



God Preserves His Word

Lesson Summary

Last week we looked at the ways that God's Word changes us and how we can use his Word to help others. His Word truly is sweeter than honey and more precious than gold!

This week's lesson looked at the importance of the Old Testament—the part of the Bible written before Jesus' birth—and how God has preserved his Word. The Old Testament includes 4,000 years of history—and God wants us to know and believe all of it.

The Old Testament is what Jesus himself studied and taught from. Indeed, Jesus placed such a high value on the inspired Word of God that even he—the very Son of God, the Messiah—willingly submitted himself to its authority while on earth. He relied on it to resist the temptations of Satan (Matthew 4), and he read from it when he taught in the synagogues. In fact, he was reading from the Old Testament book of Isaiah when he proclaimed that he was the Messiah who fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy (Luke 4:16–21).

Even after he rose from the dead, Jesus continued to teach his disciples the truth from the Scriptures. He showed how these Scriptures, beginning at the writings of Moses and all through the Prophets and Psalms, spoke of him (Luke 24:13–27). His trust in the Old Testament can give us the same trust and confidence in this very

- Isaiah 53:3–11
 - Isaiah 61:1–2
 - Jeremiah 23:5–6
 - Micah 5:2
4. How do passages like these give us confidence in the reliability of the Old Testament?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Prayer

Thank God for his precious Word. Thank him that we can trust it from beginning to end. Ask God to increase your trust in his Word and to equip you to share it with others.

Family Prayer Requests: