



PELITAKU

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The Doctrine of the Bible



Dear beloved teachers and parents,

“PELITAKU” is a quiet time material for children. Through “PELITAKU” children are encouraged to have daily routine of quiet time. For a month children will study and meditate on the word of God, on one specific theme comprehensively, and apply them to their daily life.

As the teacher and parent, you can guide and accompany your child during the quiet time while discussing the theme for that day. There is a space for you to provide your signature as an indication that you have accompanied your child during the quiet time.

Regards,
Editorial Team



Set your routine QUIET TIME



Prepare your Bible, pencil, and PELITAKU



Find a QUIET PLACE



Read the BIBLE passage and complete your Quiet Time for today



MEDITATE upon what you have read



Pray that the LORD leads you

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The Bible is a Special Revelation

Psalm 19:1-9

Do we know how the Lord reveals Himself? The Lord reveals Himself through general revelation and special revelation.

General revelation is given to all people through conscience, the universe, and world history. When we see the beauty of nature, we are amazed. We understand that no one but the Lord could have created something so beautiful. Everyone will acknowledge that the Lord exists when they look at this beautiful world.

Special revelation is given only to those who believe in Lord Jesus. It is given in a special way. Special revelation comes through Jesus Christ, who has saved man, and through the Bible. In the Bible, the Lord reveals Himself, so that people can know Him. Let us be grateful for the special revelation that the Lord has given us.

To Seek Deeper:

Why is general revelation given to all people?

Answer:

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because I have believed in You and have been given special revelation. Sometimes I have doubts, so please help me to always trust in You. Help me to truly appreciate the special revelation the Lord has given, that is Christ and the Bible. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Read and memorize Matthew 5:45

Yesterday we reflected on how the Bible is a special revelation. Also, the Bible is the written form of a special revelation. Why does it need to be written or to be in written form? Because if it had only been spoken and not written, many mistakes can happen. Have you ever made mistakes when sharing or receiving a message? The result can be fatal right? So what the Lord wants to say must be written down to avoid any mistakes.

After man fell into sin, the Bible is the word of God that shows us what the Lord has done to save us from sin and to bring man back to the Lord. The Lord wants to share everything about Himself that humans need to and must know. The Lord reveals His will and what He hates, which is sin, and it is all written in the Bible. Let us thank the Lord for revealing Himself in the Bible, which can never be lost or disappear.

To Seek Deeper:

What does the Lord reveal about Himself in the Bible?

Answer:



To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because all of Your words are written in the Bible. Thank you because You have revealed Yourself through the Bible, so that I can know the Lord. Help me to want to know the Lord more and more through the Bible. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Imagine, what would happen if the Bible had never been written? Write down at least 2 answers.

The Bible Can Be Trusted

Exodus 14:1, Deuteronomy 12:32

The Bible is authoritative, sufficient, can never be inaccurate, and cannot be wrong. The Bible is authoritative. This means the Bible is the highest authority for human life. It tells us perfectly what is right and what is wrong.

The Bible is sufficient. This means the Bible is complete in revealing the Lord's will, exactly as the Lord wants it known to man. Nothing needs to be added or taken away. The Bible can never be inaccurate. This means the Bible can never lead people astray through its teachings.

The Bible cannot be wrong, because the Bible is given by the Lord. Although people wrote the Bible, they wrote it under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Because the Bible is authoritative, sufficient, can never be inaccurate, and cannot be wrong, we can be sure that the Bible is the word of God. It is not a book written by human will. Notice that the Bible often says "the Lord said." Let us hold on ever more tightly to the Bible that guides our lives.

To Seek Deeper:

Why does the Bible have the four qualities above?

Answer:

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because the Bible I read is authoritative, sufficient, can never be inaccurate, and cannot be wrong. Help me to always believe that the Bible is the word of God for my whole life. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Find another verse, other than Exodus 14:1 and Deuteronomy 12:32, that says "the Lord said" or something similar.

Canonization of the Bible

2 Timothy 3:15

The Bible consists of 66 books, all brought together into one book. This process of collection is called the Canonization of the Bible.

