



## The Miracle of God's Word

2 Timothy 3: 14-15

### *Items Needed*

- ✓ Bible with marked scripture
- ✓ Crayons/Markers/Pencils
- ✓ Copy of Photo Illustration
- ✓ Copies of coloring sheet
- ✓ Copies of take home overview



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### Objective of Lesson

The objective of today's lesson is to draw our attention to the miracle and sweet gift that is the word of God, our Bible. There has never been and never will be a book that tells us what this book tells us. It not only teaches us invisible and mysterious things, but it tells us things we would have never known had God not chosen holy men of old to write as these words were breathed upon them by God Himself. Without this book we would never have known the truth about who we are and who God is and how our Lord Jesus saved us from eternal death and punishment.

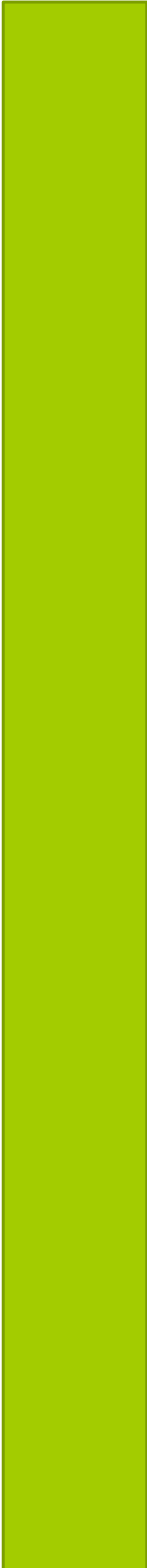
### Scripture Reference

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### Lesson Instructions

1. How many of you have a favorite book? Can some of you name your favorite books for me? (Have the children call out some names of books) What are



some of these books about? I am going to hold up a picture of one of the most famous libraries in the world. You all know what a library is. It is a place that keeps books. This is the largest library in the world. It holds thousands and thousands of books that men have written over the years. These books are FULL of information! They tell stories and instruct us how to do math and how to build airplanes - all sorts of things. (Hold up picture of the Library of Congress) Someone has written a book on everything you can imagine. This Library is called the Library of Congress, and if you put the shelves of these books end to end it would stretch for 530 miles. If you got in a car at one end of those shelves and drove to the other end it would take you over six hours to get to the end of it, and that is driving fast. It would take you DAYS to walk to the end of it - it holds 29 million books! It has so many books it takes three buildings this size to hold them all. (Hold up the photo) Wow! That is pretty amazing, right? What are some of these books about? Cars, money, health, weather, law etc... you name it, and if you can see it with these eyes, it has been written about!

2. Let me ask you this! How many of those books are about invisible things - things you can't see with your eyes? None of them are. Why? It is because men can't write about things they can't see. Men only write about what they know or can guess about, but there IS a book we have that is about invisible things. It was not written by man, and it is about all things spiritual. It tells us about the world to come. It tells us what will happen after we leave this earth. We are only passing through this world. We are only on this earth for a very short time; after this our spirits live on. That is what this book is about. It is ALL about things we can't see with our eyes. What book is this you ask? Our Bible.
3. Did you know that there has never been a book like this ever in history? Why? It is because THIS book was not written by men. THIS book was written by God. How do we know this? It is because there are things explained and revealed in here that men had no way of knowing about -

invisible things! It is about things that we can't see with our eyes - spiritual things! It is about things we would have never known about had it not been written here for us. Where were you when God created the world? You weren't alive then. Was anybody alive then? No, but yet this book tells us how the world was formed and how men and women were created and how animals were created. How can that be? The only one who was there at the creation of the world was God! AH HA! That is right! Men couldn't write about that because they were not there, but here it is in the very beginning of this book. There are thousands of things like that in this book that men had no way of knowing about. There are mysteries that have been secret for thousands of years, but God had holy men of old - men He chose - to sit down and He breathed upon them and told them all these mysterious things and told them how all these things came to be. That is where our Bible comes from.

4. The Bible tells us *2 Peter 1:21 - King James Version (KJV) 21 For the prophecy* (talking about this Bible we hold in our hands) *came not in old time by the will of man:* - What does that mean? What does "the will of man" mean here? That means men didn't make this up. It didn't come out of men's head like these books did. (Hold up the library pictures) It didn't come from our own experiences and what we have learned on this earth...
5. Well, where did it come from then?... *but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.* - Holy men are men God chose - men He hand-picked, and He revealed these things to, and MOVED them to write. "Moved" means He "carried them along". If I picked you up and carried you where I wanted you to go, then you would know where I wanted you to go, right? (If you are able, pick up a child and carry them to the other side of the room.) I moved you. I carried you along. I showed you where to go. That is what God did with THESE men. He moved them to write these things down. They wrote how the world was created even though they weren't there. They wrote the name of the very first man and woman even though they weren't

there! They wrote that the world was a ball of dust and dirt just hanging in space LONG before anybody on earth knew and could see that was true with their own eyes. (Isaiah 40: 22 says the earth is a sphere. For years and years people thought it was flat. All they had to do was read the Bible. Job 26: 7 says the earth is suspended by nothing but the power of God. It is suspended by nothing - just hanging out there in space. Job 26: 8 speaks of evaporation. Genesis 15: 5 says the stars are innumerable. 2 Samuel 22: 16 says there are mountains and canyons in the oceans. Psalm 8:8 speaks of watery paths or the currents of the sea. Genesis 1: 21 says that all living things reproduce after their own kind. Leviticus 12-14 stresses the necessity of proper sanitation to avoid the spreading of disease.)

