?

Explain:

The next thing you need to know is that God's Word is PERFECT. That means that everything God says is right.

Scripture: Read Proverbs 30:5

Explain:

So, all Scripture is God-breathed, and it is all perfect. But, God didn't actually personally write the Bible. Instead, He used certain men throughout history to write down His Word for us so that we could read it today. Men like Moses, Joshua, Isaiah, John, Paul, and many others were spoken to by God and wrote down what He told them to write. In other words, the Bible is INSPIRED by God.

Questions:

- Q. Did God PERSONALLY write the Bible?
- Q. Did God use certain men to write down His Words?

Scripture: Read Hebrews 1:1-2

Explain:

There are several ways God inspired His Word. To keep things simple, I'll show you a couple of them:

Action:

Select a volunteer from the kids and bring him to the front. Give him a piece of paper and a pen.

Explain:

One way that God inspired his servants was to dictate to them exactly what to write like this:

Action:

Tell your volunteer to write, "Red crayons are the best." Once it is written, show it to the kids.

Questions:

- Q. Did I write these words?
- Q. But whose words are they?

Explain:

So, even though I didn't write this note, it is MY word. I told the writer exactly what to say. But sometimes, instead of telling His servants EXACTLY what to say, God told His servants what He wanted to say, and He let his servant write it down in their own words, kind of like this:

Action:

Select another volunteer. Give him paper and pen, and tell him, "Write down what you see and hear me do." Then, hold up your red and blue crayons, throw the blue one away, keep the red one, and say, "I choose the red crayon." After your volunteer has written down what you've said and done, have him read it to the class.

Questions:

- Q. Did I write this or tell him exactly what words to use?
- Q. But who told our friend to write down what he saw?
- Q. So, whose message is this?

Explain:

So, even though God used certain men to write down His Word, it was HIS Word they were writing. And God saw to it that, however His servants wrote His messages, they all said just what God wanted to say. Now, for us today, God's Word is COMPLETE. There is nothing more to be said.

Conclusion:

The Bible, including both Old and New Testaments, is the God-breathed, perfect, and COMPLETE Word of God. It is what God wants all of us to know and trust and obey. Our hope is that you will learn to love, trust, and obey the Holy Word of God.

End of Lesson!