The Old Testament has 39 books. They are divided into the Books of the Law, the Historical Books, the Poetic Books, the Major Prophets, and the Minor Prophets: 5 Books of the Law: the Book of Genesis to Deuteronomy, 12 Historical Books: the Book of Joshua to Esther, 5 Books of Poetry: the Book of Job to Song of Solomon, 5 Major Prophets: the Book of Isaiah to Daniel, 12 Minor Prophets: the Book of Hosea to Malachi.

The New Testament has 27 books: the four Gospels from Matthew to John, the Historical Book which is Acts, the Letters from Romans to Jude, and finally the Book of Revelation.

We are grateful because the writing and sequencing of the Bible was given by the Lord in a very orderly and beautiful manner. We are grateful because through all of this, we are guided to know Jesus Christ who saves man from sin.

To Seek Deeper:

Why is there a Canonization of the Bible?

Answer:

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because the Bible has been put together in an orderly way. Help me to be more diligent in studying and understanding the Bible, because the Lord has given the Bible to Christians, to me. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Write down the books of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, for example, list the Books of the Law, and continue with the other books.

The Bible has two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament prophesied about and prepared the Lord's people for the coming of Lord Jesus to this world. The New Testament tells about Jesus's life in this world, the disciples of Lord Jesus, and the early church.

The Old Testament has 39 books, from Genesis to Malachi. It was written in Hebrew and tells us much about the Lord's relationship with the people of Israel. The Old Testament was written before Jesus Christ was born.

The New Testament has 27 books, from Matthew to Revelation. It was written in Greek after Jesus Christ was born. It tells about the birth, life, and ministry of Lord Jesus in this world, as well as His death and resurrection. The New Testament also tells the story of the early church, along with the guidance and correction given to them.

The Old and New Testaments cannot be separated. The essence of both is the Lord's love for sinful people. As Christians, let us keep learning to know our Holy Scripture, the Bible, and make the Bible our guide for life in this world. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

To Seek Deeper:

Why must we make the Bible our guide?

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**To Pray:**

Father in Heaven, thank you for the Old and New Testaments that You have given to Christians, to me. Help me to always make the Bible my guide in life. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.

**To Do:**

Memorize Psalm 119:105

The Bible, from the Old Testament to the New Testament, was written by more than 40 people for a duration of about 1,500 years. The writers of the Bible came from different times, peoples, and backgrounds. For example, Joshua was a military commander, Daniel was very intellectual and became a prime minister, Nehemiah was a cupbearer, Peter was a fisherman, Solomon and David were kings.

They also wrote in different places. Moses wrote in the desert, Paul wrote in prison, John wrote on the island of Patmos where he had been exiled, and Solomon wrote in his palace. They also wrote in different languages: the Old Testament in Hebrew and the New Testament in Greek.

Although there are many differences among its writers, the Bible is one united whole and cannot be separated. From beginning to end, the heart of the Bible's story is Jesus Christ who saves people. All these differences come together as one story that fits perfectly together: the story of God's love for sinful people, so great that He was willing to send Jesus Christ into the world.

To Seek Deeper:

Why is the Bible a united whole, even though it was written at different times, in different places and by different people?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you for the writers of the Bible whom You have chosen and given the wisdom, so that they could write the Bible that I read today. Help me to always be grateful for the Bible that You have given to Christians, to me. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Find out when the books of Joshua, Jeremiah, Matthew, and Revelation were written.

How to Read the Bible?

Psalm 119:97

Even though the Bible is a book, it is not the same as other books. The Bible is special because it is the word of God. Of course, we should not read it carelessly or with a disrespect, because we are coming before the word of God.

Before reading the Bible, we must first pray, because our minds are very limited. We pray and ask the Lord to give us wisdom to understand the Bible. When we read the Bible, we must not read it carelessly. We must reflect carefully about what the Lord wants to teach us through the verses we read.

After reading the Bible, we pray again. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to read the Bible. We also ask the Lord to help us act on what the Bible teaches. The Bible is not just for reading and reflection. It must also be acted upon. And often we fail to act on it, so we need to ask the Lord's help.

We have been given grace to own and read the Bible. Let us not waste this grace. Let us read the Bible with the right heart and manner, so that we keep growing in the Lord.

To Seek Deeper:

What are some disrespectful attitudes when reading the Bible?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because I have the Bible and I can read it freely. Help me to treasure and respect Your word. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

What is your attitude like when reading the Bible so far? If your attitude has not been respectful, starting today let us read the Bible with respect to the word of God.

