

Family Devotion time

Sometimes, we start from the wrong direction when we want to prove something in the Bible really happened. It's easy to get it backwards.

Take the Flood, for example. How would you prove God flooded the earth by opening the fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven for forty days and nights? Where would you start if you wanted to show that the waters covered all the high mountains? (See Genesis 6-7.)

We could start by searching the earth for evidence of a worldwide catastrophe. We could sift through dirt, dig into rock layers, and examine fossils. Or we could look at the many similarities in flood legends from civilizations all around the world.

While those are certainly good things to research, they aren't the best place to start. The best place to start is much closer to home—fits right in your hand, in fact.

It's the Bible, God's Word!

We know from the Bible that God is the all-powerful, all-knowing Creator who was an eyewitness to everything that happened from the beginning until now. And we know he wanted us to learn about his plan from Creation to Christ (see 2 Peter 1:20-21).

So, he told us just what he did by having people write it down (2 Timothy 3:16). And since we can trust God to keep his promises, the best place to start when looking for truth is the Word we know is truth (John 17:17).

Learning about the past from science and research is helpful.

They are great tools. And though they don't prove the Flood happened, they do confirm what the Bible already says!

Here's the Deal

**God's Word is
our foundation.
We start from the
Bible to understand
our world.**

Hey, kids!

Buddy Davis here. My sculptures, songs, and adventures all begin with the Bible. There's no better place to begin!

Talk it over

- What are some of God's characteristics that show we can trust the Bible?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16. What does this verse tell us about Scripture? If true, what should our response be?
- If someone asked you why anyone should believe a global Flood really happened, how would you respond?

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