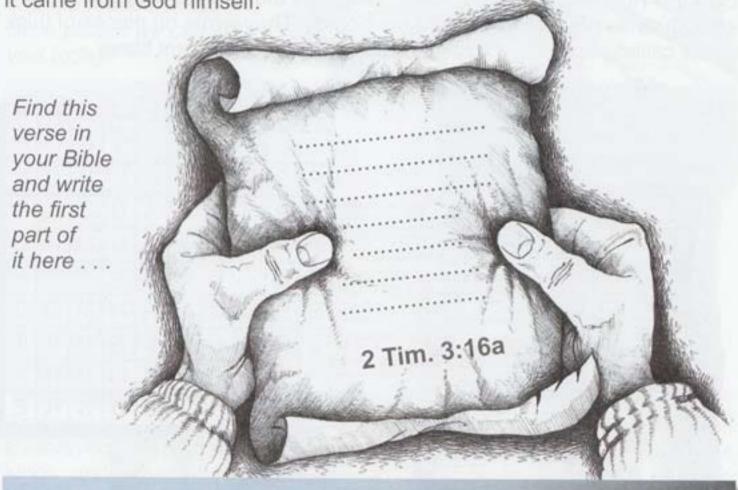
Message from Heaven

Many years ago God sent a message to all the people who live on earth. It's a very important message which he wants the whole world to read! He didn't send it all at once. Instead he used over forty people who lived in different periods of time to write separate parts of it. Hundreds of years later all the parts were put together to make one great big book.

Today we call it the Bible (or Holy Scripture) and it is the most important book you will ever read! In 2 Timothy 3:16 we are told that every word of it came from God himself.



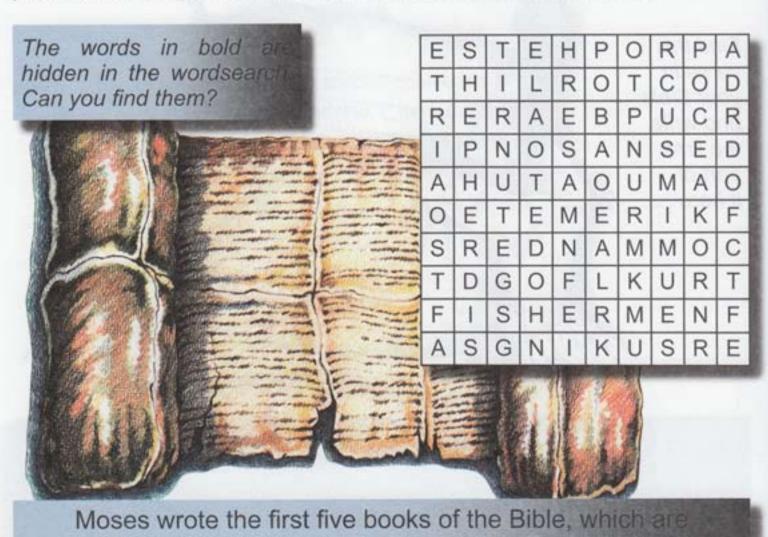
Why is the Bible different from all other writings?

The Bible is God's message to the world but it is also God's account of the world's history. That's why it's an amazing book!

Bible Writers

Nearly all of the Bible writers were Jewish. While they were writing they lived in various places and did very different jobs. There was a **shepherd**, a **farmer**, an army **commander**, a king's **cup-bearer**, a **doctor**, a tax-collector, a **tentmaker**, and several **fishermen**, as well as some **prophets**, **kings**, and more!

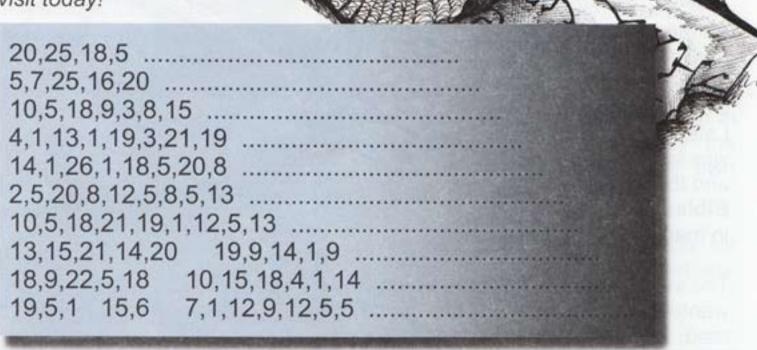
Their writings all agree, even though sometimes they were written hundreds of years apart. That is because each man wrote only the words that God the Holy Spirit wanted him to write. In those days they didn't have smooth white pages like those in our books. They wrote on pieces of thick paper called papyrus, which was made from pressed plant fibres.



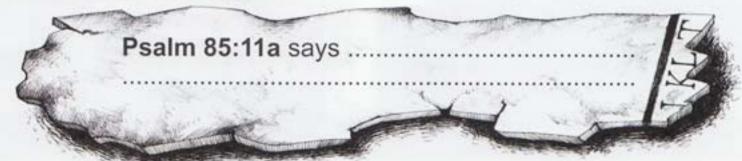
Real Places

The Bible is full of true stories about real people and the things they did. Its towns, villages, rivers and mountains are all real places (although some names have changed since Bible times.)

If 1=A, 2=B, 3=C etc . . . find the names of ten Bible places we can still visit today!



Archaeologists are people who dig up the sites of ancient towns and cities. Everything that archaeologists have discovered about life-styles, customs, kings, and battles agrees with what the Bible records. Nothing has ever been found which disagrees!





Word Wise

Volume One

God's Amazing Book

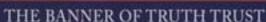
Many children have heard the stories of Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Daniel etc. but are still unaware of the chronology of the Bible, or the important part each character played in God's big plan for mankind. Using wordsearches, jumbled sentences, number codes, and crosswords, these pages provide a journey through the Bible to help children see the 'big picture'.

While some reference has been made to every book of the Bible the emphasis on Genesis and the Gospels has been intentional since God's Book is essentially a presentation of man's need and God's abundant answer through the person and work of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible is also God's account of human history from the very beginning of time. Giving children a biblical worldview is foundational to developing their concept of an omnipotent God. They need to discover early that the answers to life's most profound questions are to be found in God's Amazing Book!

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