

6TH GRADE

FOUNDATIONS

The Bible: Part 1

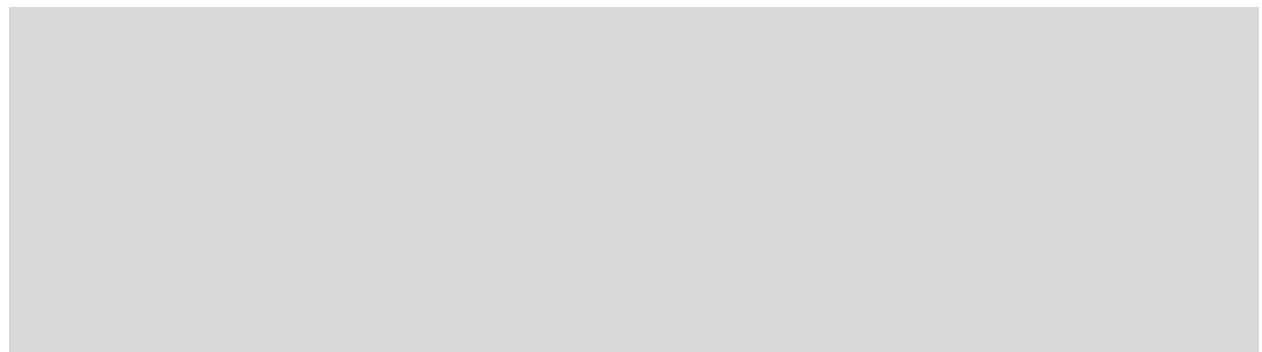
OVERVIEW

The Bible is made up of 66 books between two sections, the Old Testament and the New Testament. These 66 books have many different **genres**, including historical narrative, poetry, prophecy, letters, etc. Each book of the Bible had to meet extremely strict **criteria** to be placed in the Bible. It is amazing to see the many authors, over hundreds of years, communicate a similar account and when placed together tell a beautiful story of redemption. As Christians, we believe the Bible is *inspired* by God, is *inerrant*, and has ultimate *authority*.

ON YOUR OWN

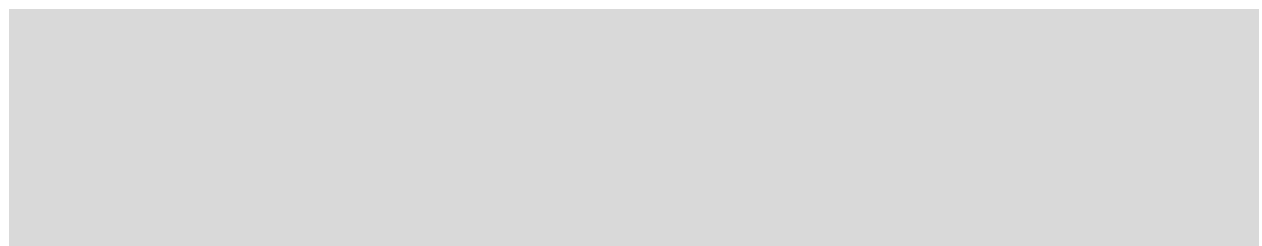
Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17, what do you think this means?

Write down each big, important word you find in these verses.



LARGE GROUP

Listen to the video and write down 3 things that you found interesting or helpful from this video (*The Bible Project: The Bible*):



- The Big 3 of the Bible
 1. **Inspiration**: the supernatural influence of God the Spirit (primarily) on the human authors to communicate His universal, infinite written Word.
 - 2 Peter 1:20-21
 - 2 Timothy 3:16
 2. **Inerrancy**: the Bible is fully truthful in everything it teaches (infallibility)
 - Inerrancy matters!
 - “The Bible’s assertions are fully true when judged in accordance with the purpose for which they were written.”¹
 3. **Authority**: God’s special revelation, the Bible, has the authority to command belief and/or action.
 - “As an expression of God’s will, the Bible possesses the right to define what we are to believe on religious matters and how we are conduct ourselves.”²

SMALL GROUPS

Look up these verses about the Bible. Write what this tells you about the Bible.

Hebrews 4:12

Psalms 119:105

James 1:22

Matthew 24:35

GO DEEPER

1. Why is God’s Word so important?
2. What are the big 3 and which one did you think was the most interesting? Do you have any questions about it?

¹ Erickson, Millard J. (2001). *Introducing Christian Doctrine*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing, p. 72

² Ibid, p. 78

TAKE IT HOME

Ask a parent to share their favorite Bible verse. Take these steps with this verse:

Read (Scripture)

Read the verse from the Bible and look at where it is sandwiched between verses or stories or situations.

Make Observations (Observe)

Go through the verse again. Underline or highlight keys words and phrases, look for nouns and explain them, ask questions, consider similar verses, etc.

Explain how this applies to your life (Apply)

What is God trying to say to us and how should this look in your own personal life?

Ask God to Help (Pray)

Take time to enjoy God's presence and ask for His help and guidance in applying it to your personal life.