



God's Word Is Our Foundation

Lesson Summary

The Bible is the starting point from which we discern truth and make decisions. We need to learn to use it to guide our every thought. Psalm 19 tells us that God's Word is perfect, sure, right, pure, true, righteous, more to be desired than gold, and sweeter than honey. It is like no other book ever written!

God's Word can also change us. It changes our soul; it makes us wise; it brings joy to the heart; and it allows us to see more clearly—like a light shining in the darkness.

We might think we know all the answers, but we don't know anything compared to God. God is the only one who is omniscient—he knows everything! But he has left us with a guidebook—the Bible—the very Word of God. If we refuse to use his Word to guide us, we will never see things clearly. We need to look at all of life through biblical glasses, using the Bible as our foundation in everything.

First and foremost, God's Word reveals who he is and what he has done for us in sending his Son Jesus as Savior. The Bible exhibits God's plan throughout history to save a people for himself.

God's Word is also a guide—helping us make wise choices that will honor God and glorify him. His Word will help us to determine what is true and what is not as we hear and learn things. This is very important because most people do not stand on the authority of the Bible. We need to know what it says so we know who is telling the truth and who is not. Wearing our biblical glasses is vitally important. It takes commitment to read the Word in order to know what it says.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Psalm 19:7–11

1. How did the psalmist view God's Word? What are some of the adjectives he used to describe it?
2. What are the Scriptures good for? What are some ways that they can change us?
3. Share a specific example with your family of a time when God's Word made you wise or enlightened your eyes.

2 Peter 1:20–21; 2 Timothy 3:16

4. According to these verses, how was the Bible written? Who is its author?

5. What was the role of God and what was the role of the human authors in writing the Bible?

6. Look up the following passages and note the synonym used for the Bible.

- 1 Peter 2:2
- Hebrews 4:12
- Colossians 3:16
- James 1:18
- 2 Timothy 3:15
- Daniel 10:21
- Isaiah 34:16
- Nehemiah 8:3
- Isaiah 30:9
- Ephesians 6:17
- Romans 3:2

7. What do these verses tell us about God's Word? Why can we trust it?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

Psalm 119:89–90 Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Prayer

Take time to thank God for his Word. Ask him to accomplish his will in and through you as you submit to his Word and seek to obey him in everything.

Family Prayer Requests: