

BIBLE STORY SHEET

Wk 3 - Bible Story Sheet

READ the Bible story below, allowing kids to fill in their **Detective Notes Sheets** as directed.

We're solving a mystery and using the Bible to answer some of the questions we have about God. As we read the story, we'll collect clues, so listen carefully!

The Bible is God's Word to us, and everything in it is true! It is a collection of 66 different books written by more than 40 authors over a time period of 1,500 years! Those numbers are our first clue! Did you catch them? (POINT to first magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes Sheet. RE-READ the this paragraph so kids can fill in blanks.)

The Bible is divided into two major parts known as the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament records events that happened before Jesus came to Earth, while the New Testament tells about what happened while Jesus was here and what will happen when He comes back one day.

The people who wrote the Bible were very special, and God chose them for this very important task. So people are our next clue! (POINT to second magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes Sheet) *Draw some people in your second magnifying glass while I tell you about some of the ones who helped write the Bible. Some people who wrote the Bible were Moses, David, and Paul. God used them to write down ideas, thoughts, teachings, and words He wanted to share with us. God made sure that they wrote exactly what He wanted them to say, and He kept them from making any mistakes. From beginning to end, the Bible is one big story of God's love for us, telling us how He made the world and saved us from sin.*

(POINT to last magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes Sheet) *What emoji do you see in the last magnifying glass on your sheet?* (Strong arm) *Yes! Go ahead and trace it while I tell you why it's our last clue. One thing that sets the Bible apart from any other book is that its words have amazing power to change and help us. 2 Timothy 3:16 says that everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. It is useful for teaching us what is true, correcting our mistakes, and training us to do what is right. Kind of like an instruction manual for our lives!*

When we put these three clues together, we can see that what the Bible says, God says! Great job solving today's mystery, friends! Let's say what we've learned all together:

What the Bible Says, God Says