

# GOD'S WONDERFUL WORD



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

A FEW MOMENTS TO PREPARE.

USE THESE ICONS TO HELP YOU  
NAVIGATE THIS WEEK'S LESSON

TALK  
TOGETHER

## HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED THE GAME "TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE"?

Sometimes it can be hard to tell if someone is telling you the truth or a lie. But you don't have to guess what is true when you read the Bible! Because God wrote the Bible, we know it is completely true and completely trustworthy.

In the book of Proverbs, God tells us all of His words are true. Let's read about it in Proverbs\* chapter 30, verse 5. Proverbs is close to the center of the Old Testament.

TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations  
with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Answers to kids' questions.



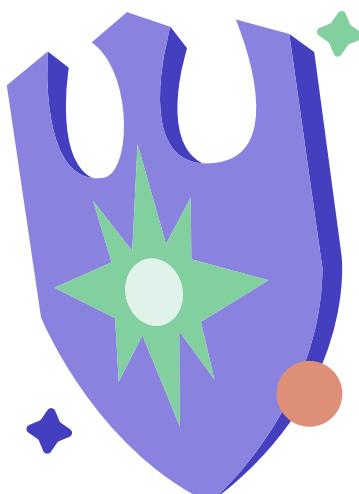
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Post it on the fridge.  
Use it all week.



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Keep little hands busy  
before, during and after your  
family conversation.



EVERY WORD OF GOD  
PROVES TRUE; HE IS A  
SHIELD TO THOSE WHO  
TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.

PROVERBS 30:5

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Even though it's hard for us to speak true words all the time, this verse tells us **every one of God's words is true!** When we read the Bible, we can trust what we are reading is exactly what God wanted to say. But that's not the only way we know God's Word is accurate. God also gave us modern-day proof of the accuracy of the Bible.

In the 1940s, a young shepherd boy tossed a rock into a cave and heard the sound of something shattering. When he went to see what broke, he found old clay jars; and inside them were the first Dead Sea Scrolls.

But what are the Dead Sea Scrolls? A scroll is a long piece of parchment or papyrus used in ancient times to write on. These scrolls were rolled up and stored when they weren't being read. Since these scrolls were found very close to a body of water called the Dead Sea, they are called the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Dead Sea Scrolls range from tiny pieces researchers have to put together to entire scrolls. Amazingly, the scrolls found include copies of every book of the Old Testament, [except Esther\\*](#).

Some of these ancient scrolls were written more than 2,000 years ago (200-300 years before Jesus was born). Others were written about 100 years after Jesus' birth. Even though they are very old, there are very few differences between today's Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The Dead Sea Scrolls show us that God's words have been protected and preserved over thousands of years and verify God's Word is true. The events in the Bible really happened, and the people in the Bible really lived. Because the Bible is from God and God doesn't make mistakes, God's Word is completely trustworthy.

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TALK  
TOGETHER

## WEEK OF JUNE 05, 2022

Have you ever heard someone say, “trust me”? What does it mean to trust someone?

We say someone is trustworthy when they are truthful and dependable. People aren’t always perfectly trustworthy and sometimes let us down. But God and His Word are completely trustworthy! They are reliable in every way. God’s Word is God’s very voice speaking to us. When we are struggling, afraid or unsure of what to do, God’s truth will encourage us and give us strength.

For thousands of years, faithful followers of God have worked hard to pass on His Word, knowing God authored the Scripture they have preserved and copied. They have wanted people such as you and me to have a trustworthy copy of God’s words to us. Can you help me find the book of 2 Timothy? Let’s read chapter 3, verse 16.



***ALL SCRIPTURE IS  
BREATHED OUT BY  
GOD AND PROFITABLE  
FOR TEACHING, FOR  
REPROOF, FOR  
CORRECTION, AND  
FOR TRAINING IN  
RIGHTEOUSNESS.***

### 2 TIMOTHY 3:16

“Breathed out by God” means every word of the Bible came from God. But He didn’t actually breathe them out as you or I breathe. God, the Holy Spirit, led men to write down His words to us. Because these men knew they were writing down God’s words, they handled them carefully and accurately\*, and we see proof of this when we find treasures like the Dead Sea Scrolls. **When you read the Bible, you can be certain every word of God proves true\***.