The Bible is the only real truth for man. Everything in the Bible is true and real. Many areas of knowledge have been produced, but few can stand the test of time. Only the word of God keeps standing, even after thousands of years. The Bible leads us to live according to the Lord's example. The Bible changes people from the very worst to the very best. So we must be diligent and faithful in reading the Bible.

We do not need to worry if we cannot understand what we read in the Bible. That is normal. What is not normal is to feel that we understand the Bible and become arrogant. The Bible must be read with humility and an awareness that we cannot understand it without the help of the Lord and the Holy Spirit. Let us read the Bible with humility and ask the Lord and the Holy Spirit to help us understand and act on it.

To Seek Deeper:

What does it look like to read the Bible with humility?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because I have the Bible, the only eternal truth in this world. Help me to be faithful in reading the Bible and to have the humility in understanding it, not merely pretending to understand. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

What is your attitude when reading the Bible so far? Have you been humble or arrogant? If you have been arrogant, pray right away and ask the Lord for forgiveness.

Let's think, what would you like to do every day? What would you not like to do every day? Is reading the Bible every day something you want to do, or something you do not want to do? The most important thing for someone who believes in Lord Jesus is to keep a close relationship with the Lord. To know the Lord who loves us, more and more. And the Lord has given us the Bible so we can know Him better.

Reading the Bible every day, or having quiet time every day, is not just an activity of reading the Bible and answering questions in a devotional book. It is an opportunity for us to relate with the Lord. We come before the Lord's presence to know and obey Him. It is a grace when we can know the Lord, because it is the Lord who opens Himself up so we can know Him. Let us be more eager to have quiet time every day, because through it we can know more about the Lord who loves us.

To Seek Deeper:

What is the difference between reading the Bible every day and not reading it every day? What are the effects?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because You have given the Bible so that I can know You. Help me to want to know the Lord more through reading the Bible every day. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

How do you feel about having to read the Bible every day? Starting now, let us have a heart that wants to know the Lord more through reading the Bible.

Have you ever seen a wilted plant? Plants usually wilt because they do not have enough water. The Psalmist in Psalm 1 wrote that those who meditate on the word of God are like a tree planted by streams of water. They will grow well and bear fruit. In the same way, those who meditate on the word of God will succeed in all they do. "Success" here does not mean succeeding according to what we want, but "success" according to the Lord's will and for His glory.

Psalm 1 also teaches us what should truly make us blessed. Are they luxurious and beautiful things? Or going on vacation? Psalm 1 teaches us that a truly blessed person is the one who loves the Lord's law and meditates on it day and night. This is true blessedness, because everything in this world that we think will bless us, will be gone. Let us seek true blessedness by meditating on the word of God, not from things in this world that do not last.

To Seek Deeper:
What makes you blessed? What should make you blessed?

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 **To Pray:**
Father in Heaven, thank you for what the word of God teaches about blessedness. Help me to seek for true blessedness. Help me to love Your word. Help me to love the Bible and read it. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.

 **To Do:**
Read 1 Peter 1:24-25

Remembering God's Word

2 Timothy 3:15

Is there something you always remember and cannot forget? Is there something you forgot until someone reminded you? You can ask your mother, father, or sibling about this. Usually we remember something over and over when we really like it or really want it, because it matters to us.

Do you know that there is something important we must always remember: the word of God? When we read the Bible, let us ask the Lord to keep reminding us of what we have read. The easiest way to keep remembering is to do it. Remember and do what the word of God says! Let us have a heart that wants to keep remembering and doing the word of God.

To Seek Deeper:

Why must we keep remembering the word of God?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you that I have many opportunities to read and hear Your word. Help me to remember the word of God that I hear and read, and to do it in my life. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Write down 2 Timothy 3:15 on a piece of paper. You can decorate it and hang it or put it somewhere you see often.

When we have read the Bible, meditated on it, and with the help of the Holy Spirit even understood and memorized it, is that the end? Do we not need to do anything more? Do we only need to remember it? Of course not. We must meditate on and remember the word of God, but we must also do it. Because our life as Christians must be a witness to others, a life that must glorify the name of the Lord. If we do not act on the word of God, how can our life glorify the Lord and be a witness to others?

