



Lesson Preparation

The Bible Is Inspired

MEMORY VERSE

2 Timothy 3:16–17

★ MATERIALS

Day 1:

- Asthma inhaler or DM-6 Inhaler

Day 2:

- BLM 2A Bookmark: The Bible, Inspired by God; card stock

Day 3:

- Plastic construction sets with interlocking pieces, bag

Day 4:

- Time Line
- PP-1 Books of the Bible or DM-5 Books of the Bible (*Extension*)

Day 5:

- BLMs 2B–C Lesson 2 Test

Expected Student Outcomes

KNOW

The Bible is inspired by God.

DO

Students will:

- demonstrate that God breathes life, understanding, power, and perfection into His words
- contrast the results of obeying and not obeying God's Word
- identify examples of adding to and taking away from God's words
- name four important ways the Bible is useful
- list three strong proofs that the Bible is the inspired Word of God

APPLY

Students will acknowledge that the Bible is inspired by God and useful for doctrine, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.

Teacher Resources

Gausson, Louis. *The Divine Inspiration of Scripture*. Christian Focus, 2007.
Sproul, R. C., et al. *Sola Scriptura: The Protestant Position on the Bible*. 2nd ed. Edited by Don Kistler. Reformation Trust, 2013.

Student Resources

Arthur, Kay, and Janna Arndt. *How to Study Your Bible for Kids*. Harvest House, 2001.
Young, Sarah. *Jesus Calling: 365 Devotions for Kids*. Thomas Nelson, 2010.

Lesson Outline

- I. The Bible is God-breathed (2 Tim 3:16–17)
 - A. God’s breath is filled with life (Gen 1:11, 20, 24, 26; 2:7)
 - B. God’s breath is filled with understanding (Job 32:8)
 - C. God’s breath is filled with power (Gen 1:3, Jn 11:38–44)
 - D. God’s breath is filled with perfection (Ps 18:30)
- II. Take the Bible seriously
 - A. Showing love for God by listening to and obeying His Word (Gal 3:26, Heb 2:11, Deut 6:5)
 - B. A blessing and a warning (Rev 1:1–3, 22:18–19; James 1:22–25)
- III. The Bible is useful (2 Tim 3:16, Jn 20:31)
 - A. For doctrine or teaching and reproof or rebuking
 - B. For correction and instruction or training in righteousness
- IV. The Bible is filled with prophecy (Micah 5:2, Jer 30:1–2, 2 Pet 1:20–21)
 - A. Fulfilled prophecy is evidence of divine inspiration
 - B. Other proofs of divine inspiration

♥ TEACHER’S HEART

Where do you turn when you need information? And when you find what you’re looking for, how do you know it’s accurate? In today’s world, it’s hard to find a source of information you can completely trust or rely on. Much of what appears in the news or on television may be true, but not everything. Even the information friends pass on isn’t always reliable. They may believe it’s true and then find out later that their source wasn’t accurate.

But there’s one source of information you can always trust: God Himself. Anything and everything God says is true all the time! His words are always accurate and trustworthy because He is not only the source of truth, but He is the Truth (John 14:6). You can rely on everything He says and does. He will never tell you a lie because it’s contrary to His character and nature.

When God speaks, His words are perfect—perfectly chosen, perfectly spoken, perfectly timed, and perfect in accomplishing His purposes (Isaiah 55:11). It’s amazing to think that God has not only preserved His Word down through the ages, but He will preserve it forever (Isaiah 40:8). The Holy Spirit breathed His thoughts into the hearts and minds of more than 40 authors over more than a thousand years, empowering them to write the words of God exactly as He intended. God did all of this so that He could communicate His thoughts to you! Just as the Holy Spirit breathed the very words of God into the authors of Scripture, He will breathe those same words into your heart and mind as you meditate on His Word. This will enable you to know God better and live in a way that pleases Him.

In an uncertain world, it’s a comfort to know that God and His Word are absolutely certain! Thank God daily for His Word and immerse yourself in it; allow Him to teach, rebuke, correct, and train you in righteousness so that you can be thoroughly equipped for every good work. As you and your students explore the mystery of God’s inspired Word this week, ask the Holy Spirit to help you guide them into a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Bible as their ultimate and trustworthy source of truth.

GLOSSARY WORDS

- inspire
- doctrine

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