

ANCHORED | RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE PT. 1

Lesson 1: What is The Bible?



Dear Parents,

Hello! I wanted to remind you about the study we're doing that focuses on helping students remain steady in the face of adversity, and encourage them grow deeper in their relationship with God. This Bible study is called *Anchored: Sure and Steadfast*, and this week is the first of a three lesson unit called *The Reliability of the Bible: Part 1*. The lesson was entitled "What is the Bible?" and it helps introduce students to the very basic definition of what the Bible is and why it is important to Christians.

LESSON OVERVIEW: The word bible is not specific to Christianity. Its Greek origin tells us that it simply means "book" or "the books." So why do Christians revere this particular book as holy? What purpose does it serve in our life? Without a proper understanding of the Christian Bible (Old and New Testament) as the Word of God, these rich accounts of God are no more than really great stories from long ago. If we do not still hold that the Bible is profitable for teaching, then we miss out on the life-filled instructions in Proverbs. For these reasons, we will begin our study on the reliability of the Bible by defining what the Bible is to us and why that matters.

WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO LEARN: The place of the Bible in Christian life, and why it is important to our understanding of God.

WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED: To understand how God's Word changes them, and make it a central piece in their lives.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES WE STUDIED: 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Acts 2:38-39, Hebrews 4:12-13, Matthew 5:17-18

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

Next Steps. . .

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your student, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What was your Anchor Statement for this week? (Answer: I believe that the Bible consists of the Old Testament (39 books) and the New Testament (27 books). These books combined are what the Church is convicted to uphold as God-breathed and profitable for teaching.)
- What kind of relationship do you have with the Bible right now? What kind of relationship would you like to have with the Bible 5 months from now?
- What questions do you have about the Bible that you are hoping to address in future lessons?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.