

Parenting with PURPOSE



Unit 2.1: The Bible is True and Without Error

God is sinless, perfect, without mistake. Therefore, we know that His Word, the Bible, was written down exactly the way He wanted it – true and without error.

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:160

Lesson Objectives:

- THE BIBLE CONTAINS GOD’S WORDS TO US. Believe that because God is perfect and does not lie, all His words in the Bible are true and without error.
- EVERYTHING IN THE BIBLE IS TRUE. Understand that every event in the Bible really happened and each person in the Bible really lived.
- EVERY EVENT HAS TAKEN PLACE OR WILL TAKE PLACE. Explore several proofs that help us know that the Bible is true.
- Consider how the truths, specific Bible verses, can be applied to grown-ups and kids their age.

Talk about it:

- Because God is perfect and does not lie, what does that mean about the Bible?
- What is one example of a prediction the Bible made that has come true?
- What is one way we can know that the people and events in the Bible are real?
- How do we know that Jesus really rose from the dead?



Encouragement for you:

Psalm 119:160 reminds us that God and His Word, the Bible, are the standard of truth by which we should live. It is impossible for God to lie and since the Bible is the Word of God, we can know with confidence that the Bible is completely true. We can also trust it to be consistent and never change. How much does God’s truth enter into your parenting decisions? Do you consider God’s Word before seeking the counsel of others?

T&T Announcements

Family Activity: Eyewitness Account

What You'll Need:

Crazy tie, brightly colored wig, weird sunglasses or other unusual item

PREP: Before you begin, wear the unusual item until you are sure you have been seen wearing that item. Then remove the item and keep it out of sight.

STEP 1: Claim that you wore an unusual item before beginning. Ask: "How could I prove that this really happened?" (Answers may include revealing the item, showing them a picture of the item being worn, having others verify that they saw the item being worn.)

STEP 2: Ask for eyewitnesses who could verify your claim. (These are the ones who saw you wearing the item.) Ask the eyewitnesses to stand outside in the room. One at a time, call in each eyewitness and question him or her about the item that was worn. After the witnesses have been questioned, discuss the following questions with the whole group:

A. How did these eyewitness testimonies help you believe that I actually wore (the unusual item) earlier today?

B. Why is an unusual story easier to believe if there are eyewitnesses?

Share these key concepts:

A. Some of the writers of the Bible were eyewitnesses. They saw the miracles take place and wrote the details about them (John 20:30-31). For example, Moses saw the miracle at the Red Sea and wrote about it. John saw Jesus feeding the crowd and walking on water and wrote about these events.

B. There were often many other people who saw these miracles too or heard about them from others. If someone were writing things that weren't true, people would have known the writer was making stuff up and no one would have believed his writing. Also, if they knew the writer to be a liar, they wouldn't have believed him either. But the Bible writings were accepted as true by people who lived in that time.

C. Sometimes, the writer didn't see the miracle but God or another person told him about it. For example, God told Moses, the writer of Numbers, about the talking donkey.

D. Whether the writers saw the miracle or not, the Holy Spirit told the writers of the Bible exactly what to write (2 Timothy 3:16).

STEP 3: Share these key concepts:

A. The Bible tells us about some unusual events (happenings) that seem hard to believe.

B. God does not lie and He has told us that EVERYTHING written in the Bible is true.

C. God is perfect and He has made sure that His Word is perfect. The men who first wrote the Bible made no errors.