In the Bible, we see many examples of people who lived in the Word and follow the Word, and how their lives became beautiful testimonies. For example, Paul went from persecuting Christians to becoming a true follower of the Lord. Of course, carrying out the word is not easy. There will be many temptations not to do it. But just as we ask the Lord to help us understand the word, we must also ask the Lord to help us act on the word. And with strength from the Lord we will be able to do it, even with many temptations. Let us carry out the word of God with help from the Lord.

To Seek Deeper:

Why is it not enough to only read and meditate on the word of God?

Answer:



To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because You will always help me to carry out the word of God. Help me to be determined to carry out the word in my life, with the Lord's help alone. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Think about which part of doing the word of God that you still keep failing at. Pray and ask the Lord to help you do it. Starting now, do it right away with the Lord's help.

If we have already read, meditated on, and understood the word of God, why do we also need to memorize it? Maybe we think that we already have many things to memorize at school. Do we really need to memorize Bible verses on top of that? What is the benefit of memorizing Bible verses? The human brain is limited in remembering. By memorizing, it helps us to remember. We can keep remembering the word of God because we have memorized it, and we will always have something to hold on to no matter what we face. For example, when we are lazy, we can remember Proverbs 6:9-11, which says, "How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man."

And when we are worried, we can remember Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Let us learn to memorize Bible verses with joy.

To Seek Deeper:

Why is the Bible our guide for life, that we should memorize?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because the Bible gives me so many wonderful teachings. The Bible can comfort me and give me strength when I am sad and worried. Help me to diligently memorize Bible verses. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Recite one Bible verse that you have memorized.

When we read the Bible, there may be many things we do not understand. The word of God will never be wrong, but man might just interpret it wrongly. To "interpret" means the act of explaining something that is not quite clear. So how do we prevent ourselves from interpreting wrongly when we read the Bible?

We must study the Bible diligently and closely. We cannot pick and choose any verse, and then give it whatever meaning we like. We need to find out what is the context or purpose of those Bible verses when they were written. We can find out the context from the verses before them or from their titles; we can also study the history and culture of the time when the verse was written. And surely, we must pray for the help of the Lord and the Holy Spirit so that we can understand the Bible that we read.

At times there are verses which have no explanation because they were really not explained by the Bible. If so, we must obey and must not recklessly find the answer or interpret it however we like. Let us learn to understand the Bible according to what the Lord and the Holy Spirit teaches us.

To Seek Deeper:

If something is not explained in the Bible, what should be our attitude?

Answer:



To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because You and the Holy Spirit will help me understand the Bible. Please help me when I do not understand what I read in the Bible. Help me to only seek Your and the Holy Spirit's help alone. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Is there a Bible verse that you do not understand? You could ask someone who understands the Bible, such as your Sunday School teacher, pastor or parents.

The Bible and Sin

Romans 3:23

The Bible tells us that every person is a sinner. Even from birth, we are sinners. But wait, a newborn baby cannot do anything yet and cannot speak. How can a newborn baby be a sinner? This is because we all carry Adam and Eve's sin, including a baby who is newly born. They also carry Adam and Eve's sin.

The Bible does not just tell us that everyone has sinned. But also that our sin has been redeemed by Lord Jesus. The Bible also teaches us how to avoid sin in our life. The Bible helps us return to the Lord when we sin. Are we still living in sin? Do we still sin often? Do we still lie, cheat, hate our friends, envy and do many other sins? Let us return to the Lord so that we can leave sin behind in our life and diligently read the Bible, so that we know how to avoid sin and not do it anymore.

To Seek Deeper:

Why can the Bible help us not to sin?

Answer:



To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because the Bible has taught me about sin. Help me to be grateful for what the Bible teaches me. Help me not to sin anymore. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Read Psalm 119:9

The Bible teaches us that the Lord is holy and that even though the Lord Jesus became man, he still did not sin and never committed sin. Lord Jesus is the only man who did not sin. He is a Holy God and a Holy Man.

The Bible also teaches us to live a holy life because our Lord is holy; a Lord who hates sin. A holy life is the calling of everyone who believes in Lord Jesus. A holy life means a life that is separate from sin, a life sanctified by the Holy Spirit and the word of God.

When we accept Lord Jesus as Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts and works in sanctifying us throughout our lives. The Bible is also given to us as our guide to a holy life. Let us be disciplined in reading the Bible, so that we may continue to live a holy life.

