

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Take a moment to make a list of exciting events in the Bible.

Maybe you mentioned a giant-slaying shepherd or ships surviving raging waters or small armies winning incredible victories. Maybe you listed devastating plagues or powerful miracles or Jesus rising from the dead to life.

The Bible is filled with some incredible moments and powerful narratives. Really, it's fun to read about all that God does from Genesis to Revelation.

But there's one key thing to remember as you read. People sometimes refer to the events in Scripture as "Bible stories," but that can give the wrong idea. You see, we often think of "stories" as fiction—like make-believe movies or made-up novels or fairytales. And while those are fun

to watch and read, the Bible is something completely different.

It's true history. Adam and Eve really existed. Sin truly led to the fall and caused disease and death to start. The flood of Noah's day actually happened all around the globe. All those animals—like the camel kind—really got off the ark and had babies and filled the world. And, most importantly, Jesus was truly born, lived a perfect life, died in our place to take the punishment for our sin on the cross, and rose again.

God gave us his Word (2 Timothy 3:16). We can trust the

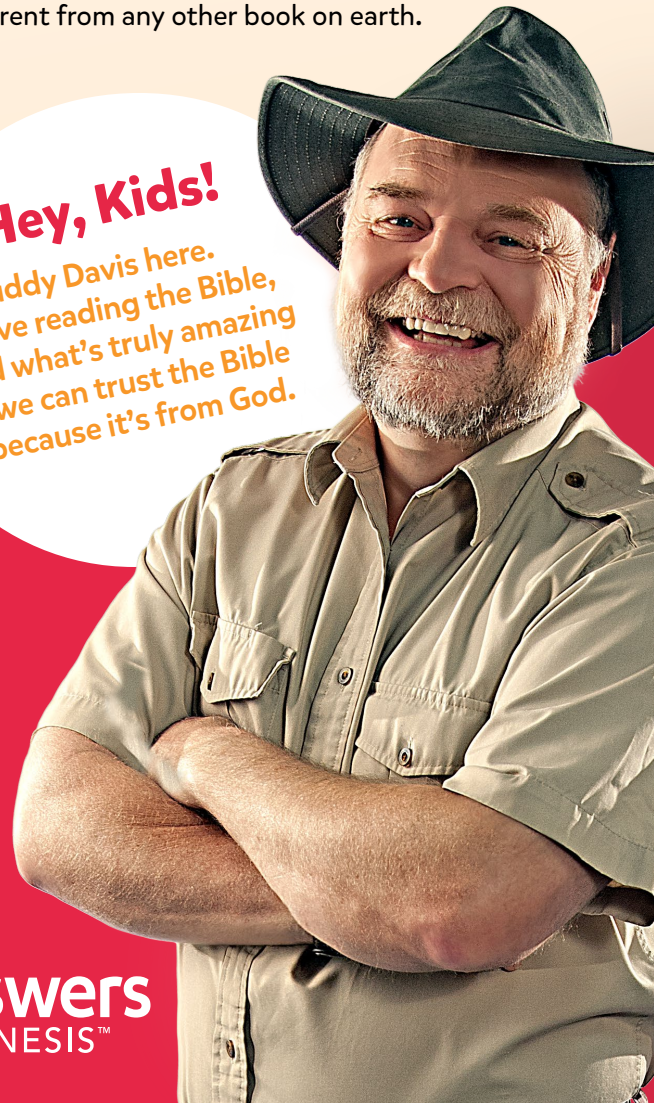
Bible because it's from God—which makes it different from any other book on earth.

HERE'S THE DEAL

The Bible is packed with exciting events, but these are more than just stories. God gave us the true history of the universe, and we can trust it!

Hey, Kids!

Buddy Davis here. I love reading the Bible, and what's truly amazing is we can trust the Bible because it's from God.



TALK IT OVER

- Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13 and Hebrews 4:12. What do these verses teach us about the Bible?
- Think about the phrase *Bible stories*. After reading the verses above, do you think that phrase could be a problem? What could that phrase suggest to people?
- Why do you think some people refuse to believe the Bible? (For some ideas, see Jeremiah 13:10.)
- What event in the true history of Scripture do you wish you could have witnessed?

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