END OF TALK TOGETHER



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MORE TO EXPLORE



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## WEEK OF JUNE 05, 2022



### MORE TO EXPLORE

#### HOW HAS THE ORIGINAL TEXT BEEN PRESERVED OVER TIME? THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AND TRANSLATIONS!

The Bible has been translated into over 700 different languages. Bible scholars do not take the translating of God's Word lightly. Accurate versions are translated directly from the original languages (Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic). The number of existing biblical manuscripts from both the Old and New Testaments far outnumber the existing fragments of any other ancient literature. This shows us God preserves and protects His Word.

#### HOW CAN WE BE SURE THE WRITERS WHO WROTE ABOUT JESUS WERE TELLING THE TRUTH?

2 Peter 1:16 says the apostles did not make up clever stories but instead were eyewitnesses of Jesus' majesty. The Holy Spirit led the writers of the New Testament to write the books and letters. In addition, other people would have also been around Jesus, hearing Him teach and seeing what He did. If the New Testament writers lied about Jesus, the other believers alive at the time would have called them out as liars and false prophets.

#### WHY IS THERE NO NEW TESTAMENT FOUND IN THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS?

The books of the New Testament were written between 45 AD and 100 AD. The people and events of the New Testament were happening at the time when the Dead Sea Scrolls were being created. Remember, the people who created the Dead Sea Scrolls were not the original writers of the books of the Bible; they were making copies of the books of the Old Testament.

#### WHY ISN'T ESTHER INCLUDED IN THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS?

No one knows for sure why the book of Esther isn't included in the Dead Sea Scrolls that have been found so far. Some believe that scroll has disintegrated over time, and others believe it just hasn't been discovered yet. Maybe someone will solve this mystery in your lifetime!

#### WHAT IS A PROVERB?

The word proverb means a short saying that offers wisdom. The title of this book in the Hebrew Bible is "The Proverbs of Solomon, the Son of David, King in Israel." Solomon isn't the only writer, but he originated or collected most of the proverbs in this book. We read in 1 Kings 3 that King Solomon asked God for wisdom, so all of Solomon's wisdom in this book came from God.

#### MORE SCRIPTURE TO EXPLORE:

- Read **Psalm 18:28-30** to find out more about God's true word.
- How long will God's Word last? Read **Psalm 119:160** to find out!



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MORE TO EXPLORE

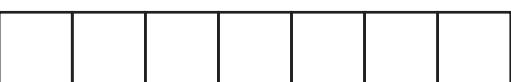


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# Talk\* About



**IS THE BIBLE TRUE?**

**EVERY WORD OF  
GOD PROVES TRUE**



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**PROVERBS 30:5**



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## MEMORIZE

**"EVERY WORD OF GOD PROVES TRUE; HE IS A SHIELD TO THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM."**

**PROVERBS 30:5**

**Q:** IS THE BIBLE TRUE?

**A:** EVERY WORD OF GOD PROVES TRUE

## SEARCH!

Search the internet for images or videos that show the Dead Sea Scrolls and where they were found. You can also explore the scrolls online through the Israel Museum, where they are now kept.



## PRAY



**GOD, WE KNOW YOUR WORD IS TRUE AND WE THANK YOU THAT WE CAN TRUST YOU. YOU ARE FAITHFUL AND TRUSTWORTHY. HELP US LEARN AND LIVE YOUR TRUTH.**

## SHARE



The world's opinion often conflicts with the truth in God's Word. Share with your children about a time when you stood up for God's truth when it wasn't a popular decision to do so.

We provide links to external resources that we believe could be helpful in discipleship efforts. Directing to these external organizations, resources, and Web sites does not necessarily imply complete endorsement of these organizations by Awana. Please use discernment as you explore.

## CREATE



Create a scroll by rolling up a piece of paper. Ask your child to write this week's memory verse and illustrate it with paint, crayons or markers.

## TELEPHONE



Play a game of telephone with your family. Have the last person say what they heard. Did the message change? Tell your kids that God's message is true. He has protected it from changing for over thousands of years.

## EXPLORE!



The Museum of the Bible has a 430,000-square-foot museum in Washington, D.C., Bible curriculum and traveling exhibits. It contains rare artifacts spanning 4,000 years of history.

Unable to visit in person? There are multiple online exhibits and resources to explore.

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



SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!

## SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series and praise God for His wonderful Word!

## Talk About

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