To Seek Deeper:

How can the Bible guide us to live a holy life?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because you have given the Holy Spirit and the Bible to guide me to live a holy life. Please help me to live a holy life and to stay away from sin. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Is there a sin that you keep doing over and over? Name one. From now on, do not do that sin anymore, okay? And pray to the Lord to help you not to do that sin anymore.

Horrible Stories

2 Timothy 2:7

Have you ever read horrible stories in the Bible? I am sure you have. Isn't the Bible the word of God? Shouldn't it only contain good stories? Why are there horrible stories in the Bible?

Although the Bible is the word of God, remember that the Bible tells us about real people and events. And the Bible does not cover up the sins people committed. For example, the story of Saul's envy and a plot to kill David; or the stories of Joseph's brothers who sold him into slavery; or the story of Abraham lying about Sara not being his wife, for fear of being killed; or the story of David killing Uriah, and many other horrible stories.

Through the horrible stories in the Bible, the Lord wants to teach us the effects of sin and how scary those effects are. Horrible stories in the Bible become a lesson and a reminder for us to not sin like them. The Lord, in His wisdom and knowledge, has many ways of teaching us; one among them is through horrible stories in the Bible.

To Seek Deeper:

Give an example of a horrible story in the Bible other than the story of Saul, Joseph's brothers and Abraham.

Answer:



To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because you teach me in many ways, including through horrible stories in the Bible. Help me not to sin like them. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Think of what you can learn from the example of the horrible story that you gave above.

From Genesis chapter 1, we know that mankind is created by God. So, what is God's plan when He created this world and placed mankind in it? Have we ever thought to ourselves, why am I in this world? What should I do during my life in this world? Is it just for schooling, studying and playing? We can understand the Lord's plan only through His word, through the Bible that we read. We have to seek the answer to the question, "Why am I in this world?" only within the word of God, because the Lord reveals His plans in His word.

From the Bible verses we read today, we can understand why God created mankind and what His purpose is in creating mankind, which is for us to glorify God. The moment we love God, we will understand the purpose of our creation. And we will live to glorify God. Let us love and glorify the Lord in our lives.

To Seek Deeper:

Is there anyone alive in this world who is not here due to God's will?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you that I am in this world by your will. Help me to always remember why I am in this world. Help me live this life loving you and glorifying your name. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Read Psalm 8:3-4

The Bible and Creation

Genesis 1:1-31

The Bible begins with a story about Creation in the Book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible. Genesis chapters 1 and 2 narrate the creation of the world, the universe, plant life and animal life, as well as mankind.

There are many theories and much knowledge on the making of the world and the origin of mankind. But we must believe only in what the Bible teaches about Creation. Especially that we human beings are created by God in His image. And God has created all this through His Word. In the Bible verses we just read, the Bible records, "and God said." And it is also written God saw everything that He made, that, it was very good. Let us continue to have a heart that always wants to study the word of God, so that we can understand more and more everything there is and has been made in this world.

To Seek Deeper:

With what did the Lord create the world with all its contents, including mankind?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because You have created this world; You have created mankind, and You created me. Help me always to learn from the Bible about the Creation, and not from man's thinking. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Is it true that we are descendants of apes?

Archeology is the study of ancient cultures through the remains and objects that still exist today. The goal of archeology is to get accurate information about ancient life. Archeology also studies how people lived in ancient times.

Archeology has shown that what is written in the Bible is historical fact and really happened. For example, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah have been found by archeologists (people who study archeology). Archeology has also shown that many places and events in the Bible were real.

Through archeology, we learn that the Bible is not a made-up fairy tale, but a true story of things that really happened in this world. And we learn that the Bible is the word of God, and its contents are the truth from the Lord.

To Seek Deeper:

How does archeology show that the Bible is a true story?

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**To Pray:**

Father in Heaven, thank you that I can know the Bible is a true story and the Bible is the word of God. Help me to always understand and remember that the Bible is the word of God, and also to obey the word of God in my life. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.

**To Do:**

Think about it: if the Bible is the word of God, what does the Bible mean to you in your life?

As Christians, we live in a world where knowledge and technology are developing very fast. We must not oppose the growing knowledge and technology, but we also must not let that knowledge and technology control us.

