

# GETTING STARTED WITH THE BIBLE

**Bible Text:** Luke 1:4; John 1:1-14; John 20:31, 21:24; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Lesson Focus:** The Bible tells the amazing story of God's love for creation and, specifically, you.

**Big Question:** What's the Bible got to do with me?

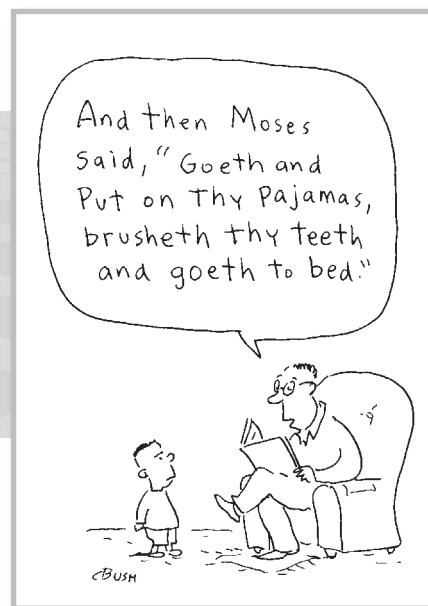
**Key Words:** SCRIPTURE, CANON, INTERPRETATION, TRANSLATION

## BIBLE CONNECTION

- 1 The Bible is inspired by God and written by people.
- 1 The Bible includes the Old and New Testaments.
- 1 Biblical authors had different reasons for writing their books.
- 1 John says that what he wrote is testimony (John 21:24).
- 1 Luke wrote so we may know the truth (Luke 1:4).
- 1 Paul wrote that scripture is given for instruction and encouragement (Romans 15:4).
- 1 Second Timothy 3:16-17 gives us lots of different uses for scripture.
- 1 It's best not to take the entire Bible literally.
- 1 When people talk about the Bible, make sure it reveals the God of love!

## CARTOON CONNECTION

- 1 Does adding "-eth" to the end of words make things sound more Bible-y to you? Why or why not?
- 1 Try to write a made-up Bible verse and read it to the class. What makes it sound like it comes from the Bible?
- 1 In popular culture, some of the most famous parts of the Bible are the laws. What other messages do you get from reading scripture?



## STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 26: How to Read the Bible

- 1 Make up a way to memorize the books of the Bible.

Here We Stand Student Book page 28: The Five Biggest Misconceptions about the Bible

- 1 What have you learned today about the Bible (and how we read it) that surprised you most?

## LIFE CONNECTION

For an old book, the Bible is surprisingly alive and meaningful. This week, interview three people and ask them about a Bible passage that has special meaning for them. Be on the lookout for God's word: I love you, I forgive you, I will always be with you. List the names of the people you want to interview here:

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## True/False Quiz

Answer the following questions with “True” or “False.”

1. There are many translations of the Bible in hundreds of languages. **T or F**
2. Lutherans take the Bible literally. **T or F**
3. When you see James 3:14, the number “3” means the third chapter. **T or F**
4. The Bible contains books by many different authors. **T or F**
5. There are no errors in the Bible. **T or F**
6. The Bible consists of the Old and New Testaments **T or F**
7. There is both “law” and “gospel” in the Bible. **T or F**
8. The only way to read the Bible is to start with Genesis and end with Revelation. **T or F**

Answers: 1. True 2. True 3. False 4. True 5. False 6. True 7. True 8. False