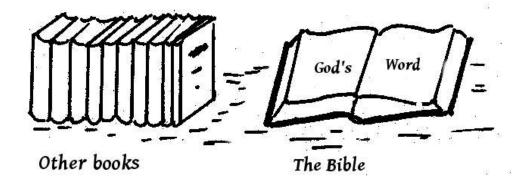
WEEK 8: THE BIBLE

DAY 1: THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD.

1. This week we will learn about the Bible. In these five lessons we will see what a wonderful book it is. We will see how it helps us to follow Jesus. Remember that we must study the Bible and pray to continue following Jesus.

What should we do with sin which keeps our prayers from being answered?

When we pray, what must we have for God to answer?
We must confess our sin to God. We must have faith when we pray. When we study the Bible, it will help us to have fellowship with Jesus. The Bible shows us what is right and what is wrong. It will make our faith grow stronger.
Today we will see that the Bible is God's word. This makes it different from all other books. Peter tells us how the Bible was written.
2 Peter 1:21 For prophecy never had its origin (beginning) in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried (moved) along by the Holy Spirit.
Who gave the teachings of the Bible to people?
We can say God or the Holy Spirit, because both are one. We see two things that happened when the Bible was given. God gave men the teachings and men wrote them down. That is why we say it is the Word of God. This is how we have the Word of God today.  What book is the Word of God?



4. The Bible is the Word of God. There are many, many books in the world. Many of them are good books, and can help us in our lives. But they are not the same as the Bible. They are not God's word.

How is the Bible different from other books?

- 5. The Bible is the Word of God. Other books are not the Word of God. But some people say that only parts of the Bible are the word of God. They say God gave only some of the teachings in it. Let us see what the Bible says about itself.
- 2 Timothy 3:16,17

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

From these verses how much of the Bible is God's word?



6. All of the Bible is God's word. It is breathed out by him. He gave his teaching to men and the men wrote it down. But some people still say that parts of the Bible were added by men. They say we do not need to believe these parts because they say these parts are not God's

word. When people say this, it is taking away some of God's word. Listen to what the Bible says about people who do this.

Take your Bible now and read Revelation 22:18,19. Who will
punish those who add or take away some of God's word?

- 7. God will punish those who add or take away from his word. Some young students are being spoiled by teachers who say, "We do not need to accept the Bible. Science has proved that it is not true. It is too old and does not speak to us today." Paul warned Timothy about such people.
- 1 Timothy 6:20,21

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith.

How is the Bible different from all other books?

8. The Bible is different because it is the Word of God. It is not the same as the knowledge of men. Paul says that much of the knowledge of men is false. Sometimes

the knowledge of men is false. Sometimes these men fight against the Word of God. They are against the Bible because they do not want to obey it. Because the Bible speaks against their sin, they try to destroy it.

Which is the Word of God - the Bible or other books written by men?



9. The Bible is the Word of God. But some people try to destroy the Bible. They are like a certain man from India. This man followed a religion which told him not to kill anything. He should not even kill a fly. One day he said to a teacher, "I never kill anything!"

The teacher asked him, "Do you not know that when you drink water you kill many little animals? There are many little animals which live in water, though you cannot see them." Then the teacher brought a microscope (machine which makes us see very, very small things). He put a drop of water on the slide in the microscope. Then he showed the man all the little animals in the water.

The man was very much surprised. But he did not change his thinking. Instead he quickly got a stone and smashed the microscope. That is how some people treat the Bible.

Why do some people say the Bible is not God's word?

10. They say this because they do not want to obey it. There was a young man who was taught that the Bible is not true. His teachers had mislead him. But one day he thought, "When I learn my lessons for science, I do exactly what the book says. When I fail in my lesson, I don't say the book is wrong, but I am wrong. What would happen if I took the Bible as my lesson book and did exactly what it says?"

He decided to try this. As he read the Bible, he saw he had sins. He confessed them to God as the Bible told him to do. Then he read how to find new life in Jesus. He received new life. Step by step the Holy Spirit led this young man through the Bible into a holy life. Later he became a great preacher. He learned that some people try to destroy the Bible because they do not want to obey it.