All knowledge and technology should be made for the good of people, to help people. But often what happens is that knowledge and technology end up controlling and misleading people. For example, Darwin's theory stated that people are descended from apes. This is clearly very misleading, because we, people, were created by the Lord.

Do you spend hours every day on your phone, watching YouTube, TikTok or Instagram? If so, technology is controlling you. You are no longer in control of it. Do you spend more time on your phone or reading the Bible and learning useful things?

The Lord has given us the Bible as the source of all knowledge. Even before people discovered that the earth is round, the Bible had already written about it (See Job 26:7 and Isaiah 40:22). Let us use the Bible as our source of knowledge. Let us read the Bible diligently so our knowledge keeps growing.

To Seek Deeper:

Why do knowledge and technology exist in this world?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you for the knowledge and technology in this world. Please, Lord, give wisdom to scientists so they can create or teach things that are useful for people, not things that mislead people. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Think about it: how many hours a day do you spend on your phone, and how many hours a day do you read the Bible? If you spend more time on your phone than reading the Bible, pray and ask the Lord to help you read the Bible more diligently than using your phone.

A Lamp for My Feet

Psalm 119:105

Have you ever been in the dark? In darkness where there is no light at all, we cannot see anything right? We do not know what is around us. Darkness makes it hard for us to walk, and we might even fall. Darkness makes us unable to see the dangers around us.

As we live in this world, we are often in the darkness of sin. But the Lord gives us His word to be our light and lamp, a light that guides our lives.

Through the word of God, we live in the light. We can see where we are going, and we can see the danger of sin around us. When the word of God leads our lives, we are in the light of Christ, not in the darkness of sin. Hence, we become aware when we are about to sin. We no longer want to be in the darkness of sin when we are led by the word of God and the light of Christ. Let us always live in the light of Christ.

To Seek Deeper:
Why is the word of God a lamp and a light for our path?

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To Pray:
Father in Heaven, thank you for Your word that is a lamp for my steps. Help me not to live in the darkness of sin but in the light of Christ. Help me to always obey and be led by Your word. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:
Turn off the lights in the room where you are, and close all the windows or block any light that can come in. When everything is closed and you are in the dark, what do you feel?

Hundreds of years before Martin Luther's Reformation of the Church, there was a man named John Wycliffe who began to question the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church at that time. Wycliffe questioned the Church's claim over wealth because at that time the Pope demanded that Church property become his personal property. Wycliffe questioned the selling of indulgences and positions in the Church. Wycliffe also questioned the worship of saints, and there were many other things that John Wycliffe opposed.

John Wycliffe began teaching to the congregation what was true according to the Bible. He also translated the Bible from Latin into English so that more people could read it. Because of what he did, John Wycliffe was expelled from the Church. He then used his time to translate the Bible and teach people how to read. In those days, there were a lot of people who did not know how to read.

We are grateful that in the history of Christianity the Lord raised a man like John Wycliffe, so that the Bible could be understood and read by many people.

To Seek Deeper:

Why must we not worship saints, as John Wycliffe opposed?

Answer:

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**To Pray:**

Father in Heaven, thank you because John Wycliffe lived in this world and many people came to understand the Bible. Help me to study the Bible correctly. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.

**To Do:**

Find out which years John Wycliffe lived and how long he lived in this world.

After John Wycliffe, John Huss appeared. He was greatly influenced by Wycliffe's writings and taught those teachings to the congregation. Huss also wrote a great deal about his teachings, so the Archbishop issued an order to stop the spread of those writings and teachings. Huss also translated the Bible, because at that time the Bible was only in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, so not everyone could read it. Because of what he taught and because he translated the Bible, Huss's church membership was taken away, and he was excluded from the Church.

John Huss was invited to attend the Council of Constance and was promised good treatment by the emperor. But when Huss arrived, he was arrested, imprisoned, and put on trial. Huss remained firm in his beliefs, so they decided that Huss must be burned, and wood was piled up to his neck. Huss was ordered to oppose his teachings, but he refused. So they began to burn him. As the flames burned his body, Huss sang a hymn loudly and with great joy.

After he was burned, the bishops collected Huss's ashes and threw them into the river so that nothing would remain. But the memory of Huss and his teachings stayed strong in the hearts of

his supporters. Even after his death, Huss became a greater threat to the Roman Church than when he was alive. Besides John Wycliffe, the Lord also raised John Huss to reveal His truth.

