

God & Man Through the Bible Lesson 1 – Intro To Bible



The Bible

The Bible is the story of God's relationship with man. Between its covers are different categories of books. In the Old Testament, these are the categories: Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets and Minor Prophets. In the New Testament these are the categories: Gospels, History, Paul's Letters to Churches, Paul's Letters to Friends and General Letters.

Read and answer the following questions which provide a sample from each category. These questions help us to see the differences between each category.

1 Law

Read [Genesis 1:1](#). Who does the author say created everything? Do you believe there is a God? If there is a God, how would you describe Him?

2 Old Testament History

Read [Ruth 1:1-5](#). Whose family is this book about? List all the people's names. What kind of relatives were Orpah and Ruth to Naomi? Read Matthew 1: 1-6. In which verse does it mention that Ruth was one of the ancestors of Jesus. Do you think that the Bible could be a reliable source of history?

3 Poetry

[Psalm 23](#) is one of the most famous passages in the Bible. Read it together. What are your first impressions? How does it make you feel?

4 Prophets

Read [Isaiah 7:14](#). Who will have a son and what is he to be called? Does this seem unusual? Who do you think the child might be?

5 Gospels

Read [Matthew 1:20-25](#) Do you think the birth of Jesus might fulfil the prophecy from Isaiah? Who do you think Jesus is? Read [John 3:16](#). How did God show his love? Who do you think is His Son? What does everyone who believes get?

6 New Testament History

Read [Acts 2:42](#). This passage is talking about the early Christians. What 4 main things were they doing? Have you ever been to a church? Do the Christians you know still do these things. Why do you think these things are important?

7 Letters

Read [1 Corinthians 1:1-3](#) Who is this letter to? Who is this letter from? Who else is mentioned in the letter? Describe the tone of the introduction. How would you greet someone in an email or letter?