

Walking Thru the W's **"Weavings: God's Story"**

WORD: What does the Bible say?

This week's verse: **2 Timothy 3:16-17** - "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness, that we may be complete, equipped for every good work." ESV (*condensed version*)

The verse for Younger Kids: **2 Timothy 3:16-17** - "All Scripture is breathed out by God...that we may be complete..."

WHISPERS: What truth is God speaking to us through this passage?

"I breathed My Word into existence for your profit and your benefit. All of My Word will help you become all I created you to be." - God

WISDOM: How can we pray and seek God about this truth?

"God, why does the Bible matter? What do the weavings and writings of Your Word mean for me? Give me wisdom for why Your Story matters to my story."

WELCOMES: What can we learn about this truth?

God's Word has value and purpose far beyond any other book. All of the words, pages and themes are woven together so we might know who God is. He welcomes us into His Word, and He invites us to explore the weavings of all He has to say from Genesis to Revelation. As we do this, His powerful Word will come alive in our hearts so we can be complete and live for Him!

WEAVINGS: What else does the Bible say about these truths?

From its first page, the Bible tells God's Story. He breathed life into Adam and Eve; He walked and talked with them. Then, He breathed life into the words we call "the Bible" so we can walk and talk with Him, too.

The Bible was written down over about 1,500 years by about forty people. From Moses recording God's words on Mount Sinai, to the Apostle John recording Revelation on the island of Patmos, most of the biblical writers never met, yet God inspired them all to point to the same theme: that He loves you and wants you to love Him. What an incredible message, woven together in all Scripture from beginning to end!

The Bible wasn't one person or groups' big idea. The Bible is God's idea, breathed into life through His Holy Spirit. The Apostle Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, wrote: **"No prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit"** (2 Peter 1:21). *In our memory verse, the Apostle Paul wrote that God **breathed** Scripture; He **inspired** it, all of it. Why? Why would God do this? All Scripture was given for our good, so that we can be complete - or, all that God has created us to be.*

God's Story is delivered through the Bible's 66 books, 1,189 chapters and approximately 31,102 verses. In discipleship lessons, we usually memorize one verse, but then, in the "weavings" section, we look for how God has woven it all together in His Word.

Just like a colorful tapestry is woven together with many threads and colors combined to make one fabric, so too with God's Word. The more we study the Bible, the more we see its unity. It is not a disjointed, random book; the Bible is an interconnected book that is living and active, able to completely affect all of our lives.

WALKING: How can we live out this truth?

Choose an interesting movie for your family, start watching for about ten minutes in the middle, then abruptly turn it off. Talk with your kids about how that felt. Do they wish they could see the entire movie from beginning to end? ~ Use this as an analogy to talk about learning God's Story from the beginning to the end of the Bible. In discipleship we look at other Bible verses and books, because we want to know as much of God's Story as we can!

For younger kids: Read Hebrews 4:12 to your littles, then go to a library or bookstore. Tell your kids to keep an eye out for any books that look "living" or "active" - like they're running around or breathing. Of course, you're not going to find any! Use this as a springboard to talk about

how God's Word is the most special book because it is "living and active". This means it has the power to change our hearts and lives!

Wonders: What questions do we have about this?

Where does the Bible come from? Who "made up" the Bible? (2 Timothy 3:16). Who wrote down the Bible's words? Why was Scripture written down? (Romans 15:14, 1 Corinthians 10:11) How much of the Bible is profitable for us? What does God's Word equip us for? What "good works" do you believe God wants you to do?

Worship: How shall we respond to the Lord for these truths?

Worship through Praise:

"God's Story to Us" by Crossroads Community Church

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zpp-JBmvTWw>

"The B-I-B-L-E, That's the Book for ME" by Kids Praise and Worship (a new take on an old classic!) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahHWtvOmt2E>

Worship through Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your Word that helps us know You and follow You! We want Your powerful Word to equip us and come alive in us, so we can be all that You've called us to be. In Your Name, Jesus! Amen!

Family Disciple Me Blessing:

"You have known the Holy Scriptures since you were a child. The Scriptures are able to make you wise, and that wisdom leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15). God's Word gives wisdom to even the youngest who seek Him through it. May you look to **all** His Word **all** the days of your life so you may become **all** He created you to be. Amen!

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