To Seek Deeper:

Why was John Huss able to remain joyful and even praise the Lord even while being tortured by burning?

Answer:



To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because in the history of Christianity there was also John Huss. Help me to have faith like John Huss, faithful to the Lord even when tortured. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Find out which years John Huss lived, and compare how much time passed between John Huss and John Wycliffe.

When William Tyndale lived in Little Sodbury and saw how little spiritual knowledge the church leaders there had, this pushed Tyndale to make a better English Bible. But Tyndale did not get support from the bishop of London at the time, so Tyndale decided to continue his Bible translation in Germany.

In early 1525, Tyndale's New Testament translation was ready to be printed. While it was being printed, the authorities raided the printing house. Tyndale fled and kept improving his Bible translation. In 1530, Tyndale's translation from Genesis to Deuteronomy was published. Tyndale's New Testament was then smuggled into England. Tyndale's Bible translation had a great influence, so Tyndale became known as the "Father of the English Bible."

Tyndale then planned to translate the entire Old Testament, but in 1535 he was betrayed by a friend, arrested, strangled, and burned. Several years later, at the urging of Thomas Cranmer, King Henry VIII allowed the publication of an English Bible translation, that drew heavily from Tyndale's work. Even though William Tyndale had died, his work remained even to this day. From the time of John

Wycliffe, John Huss, and William Tyndale, the Lord kept working so that more and more people could read the Bible.

To Seek Deeper:

Why are the things that William Tyndale did still being remembered today, and considered part of Christian history?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because You also gave William Tyndale in the history of Christianity. Thank you that I can know about their struggle so that the Bible could be read by many people. Help me to treasure the Bible and read it diligently. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Find out when William Tyndale lived and how many years apart he was from John Wycliffe and John Huss. What can you learn from the difference in the years they lived?

Martin Luther was born on 10 November 1483 in a godly family. One day, Luther was almost struck by lightning. This incident made him afraid of dying. It pushed Luther to enter a monastery, even though his father opposed it. Luther continued to struggle with his faith, until he read Romans 1:17. He understood that humans are not justified by doing good things, but by God's grace.

Luther strongly opposed the rules of the Catholic Church at that time. Those rules were not in line with the Bible. He especially opposed the sale of letters of forgiveness of sins (Indulgences). This meant that if church members bought these letters, their sins would be forgiven. This teaching, of course, is not aligned with the Bible's teaching at all. Luther then wrote 95 theses and nailed them to the Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Because of what he did, Luther was expelled from the Roman Catholic Church and was considered a rebel.

Luther was ordered to take back all his teachings. But he refused, and he said a sentence that became history: "Here I stand, I cannot do anything else, God help me."

On 18 February 1546, Luther died. However, Luther's death did not put out

the fire and the reformation in all of Germany and the whole world until now.

To Seek Deeper:

Why is the sale of letters of forgiveness of sins not in line with the Bible?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because You have raised Martin Luther to do the Church Reformation, bringing the Church to the truth of the Bible. I pray for my church and the churches in the whole world so that they can be faithful to the truth of the Bible. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Memorize Romans 1:17

What did John Wycliffe, Jan Huss, William Tyndale, and Martin Luther fight for? One of the things they fought for was *Sola Scriptura*.

At that time, many people were illiterate, they could not read. Also, there were no printing machines as we have now. So, the Bible was copied by writing it down, one letter at a time. Because it was handwritten, the work took a long time, and the cost was very expensive. Besides that, since many people were illiterate, they could not read the Bible.

The Bible could not be read freely during that time. So, these men fought so that the Bible could be read and understood. *Sola Scriptura* means "only the Bible". This means that, as Christians, the Bible is what must have the power and become the guide for our lives. So, we must understand the Bible correctly.

But many Christians live a life that is far from what the Bible teaches. There are even churches that do not teach the truth of the Bible. The Bible must become our guide in life because the Bible is the Word of God. It is the Word given to us in writing.

Through the Bible, we learn to know God. We also learn to know ourselves. Let us return to the truth of the Bible. Only the Bible, *Sola Scriptura*, is the one and only guide in our lives as Christians.

To Seek Deeper:

Why is *Sola Scriptura* important?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because I have the Bible as the guide for my life. Help me to be able to live according to the Bible's teachings. Help me to understand *Sola Scriptura* correctly. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Write a short essay about *Sola Scriptura*.