6. How did they know these things? GOD moved them and inspired them. "Inspired" means He breathed on them the words to write and they wrote them down. He breathed (Hold out your hand and blow on it) on them the words to write. This book is a miracle! We know this Bible was written by forty different men. They were all types of men: some were Shepherds; some were farmers; some were tent-makers; (they made tents for a living) one was a physician or a medical doctor; some were fishermen; one was a tax collector; some were philosophers; some were priests; some were kings; some were herdsman.
7. This book took one thousand six hundred years to write. Most of the men God chose to pen these scriptures NEVER knew one another. The beginning books of the Bible were written one thousand five hundred years before our Lord Jesus Christ, our savior, was ever born. How did these men know our Lord was going to be born and what He was coming to this earth to do? That is the miracle. GOD inspired them. He breathed on them the words to write. (Open your Bible to Job and sit it in front of a child) Let's pretend now you are all alone out in the field, and you are making your living tending sheep. God moves you to write this book and breathes on you what to write. (Blow on his/her head). Now let's pretend you have lived your life, you have died, and

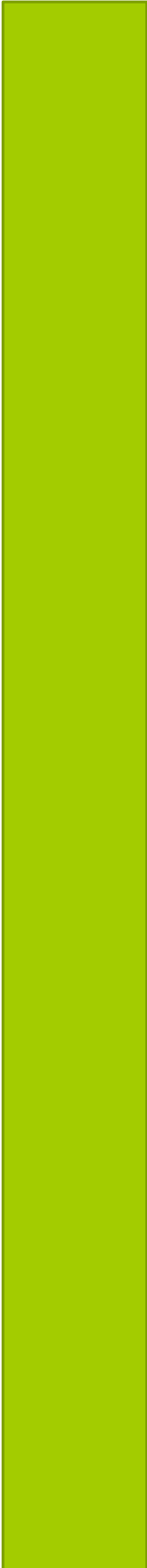
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8. Now let's pretend many years have passed. God chooses another man, in a totally different country, who speaks a totally different language, and this time he was a fisherman. (Point to another child) (Open your Bible to another book and set it in front of that child) You are making your living fishing. God moves you to write this book and breathes on you what to write. (Blow on his/her head) You didn't know this other man God chose. (Point to the other child) You didn't even know he had written anything down, but what you wrote talked about the same thing the other man wrote about? How can that be? Now let's pretend YOU have lived YOUR life and you have died and you have left behind this message God gave you that you wrote on a scroll. This happened over and over throughout a period of thousands of years. The Book of God was written in three different languages. It was written on three different continents: Africa, Asia, and Europe. One day the Lord caused a man to discover all of these writings. When he read them he couldn't believe his eyes! How did all these men, who didn't know each other, who spoke many different languages and lived in totally different times and in totally different countries all write about the same thing - Jesus Christ will save His people from their sins! Everything they said was in perfect agreement and fit together perfectly. It would be like each of you writing a line of music, you didn't know each other and you lived years apart, yet one day these clips of music were put together and fit perfectly and made the greatest song ever sung! That is amazing!
9. That is why our scriptures are a miracle! No other book in history tells us what this book tells us! It tells us things that men can't see with their eyes - things that only God could know and reveal to us. It tells us how men and women fell into sin and died, and how from the beginning God planned for His Son Jesus Christ to come to this earth to save His people from that horrible sin! The beginning books of the Bible all say, "Somebody is coming! Somebody is coming! Somebody is coming to save His people from their sins!" The

middle books of the Bible say, "Somebody came!" Jesus Christ came and He did everything the beginning books said He was going to do! Christ told us things that had been keep secret from the formation of the world -things we could never know aside from this Book! (Matthew 13: 35)

10. Everything these men of God had written down predicting what was going to happen: Who Christ was, who we are, what Christ was going to do and what He did... These things really happened!!! This is not a story book or even a book of history! It even predicted and told where Christ was going to be born and it all came true! Have you ever seen another book like this one? NO! Then the end of the Bible talks about Christ is coming back and all those whom Jesus Christ died will be taken to live with Him forever, because their sins have been paid for and they have been pardoned.
11. That brings us to our verse this morning. Can you read it for me? The Bible tells us *14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;* - that means: Continue in all the things that God reveals and teaches in this book (Hold up the Bible) and remember they didn't come from men. They came from God Himself, so you can be SURE they are true. *15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.* That means this.. I am teaching you the things stated in this book while you are still a child because no book can teach you what this book can. This book tells you what no other book can. You are not on this earth but a very short time. Don't you want to know what happens after we leave this earth and for the rest of time? This book does. It tells you how God saves sinful men and women through faith in His Son, Christ Jesus, and how He fulfilled everything God required in order to pay for our sin debt. What a miracle! What a gift! Amen.

## Lesson Activities]

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- Coloring Sheet
  - Demonstration



## Take Home Lesson Overview



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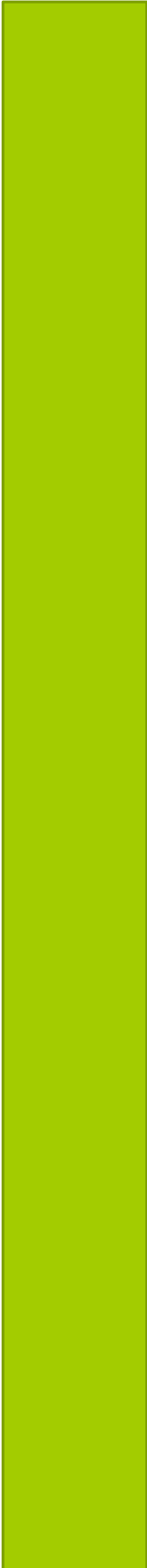
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