

What is the Bible?



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

~ 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ~

The Bible is a book, but it is also much more than just a book.

Firstly, unlike most books we might read which are just one book, the Bible is actually a collection of 66 different books. These books are written in several different styles, by several different people and over a long, long period of time.

Some of the books in the Bible are historical stories. Some of the books in the Bible are letters written to other people to encourage them in their faith. Some of the books are collections of poems and wise sayings.

Even though the Bible is a collection of lots of different books, written by lots of different people over a long period of time, the Bible still has one big story that goes through, from the very start to the end of the Bible. This big story is that God wants everyone everywhere to be part of his forever family and how he makes it happen!

That is the greatest story ever told.

And even better it is a true story. God really does want everyone everywhere to be part of his forever family, and he has done everything to make it possible!

But even more than telling us the best story ever, the Bible is a God speaking to us.

All of the Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament, is God's words to us. And the more we read and listen to the Bible, the more we know what God is saying to us.

I think that is really amazing! That the God who made the whole universe and sustains it, talks to us through his word the Bible!

Some questions to think about:

1. How would you describe the Bible?
2. In what ways is the Bible different from any other book that you might read?
3. What is the big story that the Bible tells? What do you think about this true story?
4. How do you feel knowing that God who made and sustains the universe talks to each of us through the Bible?

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you so much for the Bible. Thank that you want to communicate with us. And thank you that you want everyone everywhere to be part of your forever family, and you have made it possible. Help me to be someone who reads your word the Bible and listens to what you are teaching us.

Amen.