How is the Bible different from all other books?

11. The Bible is the Word of God. God speaks to us through it. He tells us what we should know and what we should do. This is what God told Joshua about his book.

## Joshua 1:8

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

What should we do with the Bible since it is the Word of God?

12. We should read it. We should obey it. We should be careful with it. We should love it. All of these answers are right. God speaks to us through the Bible. To grow in our Christian life, we must read, learn and think about it every day. We must listen to God speaking through his Word.

How is the Bible different from all other books?

13. The Bible is the Word of God. God breathed out his teachings to men. These men wrote them down. This was a very long time ago. Since then many people have been used by God to keep his book for us. For awhile the Bible was a secret book. Only the priests could read it. If other people had Bibles, they were punished. Sometimes they were killed for having Bibles. Even today in some countries, people are not allowed to have Bibles. We should thank God that we have Bibles and are free to read them.

Take time now to stop and pray. Thank God for giving his word to men. Thank him for the men who wrote down his Word. Thank him for the men who took care of the Bible over many years. Thank him that you have a Bible today.

14.	How is the Bible different from all other books?
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15.	For our memory verse this week we will learn 2 Timothy 2:15.
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	Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

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## DAY 2: IT TELLS ABOUT LIFE THROUGH CHRIST

1. This week we are learning many things about the Bible.

How is the Bible different from all other books?

2. It is the Word of God. God gave his word to men, and these men wrote it down. God wanted us to have his word. He wanted us to know how to obey him. We have learned that prayer is talking with God and listening to him. One way to listen is to read his word. God wants to tell us many things. The most important thing he wants to tell us is this: We can have life through Jesus. Sometimes this verse is called the heart of the Bible.

### John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Through what book does God tell us what he wants us to know?

3. God tells us the things he wants us to know through the Bible. They are important things. God wants to tell us how to receive life. He wants to tell us how to be saved. But we must read and study his word if we want to hear what God is saying. Some of the people to whom Paul preached, did not study God's word. But others studied carefully.

#### Acts 17:2.3

... Paul. . . reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said.

#### Acts 17:11

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great

eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

In the Bible God tells us how to receive life. Through whom do we receive this life?

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4. It is Jesus who gives life. In the past we were dead in sins. But we did not stay that way. God gives us life in Christ.

# Ephesians 2:4,5

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were

dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.

Dead in sin

What do we have in Christ?

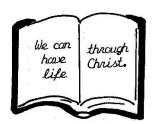
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5. God wants to show us that we can have life through Christ. God's word shows how Christ died for us. It shows us how to receive Christ. It shows us how to follow Christ. Satan tries hard to keep us on the wrong way. But if we listen to God we can go the right way. We will not take the wrong way which David wrote about.

## Psalm 119:104,105

I gain understanding from your precepts (words); therefore I hate every wrong path. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Where can we learn how to find life through Jesus?



6. We can learn this through the Bible. This is the most important thing God wants to tell us in the Bible: We can have life through Christ. When we live for Christ we want to follow him. We want to help other people follow him. We must teach them. That is what Paul told Timothy to do.

## 2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

(Remember this is your memory verse for this week.)

How can we know the way to life through Christ and teach it well to others?

7. We can do this by studying the Bible. The Bible is God's Word. It is all the things God wants to tell us.

What is one important thing God wants to tell us through the Bible?

8. The most important teaching is that we can have life through Christ. There are many, many teachings in the Bible. God tells us things which he wants us to know.

He tells us things we should do and things we should not do. But some people see only the ten commandments. They do not find life through Christ. The leaders of the Jews had that problem. Jesus told them they were wrong.

#### Matthew 22:29

Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God."

From this verse, why did the leaders of the Jews not find life through Christ?
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2 Corinthians 3:15,16  Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts.  But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.
What is the most important thing God wants to tell us through the Bible?
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2 Timothy 3:14,15  But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
From where did Timothy receive his teaching?
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11. He received it from the Scriptures (Word of God). Yesterday we saw from 2 Timothy that all of the Bible is inspired by God.