Has it crossed our mind that the word of God is boring and restricts our freedom? Maybe we do not realize that all the teachings in the Bible are for the good of mankind. Imagine if we beat a red light. What if our car keeps driving even though the traffic light is red? What will happen? Our car will crash into another car, or another car will crash into us. An accident will happen. Then, other people or us will get hurt. We might even get hurt very badly.

God gives us His Word because God loves us. He does not want us to get hurt. Through the word of God, we know when to stop or when to be careful. This is so that we do not fall into sin. Through the word of God, we understand that God loves us, even though we are sinners.

Let us also love the word of God. The word of God was given to us because God loves us. God gives us His Word so that we can know Him. He wants us to be led by His Word to do His will in this world. This way, our lives will not be ruined because of sin. Instead, our lives will be led by the word of God.

To Seek Deeper:

How do you feel about the word of God?

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**To Pray:**

Father in Heaven, thank you because You have given the Bible, so that others and I will not get hurt while living in this world. Help me to love Your Word more and more. Help me to be diligent in reading the Bible. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.

**To Do:**

Have you ever felt bored and lazy to read the Bible? Pray to ask for forgiveness. Ask God to help you not to be lazy and bored anymore.

Growing in the Word
Romans 10:17

Look at plants, animals, and humans. All of them grow, right? A plant that was small at first grows to become tall. It grows leaves, flowers, or fruits. It is the same with animals. They grow from small to big.

Have you ever seen a newborn baby? They are very small and cannot do anything, right? Babies also keep growing and finally become big. Babies can grow because they are given milk and food every day.

It is the same for us as Christians. We must grow in faith. And one of our foods to grow spiritually is the word of God. If we are diligent in reading the Bible, we will keep growing in faith. Let us love the word of God. Let us grow in the word of God.

To Seek Deeper:
What does it mean to grow in faith?
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To Pray:
Father in Heaven, thank you because You gave the Bible for me to read so I can grow in my faith. Help me to want to grow in faith by reading the Bible diligently. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:
Draw a heart shape. Then, inside that heart, write "The word of God".

God used His Word to create humans and everything in this world. After the Bible was finished being written, God did not give any "additional" word of God to humans. The highest point of God showing His Word was when Christ was present in this world. Christ is the highest point of the Word being materialized.

When the Word, who is Jesus Christ, became human, God came to live among humans. The Lord Jesus is holy and without sin. Yet, He was willing to be with sinful humans in this world. All of this is because of His love. As a human, the Lord Jesus can understand all our difficulties. He is able to help us because He is also the Almighty God.

The Word becoming human is a comfort for us. When we are sad, disappointed, or afraid, remember that the Word has become human. He understands all our difficulties. Let us bring all our difficulties in prayer to Him.

To Seek Deeper:

What does it mean that the Word became human?

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**To Pray:**

Father in Heaven, thank you because the Lord Jesus became human to redeem my sins and others. Help me to always remember that the Lord Jesus is always with me. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.

**To Do:**

Do you have any difficulties right now? Tell your difficulties to Lord Jesus because Lord Jesus understands all our difficulties.

God wants His Word to be known by all nations. He does not want it to be known only by a certain group of people or nation. Because of this, the New Testament was no longer written in the Hebrew language. Instead, it was written in the Greek language.

At that time, Greek culture and Hellenism controlled almost the whole world. Hellenism means following the Greek culture, way of life and language. So, the Greek language was learned and used by many people.

Because of this, the New Testament Bible was written in the Greek language. This was so that as many people as possible could read it. It was also to teach the Jewish people not to be proud as God no longer used the Hebrew language (the language of the Jewish people) when the New Testament was written.

God wants all humans to know and understand His Word. Then, they should do what is written in His Word. Now, we can freely read the Bible. We are not stopped by language barriers (limitations). Let us keep learning to understand what the Bible teaches us.

To Seek Deeper:

What does it mean for the Jewish people when God no longer used the language of the Jewish people, which is the Hebrew language, to write the New Testament?

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To Pray:

Father in Heaven, thank you because I can know and understand more and more about the Bible. Thank You also because I can read the Bible in a language I understand. Help me not to waste this gift of Yours. In the name of Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.



To Do:

Draw the Bible and flags from different countries.