



# Studying the Bible

## KEY THEMES

- God's Word is the foundation for our lives.
- God wants us to study His Word.

## KEY PASSAGE

2 Timothy 2:15



## What You HEARD in the WORD

- The three parts of inductive Bible study are: Observe, Interpret, Apply.
- It is important to study the Bible carefully.

Answer these questions from today's lesson.

1. What questions do we ask to observe the text?
2. What question do we ask to interpret the text?
3. What question do we ask when we apply the text?

1) Who, what, when, where, why, how. 2) What does this passage mean? 3) How does God want to change my life?



# Read the Word

## Monday {Hebrews 4:12}

What is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword?

## Tuesday {Proverbs 30:5-6}

What will happen if we try to add things to God's Word that aren't there?

## Wednesday {2 Peter 1:2-3}

What amazing things does the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ bring us?

## Thursday {Psalm 119:11}

How can we keep from sinning against God?

## Friday {Psalm 19:7}

The law of the Lord is what?

## Saturday {Psalm 19:1}

What declares the glory of God?

# LIVE the Word

Your friend tells you that he wants to read the Bible, but it just seems too confusing to him. How could you help him? **What would you say?**

*The Bible can be a little difficult to understand in places. But if you can ask yourself some simple questions while you are reading it—who said it? what did they say? when did this happen? where were they? why was this happening?—it will become more clear. And always pray before you read the Bible, that God will help you to understand it!*

## Mark a Friend!

Make a Bible Study Guidelines bookmark for a friend or family member. At the top write "Bible Study Guidelines." Then write the three guidelines for Bible study that we learned about this week: **Observe, Interpret, Apply**

Decorate the bookmark with a nice design. Give it to your friend and explain how to use it.

### OBSERVE:

- Who?  What?  When?
- Where?  Why?

### INTERPRET:

What does it mean?

### APPLY:

How can this change me?



## MIXED UP WORDS!

Unscramble the words below then draw a line to the question that goes with the word.

srveoeb

How does God want me to change my life?

entrrteip

Who? What? When? Where?  
Why? How?

yplap

What does this passage mean?

## Learn the Word Fill in the blanks

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes  
of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord  
is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**Psalm 19:7-9 (NKJV)**



**SNEAK PEEK**

You have heard us mention that God's Word was given to guide us. Did you ever wonder just how that works? We'll answer that question in our next class.

# HomeWord

For Parents

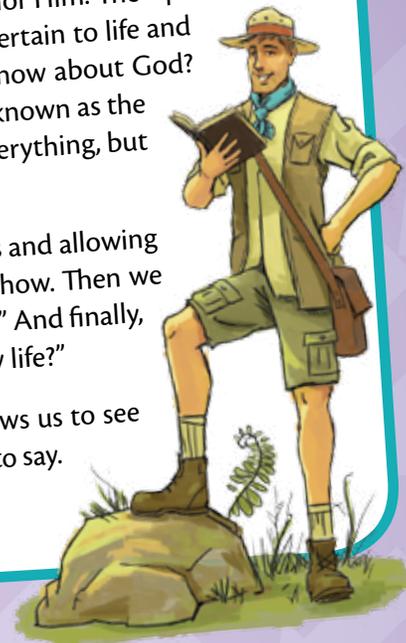
**G**od has revealed Himself to us in the words of the Bible. It is God's only written revelation to man. We are called to diligently study what has been revealed and apply it to the way we live our lives.

We trust in God who has revealed all things which are needed to live lives that honor Him. The Apostle Peter relates this idea to us in 2 Peter 1:2-4 when he tells us that "all things that pertain to life and godliness" have been given to us "through the knowledge of Him." How do we know about God? We know Him primarily by what He has revealed to us in His Word. The doctrine known as the sufficiency of Scripture doesn't mean that the Bible is an exhaustive manual on everything, but that its principles are sufficient to guide us in the different situations we face.

In order to study His word diligently, we first observe the text by asking questions and allowing the text to answer. We ask questions such as who, what, when, where, why, and how. Then we interpret what we've read by asking the question, "What does this passage mean?" And finally, we apply the Word to our lives by asking, "What does God want to change in my life?"

This simple method is referred to as inductive Bible study. Studying this way allows us to see what the Bible says rather than trying to make the Bible say what we would like it to say.

Go to the [Online Resource Page](#) for more information.



# OutWord

For Family Discussion

In school or at your local library, there are many opportunities to spend time reading. You may choose to read your Bible instead of other things. What if one of your friends makes fun of you or asks, "Why in the world would you want to read that boring book?" **What would you say?**

*The Bible is not boring. It is exciting. And it is the only book I know that can change me, give me wisdom, fill my heart with joy, give me more understanding of who God is, and enable me to trust Him and His promises completely. It is a great book—let's read it together sometime!*

# inWord

For Family Study

"We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done" (Psalm 78:4). You are to proclaim His works to your children and not hide them. What a privilege you have!

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.