1 John 5:11,12  And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.
The Bible tells us many things. But what is the most important thing God wants to tell us through the Bible?
12. The most important teaching of the Bible is that we can receive life through Christ. The Bible also shows us how to continue following
Jesus. It shows us how to help others. It tells us what is wrong and what is right.
We must study the Bible to learn these things. We do not know how to follow Jesus unless we learn God's Word.
Do you study the Bible each day?
How much time do you spend studying the Bible each day?
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What is the most important thing God wants to tell us through the Bible?

Are you memorizing 2 Timothy 2:15?

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DAY 3: IT IS A LETTER OF LOVE

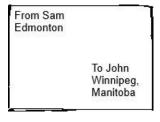
1. Yesterday we saw that God tells us many things through the Bible.

What is the most important thing God wants to tell us through the Bible?

2. He tells us we can receive life through Christ. There are many stories and many commands in the Bible. But today we will see that the Bible is also a letter of love. The Bible does not only give us laws to keep, it also shows us God's love.

What do friends send to each other when they are separated?

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3. They send letters to each other. We write to those whom we love. We tell them that we are thinking of them. We tell them what we are doing. That is what God has done through the Bible. He has written us a letter of love. In it he often tells us of his love.

## Jeremiah 31:3

I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.

From this verse, how does God love us?

4. God loves us with everlasting love. It will never end. God continues to be faithful to us. Some people have been disappointed by friends who went away. These friends lost their love for each other.

I know a young woman whose boy friend went to another country

to study. After some time he wrote and said, "I am not your friend any longer. I have found another girl." His love did not continue.

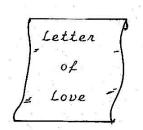
How do we know that God's love will continue?

5. He has told us in his word. He has written us a letter of love. In

From God in heaven To You On earth his letter he has told us that he loves us. He has told us about his gift of eternal life. Yesterday we read the verse which is called the heart of the Bible. Let's read it again. Take your Bible and read John 3:16.

What book is God's love letter to us?

6. God's letter of love is the Bible. In it he tells us how he sent his Son to die for us. If Jesus had not come, we could not have everlasting life. Our sins would separate us from God forever.



But God's love was so strong that he sent his Son to die for us. Jesus also gives us his words of love.

John 15:9

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

In this verse, what does God's letter of love ask us to do?

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7. God's letter asks us to remain in his love. If someone loves us, he wants us to accept that love. Jesus said that we can remain in his love by keeping his word.

John 14:23

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching."

8. The Bible is a love letter. It tells us what Jesus did for us because of his love.

John 15:13

Greater love has no man than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

When a young woman receives a letter from the man she will marry, she is very happy. She opens it quickly and reads it. She wants to see what he has written. Then after a few minutes she reads it again. She smiles as she reads the letter many times.

What makes this girl read the letter again and again?

9. She reads the letter often because she loves the young man. She knows that he loves her too. She finds his love in the letter. Christians should feel the same way about the Bible. It is God's letter of love to us. We should want to read it. We find God's love in it. We should read it often. David loved God's word.

Psalm 119:97

Oh, how love I your law! I meditate (think) on it all day long.

Let's say that when this girl received the letter she didn't open it. She waited for two days. What would this show us about her love for the man?

10. We would say that she does not love him very much. Something has taken away her love. That is the way it can be with us. If we do not often read our Bibles, it shows we do not love God very much. We do not want to read what he says to us. Maybe our Bible lies forgotten. We need the words written by David.

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I delight in your decrees (laws); I will not neglect your word.

How should we feel about reading the Bible?

11. We should desire to read it often. God is sad when we don't read his word.

#### Jeremiah 6:19

Hear, O earth: I am bringing disaster on this people, the fruit of their schemes (plans), because they have not listened to my words and have rejected my law.

What kind of letter is the Bible?

12. The Bible is a letter of love. But some people do not want to read it. In one home, the Bible was never read. It was lying on a high shelf. One day a boy in the family

high shelf. One day a boy in the family climbed up to get something from the shelf. He saw the Bible covered with dust. He did not know the Bible is God's Word.



