

# PARENT GUIDE



## Big Idea

The Bible is a collection of writings, written and collected by dozens of people over thousands of years from a different culture than ours. It tells the story of God and helps us to understand our place in God's story.

## Focus Verse

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

2nd Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

## Vocab

TaNaK- The Jewish Old Testament

Canonical- Included in the list of sacred books officially accepted as genuine.

## Resources

Link to view on Biblical Inerrancy  
[www.thegospelcoalition.org/reviews/five-views-on-biblical-inerrancy](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/reviews/five-views-on-biblical-inerrancy)

[www.museumofthebible.org/](http://www.museumofthebible.org/)

[www.thebibleproject.com](http://www.thebibleproject.com)

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to be starting a series called "How to Read the Bible". This series will help students to think critically about scripture and how to apply it to their developing faith. We will be looking at scripture from a more literary point of view with a broad look at how the authors of the Bible use structure, narrative, thematic and poetic elements to tell the story of God. Since our church is made up of people from many different faith traditions we will be focusing broadly during youth group on the history and structure of scripture.

Much of our material for this series comes from The Bible Project (an online resource). Check it out if you have the time and feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. We have included some resources about the upcoming topics in the Resources section for you as parents as well.

Finally, we always encourage following up with your student about what they are learning about. Helping your student to work through their faith by wrestling with these ideas is important. Don't be afraid to not have all the answers work through your faith together. Nothing builds strong bonds in relationships than trial and challenge, so take time to work on your spiritual relationship with your kids by working together through some of these ideas.

This week we will be looking a general overview of scripture. Find out what your kids believe about the Bible, how it was made and what it means for us in our lives. Listen first then talk through it together.

Always beside you to encourage,  
Jon

## Final Word

It is a mistake to look to the Bible to close a discussion; the Bible seeks to open one.

William Sloane Coffin