



Bible Object Lesson



from Godly Pearls

Making Jesus Christ known, one story at a time.



A NOTE TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS:

Thank you for downloading this Bible Object Lesson.

This first page contains different sections to help you when planning for your class, for example, Home-school, Sunday School, Bible Study, Bible Club, Mission class, etc.

We suggest that you print pages 2 - 6 and distribute them to your students.



TOPIC:

The Bible is a book of instruction from God.



OBJECT:

A manual



- What to do:
1. Show the students what a manual looks like and how to use it.
 2. Ask a question: Have you ever used a manual before?
For example, to put together a toy with many parts?



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goals of Lesson:

1. To explain the reasons why God gave us a manual (the bible).
2. To encourage children to know more about God and His love for them through the manual (the bible).



Lesson Takeaway:

The bible is a book of instructions from God. It tells us how to be friends with God and how to live in a way that please Him.



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Topic:
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Bible References:

2 Timothy 3:16 – 17;
2 Peter 1:20 – 21.



Notes

A manufacturer is someone who makes something that others can use. When a manufacturer designs a product that he wants to sell, he will also include a manual with the product. When you buy that product, you don't need to ask the manufacturer how to use the product. What you need to do is to read the manual to know how to use the product.

God is the greatest manufacturer. In the creation story in Genesis 1: 1 – 31, we understand that He made the world and everything in it – including humans. Adam and Eve, the very first people had direct access to God. They talked with God and had fellowship with Him (Genesis 3: 9 – 10). But when they sinned by disobeying God's instruction to not eat the fruit in the midst of the garden, they lost access to God.

God still loved Adam and Eve, and even though they were no longer with Him in the garden, He found a way to talk with them and the generations that came after them.



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Notes continued:

Why should we believe that the bible is a manual from God?

God loves humans dearly and wants to be in fellowship with us. Before the bible was written as we know it today, God has always spoken with man through different means – including prophets (see Hebrews 1:1; Luke 1:70; Romans 15:4). Today, we are blessed to have all those words written in a book we call the bible.

But was the bible really written by God?

In our text in 2 Peter 1:20 – 21, we understand that the bible was not written simply because some men wanted to write their own books and publish them. The men that wrote the bible were first holy. They knew God, lived in a way that pleased Him and knew when God spoke to them. Secondly, the men who wrote the bible were inspired by the Holy Spirit. You can think of it as God speaking through their minds and thoughts and they wrote these words down. So, you see, the bible does not contain ordinary words from men.

In Psalm 19:1, “*the heavens declare the glory of God...*”. We see the evidence of the manufacturer of the world all around us. The sun, moon, stars, rain, plants, animals, humans – everything we can see show the beauty of a deliberate manufacturer. God made everything and He tells us in the bible how he made them all. He made everything by His word as we know in Genesis ...”*then God said*”.

The bible is full of prophecies, that is, what will happen in the future. But more importantly, it also tells us about the prophecies that have happened. This shows us that God is faithful and trustworthy. He does not tell lies. His words can be trusted (see Luke 24: 44 – 45; Proverbs 30:5; Acts 3:18).



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We cannot argue that the bible is not true or that God did not inspire it. Our knowledge of the world and how it works is very limited. Like God asked Job, “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding” (Job 38:4).

Why do we need a manual (the bible) from God?

God is full of love for His creation and wants to have fellowship with man. God wants to be friends with us. The bible, the manual from God, will help us to understand how to communicate with God.

God wants us to know Him. Through His words, we get to know Him – how loving, kind, gracious, powerful, merciful, and awesome He is! We get to know the ways of God. Psalm 25:4 is a prayer for God to show us His ways.

God wants to guide us. The bible contains a lot of instructions on how to live as children of God and followers of Jesus. In Psalm 119:105, the bible states, “*Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path*”. When we read the bible, we know what to do for every situation. The bible has the answer to any question you might have in life. We have the Holy Spirit who is always ready to explain the bible in our hearts as we read it.

God wants us to be in fellowship and friendship with Him. He wants to care for us just like a father cares for his children (see 2 Corinthians 6:18). The bible tells us how to become children of God (see John 1:12).

God designed us for greatness. He wants to use us to do great things for His glory – to fulfill His plans and purposes for the world He created. God has a grand plan for His world. We all have something to contribute to making this plan happen.



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Through His word, through knowing God and spending time with Him, we get to know what He wants us to do in life. Through the bible, and as we follow the way of God, we understand our purpose here on earth (see Jeremiah 1:5; 29:11).

God wants to lead us to our eternal home with Him in heaven at last. The bible makes us to understand that Jesus is coming back again (John 14:1 – 3), and we will live with God forever in heaven. As we wait for Jesus to come back again, the bible will help us remain on the path of truth even when the world has embraced lies and falsehood (Matthew 24:35).

How should we respond to the manual from God?

Now that we understand that the bible is indeed God's instructions to us. What do we do? Below are some ways we can respond to the gift of God's word:

- Be excited about God's words. This is God's words to you! (see Acts 17:11; Psalm 19:10).
- Read the bible daily (see Romans 10:17; Matthew 4:4).
- Believe the word of God (Luke 1:45).
- Meditate on (think about) the Word of God (Psalm 119:11; Joshua 1:8).
- Be obedient to the instructions in the bible (James 1:23 – 25).
- Tell others about the Word of God (Mark 16:15 – 18).



Memorize: Psalm 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path



Questions: i.Mention three reasons why we need the bible.
ii.Mention three ways you can respond to the manual from God.



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Reminder: The bible is a book of instructions from God. It tells us how to be friends with God and how to live in a way that please Him.



Say and repeat: I believe the bible is true. I will read and obey the word of God written in the bible.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank you for your love and for reaching out to me through your word in the bible. Help me to read your word daily, to know you more and tell others about you. I ask for all these in Jesus' name, amen!



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