He called to his mother, "Do you know there is a book up here?"

His mother answered, "Yes, it is God's book."

Then the boy said, "I think we should send it back to him because we never read it." He thought God was a man, and that they had borrowed the book from him.

How should we feel about reading the Bible?

13. We should desire to read it often. We should read it like the young woman who received a letter from her boy friend. She read it again and again. What happened if she found a part she didn't understand? Did she say, "It doesn't matter?" No, she took a long time finding out what he meant.

If we love God, we will do that with his letter. We will take time to study and find out what he means. One time Daniel could not understand God's words. He prayed about it, and God spoke to him.

## **Daniel 10:12**

Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them."

Think about yourself. Think about these questions, but do not write any answers. Do you desire to read the Bible? Do you read it often? Do you try to understand what God is saying?"

14. We will talk about this in class.

What kind of letter is the Bible?

How should we feel about reading the Bible?

15. Write out your memory verse, 2 Timothy 2:15. Check with your Bible to see if you have written it correctly.

WEEK 8: THE BIBLE DAY 4: THE BIBLE IS FOOD FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE

1.	We are learning that the Bible is many different things to us.
Today	we will learn that it is our food.

What kind of letter is the Bible?

How should we feel about reading the Bible?

2. The Bible is a letter of love. We should want to read it often. The important thing which God wants to tell us is that we can receive life through Christ. We have already learned how we can receive this life. When we believe and receive Jesus we are born again. We are like a baby in Christ.

John 10:10

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

1 John 5:12

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

What does a baby need to live?

3. A baby needs food. A person who is born again also needs food. He needs food for his spiritual life. His food is the Word of God. Job knew it is important to feed on God's Word. He said:



Job 23:12

I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.

Where do we get food for our spiritual life?

4. We get it from the Bible, God's Word.

Moses also told the people that food for the body is not enough. We need food for our spiritual life.

# Deuteronomy 8:3

He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

From where does food for spiritual life come?

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5. It comes from the mouth of God. Jesus also said it is important to feed on the Word of God.

#### Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

The Bible tells us that God's word is like three kinds of food. Here they are:

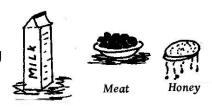
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- 2) Meat
- 3) Honey

At the end of the lesson you will be asked to write these three.

Where do we get food for our spiritual life?

6. We get it from the Bible, God's Word.

When a baby is born, the first thing it needs is milk. When a person is born again, he is like a baby in the family of God. He needs the milk of God's word. Milk is that part of God's Word which is



easy to understand. It makes a person grow. New Christians will be hungry for the milk of the Bible.

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Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.

When you give a new Christian easy teaching from the Bible, what kind of food are you giving him?

7. You are giving him milk for his spiritual life. When people are born again they need others to help feed them. Other Christians must take the Bible and help feed the new Christians. They must explain the teachings of the Bible and make them easy to understand.

Think about your church. Who should give milk to the new Christians in your church?

8. Other Christians should help feed them. This means you also should help them.

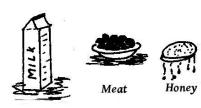
After a baby has had easy food for awhile, he must have something else. He must have bread or soft foods. As a Christian grows, he must have other food. The Bible is food for our spiritual life.

What is the first kind of food?

9. The Word of God is like these three kinds of food.

1) Milk
2) Meat
3) Honey

As we keep on receiving the Word of God, we are fed. God has given his words to us in the Bible. That is why we must read and study the Bible. When we do this we receive food for our spiritual life.



10. The Word of God is food for our spiritual life. It is like milk. It is also like meat and honey. As a child gets older he is not satisfied with only milk. He wants to eat other kinds of food. Yet some Christians want only "milk." They remain as babies. The people who received the letter of Hebrews were like this.

#### Hebrews 5:13

Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted (familiar) with the teaching about righteousness.

The writer of this letter wanted to show the Christians that they should be strong. They should not be as babies. They should be eating stronger spiritual food or meat.

