

The Foundation of Scripture

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STUDY TEXT: 2 TIMOTHY 3:16; 2 PETER 1:20–21

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

BIG IDEA 1: Scripture Claims to Be the Word of God (Hebrews 1:1; Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:5–6)

Live It Out: Recognize Scripture as God's Word and intentionally prioritize it in your daily decisions this week.

- *What makes the Bible different from every other book ever written? Why does it matter whether the Bible truly comes from God?*
- *What voices or influences compete with Scripture for authority in people's lives today?*

Live It Out: Identify one area of life where you need to submit more fully to the authority of Scripture.

- *What evidence or truth most strengthens your confidence that the Bible is the Word of God?*
- *How does Jesus' view of Scripture shape the way Christians should approach the Bible today?*

BIG IDEA 2: Scripture Is Breathed Out by God (2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Live It Out: Recognize that Scripture comes from God and approach His Word with greater trust, reverence, and obedience this week.

- *What does it mean that Scripture is "God-breathed"?*
- *Why is it important that God worked through human authors while guiding the writing of Scripture?*
- *How does understanding Scripture's divine source affect the way believers should approach the Bible?*
- *What dangers arise when people treat Scripture as merely human opinion?*

BIG IDEA 3: The Holy Spirit Guided the Writing of Scripture (2 Peter 1:20–21)

Live It Out: Spend time this week reading Scripture with confidence that the Holy Spirit faithfully revealed God's truth.

- *Why does fulfilled prophecy strengthen confidence in the truthfulness of Scripture?*
- *How does understanding the Holy Spirit's role in Scripture affect the way believers read the Bible?*

Live It Out: Identify one area where you need to trust and follow Scripture more fully in your daily life.

- *How should confidence in the trustworthiness of Scripture affect the way believers live?*
- *Why does it matter that Christians believe the Bible is truthful in all that it affirms?*

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Hebrews 4:12

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *Who is the author of the Bible?*
2. *How is the Bible different from other books you can read?*
3. *How can knowing God's Word help guard you against false teachings?*
4. *Who is someone you can share 2 Timothy 3:16a with?*

Everyday Extras

Use LEGO® bricks, cardboard blocks, or even soup cans to build two structures, one on a solid surface (table, floor, or ground) and the other on an unstable surface (pillow or cushion). Gently tap both to see how each one holds up. Relate the placing of the object on a strong foundation to the strong foundation we build when learning and trusting God's Word. Talk about the importance of believing the Bible is God's inerrant (free from error) Word. Follow up by learning 2 Timothy 3:16 together as a family.

Stand Strong

Why should I trust the Bible?

The Bible is trustworthy because it is God's Word, given to guide us in truth. Its message is consistent from beginning to end and is supported by history, fulfilled prophecy, and real-life transformation. More than just a book, it reveals who God is and how we can know Him. Because it comes from God, we can build our lives on it with confidence.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Psalm 119:160

Preschool Highlights

Today your child began learning **The Bible Is God's Word**. It is a special letter from God to us. The Bible teaches us that all Scripture comes from God (2 Timothy 3:16). *Scripture* is a big word that means the verses in the Bible. God chose different people to write down what He wanted us to know. When we read the Bible, we learn who God is and how much He loves us.



Generational discipleship involves sharing the faith with others within your sphere of influence. Paul's relationship with the Thessalonians created opportunities to teach, encourage, and strengthen them in God's Word.