

Grade 6, Lesson 1 The Bible Is True!
Bible Background

Historical records must be accurate and reliable to be of any value, and the New Testament writers were committed to keep the record straight. Peter would always remind his readers even though they knew the truth and were established in it (II Peter 1:12). If you think you've heard a Sunday school lesson or sermon before, don't complain about it but receive it as something God wants you to hear again. Like a persistent parent, Peter would always remind the people while he was still alive (1:13) so that they would remember it even after he was dead (1:15). We should all be so focused on teaching our children the Scriptures.

Peter says he is not making up clever stories (1:16) as the false preachers did. He recalls his experience on the Mount of Transfiguration where he says "we were eyewitnesses" (1:16) and we "heard this utterance made from heaven" (1:17,18). He speaks not only of his experience there, but of a historical fact which "made the prophetic word more sure, to which you do well to pay attention..." (1:10).

Peter, James and John saw Moses and Elijah there with Jesus, signifying that the "law and the prophets" pointed to and were fulfilled in Christ (Matthew 5:17). The real history of the New Testament does not begin with the birth of Jesus. "In the beginning" God created the heavens and the earth by his word (Genesis 1:1) and breathed into man the breath of life (Genesis 2:7), but God had already prepared a Savior for sinners (Ephesians 1:4). God continued to speak through the law and the prophets until that word became flesh (John 1:1,2, 14; Hebrews 1:1-2). Jesus knew and used the historical record in referring to Noah (Matthew 24:37-39), Abraham (John 8:56), Sodom and Gomorrah (Matthew 10:15), and even referencing Jonah as a sign of the resurrection (Matthew 12:39-41).

Paul tells Timothy that this word created in him life and salvation (II Timothy 3:15). All Scripture (every word) is the creative "breath of God" (3:16) and profitable for teaching (what is right), reproof (of what is not right), correction (to get right), and training in righteousness (to stay right). And Timothy has his mother and grandmother to thank for teaching him that "sincere faith" (I Timothy 1:5).

We are thankful for our parents and grandparents and teachers for instructing us in the historic Christian faith "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:20). Each generation will pass away but the word of our Lord abides forever (I Peter 24-25). It is important to know that when there is no one else to turn to, we must go to the Word of God and know "It is written," and it will stand forever. Teach it well and know that it will not change in next year's lessons.

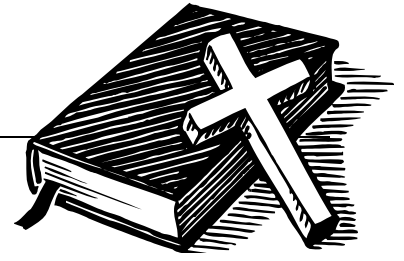
Answers for Quarter 1, Lesson 1

1. All
2. Lamp
3. God inspired the writers of Scripture; He breathed into them His very word, and they wrote the words down as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
4. Inerrant or inerrancy
5. God the Holy Spirit
6. Errors
7. Some people are trapped in the deep darkness of sin and blinded by Satan's lies.
8. People desperately need the guidance of a reliable source of truth because of the sin in each of our lives and the sin and darkness in the world around us.

Catechism Corner

1. The holy prophets, evangelists, and apostles wrote the Bible.
2. The Spirit of God revealed to them what to speak and write.
3.
 - a. God is absolutely truthful—He cannot lie—and His truthful promises endure the passage of time.
 - b. No one should want to have a god whom they could not trust to be truthful because a god of deception would impose false ideas or beliefs that only mislead and cause harm.
 - c. The Bible tells us that our greatest need is forgiveness, life and salvation and no one is able to acquire these except through the gracious promise and provision of God.

Seek and Find



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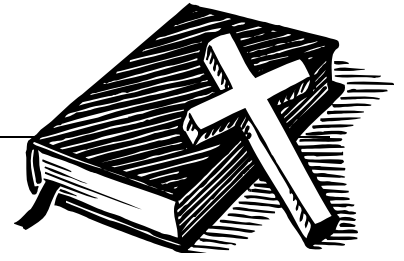
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