Does milk give us all we need for our body?

11. We also need other foods. When a man works hard, he wants solid food like meat. In the same way, a Christian can grow only by receiving solid food. He needs the deeper teachings of the Bible. He needs to know how to use the deeper teachings of the Bible. Look at the verse which follows the one we just read.

#### Hebrews 5:14

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish (know) good from evil.

What is the solid food of the Bible?

12. The solid food of the Bible is the deeper teachings. We can call this food meat. If we give meat to a small baby it will harm him. New Christians are not ready for all the deeper teachings of the Bible. But when we have been Christians for awhile, we need deeper teaching. We must be able to choose between good and evil. We must put off the old way of living and put on the new way of living. We must live holy and

stable lives. See Ephesians 4:2-25.

## 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

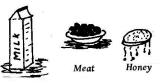
Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly - mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?

Some people keep repenting and repenting, but they go back to sin again. They need to study the deeper teachings of the Bible. They need to eat the meat of the Bible.

The Bible is like meat. What is the first kind of food?

1) 2) meat 3) honey

13. The Bible is like milk, meat and honey. The Bible feeds us and makes us strong. It also tastes sweet to us. Some people do not read the Bible very much. They think it isn't interesting. This is because they have not really tasted it. Perhaps you have seen a child who looks at some food and says, "I don't like that." But after



he tastes it, he asks for more. When we "eat" the Word of God, we enjoy its taste. It is sweet to us.

## Psalm 119:103

How sweet are your promises to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

From yesterday's lesson, how should we feel about reading the Bible?

14. We should desire to read the Bible often. We should enjoy it. If we read it carefully it will taste sweet to us.

### Psalm 19:9,10

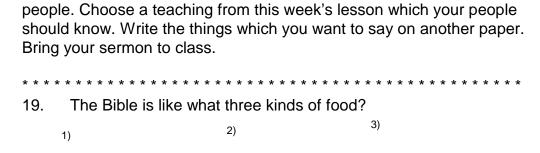
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of

the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

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Prepare a sermon about the Bible which you can preach to your

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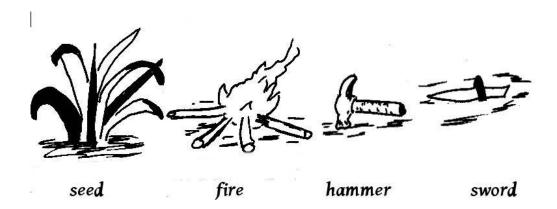


Can you say 2 Timothy 2:15 now without looking at the Bible?

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5. The Bible gives us milk, meat, and honey. It makes us grow in our spiritual life. But the Bible has power to do other things too. Here are some things that have power. The Bible is like these things.

You will be asked to write three of these things at the end of the lesson.



Take your Bible and read Luke 8:11 to 15.

What is the seed in this story?

6. The seed in this story is the Word of God. The Bible is the Word of God. We plow our gardens to prepare the soil for seeds. In the same way we must let the Holy Spirit prepare our hearts. He wants to make them soft and ready to receive God's Word. Then God's Word will grow in our hearts.

We should also plant the Word of God in the hearts of other people.

## Mark 4:20

Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop - thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.

What do we call God's Word?

7. God's Word is called seed. We should plant it in the hearts of people so it can grow. It is hard work to plant the Word of God.

## Psalm 126:6

He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

## Isaiah 55:10,11

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

What does God promise will happen if we go and plant the Word of God?

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8. He promises that we will come again rejoicing. We will be bringing a harvest with us. Paul shows that we should plant much if we want a big harvest.



## 2 Corinthians 9:6

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly (a little) will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously (much) will also reap generously.

What is the first thing God's Word is like as we use it in his work?

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9. God's Word is like seed. It has power to grow. God's Word is also like fire. It has power to burn. Jeremiah is the prophet who told what God said about this.

## Jeremiah 5:14

Therefore this is what the LORD God Almighty says: "Because the people have spoken these words, I will make my words in your mouth a fire and these people the wood it consumes."

Jeremiah told the people much about the love of God. But they refused to listen. So he had to tell them about the judgment of God. When people refuse God's words of love, he will use words of fire or judgment.
What will the Word of God do to those who do not listen?
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10. God's Word has power and will judge them. It will burn (convict) and judge those who do not listen. It will burn in their hearts and reveal their sin.
The Word of God also burns in the hearts of those who love God's Word.
We servants of God are called to preach his Word. His Word is in us. God's Word will move us to speak to others.
Jeremiah 20:9  But if I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name, his word is in my heart like a burning fire, shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.
The Word of God is like fire. It convicts of sin. What else does it do?
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11. It moves Christians to speak the Word of God. It has power to convict of sin. God's Word is also like a hammer. Maybe you have used stones to make a foundation. Maybe you used a hammer to break the larger stones.
Jeremiah 23:29 "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"
Think of all the things which God's Word is like. What is the first

3) hammer

4) sword

2) fire

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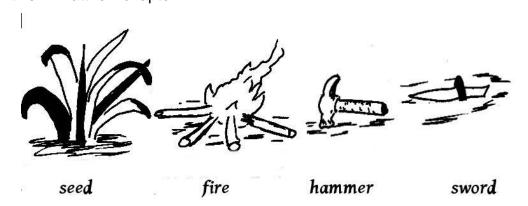
12. God's Word has much power. It is like seed and will grow in people's hearts. In our work for God we find people with hard hearts. They do not want to listen to the good news of salvation. But the Word of God is like a hammer. It can break those hard hearts. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached to some of the people who killed Jesus. They became so broken that they said, "What shall we do?" 3000 people received Christ on that day.

God's Word is like a hammer that breaks hard hearts. What is it like when it convicts and burns people's hearts?

13. God's Word is like fire.

What is the Word of God like when it breaks hard hearts?

14. God's Word is like a hammer. It is like seed and fire. It is also like a sword. We need a sword to fight against Satan. Jesus used the Word of God as a sword against Satan when he was tempted. We read about this in Matthew chapter 4.



Take your Bible now and read Matthew 4:4 to 7. What should we use as a sword to fight against Satan?

15. We should use the Bible, the Word of God. By using it, we can protect ourselves from the power of Satan. The Word of God is one of the things which Paul says we must use to fight Satan.



## Ephesians 6:16,17

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish (put out) all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and **the sword of the Spirit**, which is the Word of God.

What is the Bible like when we use it to fight against Satan?

16. It is like a sword. We can use it to overcome Satan. That is what Jesus did. He answered every temptation of Satan with words from the Bible. Jesus did not have the written Word with him. He had memorized these verses.

Satan even used the Word of God in the wrong way to tempt Jesus. But Jesus knew the Word of God well. Jesus used the Word of God to show that Satan was wrong. Satan often leads people to use the Bible in the wrong way. That is why we must know the Word of God well.

The Bible is like a sword. It also is like:

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17. God's Word is like seed, fire, and a hammer. As a sword, it should be used to fight against Satan and to do God's work. One day two men were travelling in a bus. One man was a Christian. The other man laughed at him and said he was a fool to believe the Bible. But the Christian prayed and asked God for a verse which would speak to the man. This is the verse which the Holy Spirit led him to use.

#### Hebrews 9:27

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, . . . .

After a long time, these men met again. The one who was not a
Christian shared what had happened. The verse that was given to him
kept coming into his mind so that he couldn't sleep. It kept piercing him
like a sword until he received Jesus.

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## 18. God's Word is like a sword.

## Hebrews 4:12

For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates (goes deep) even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

We have learned many things about the Bible this week. The Bible is different from all other books. It gives us food for our spiritual life. It also gives us the power we need to follow Jesus and work for him.

These are important lessons. We want you to have a good class as you talk about them. Take time now to pray for your class. Ask God to help every student learn his Word.

19. What three powerful things is the Bible like?

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20. Write out 2 Timothy 2:15. Check it with your Bible and see if it is correct.

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