**Connect - The Bible**

1. What makes a good friend? (yes, write down a description).
2. Describe a good friend that you have. What do you like about them?

In this lesson, we’re going to explore God’s relationship with us. That relationship is found in the Bible. For followers of Jesus reading the Bible is really important so we can explore God’s relationship with us. As you’ve grown up, you’ve heard many stories from the Bible and each story says something about God’s relationship with us.

Followers of Jesus believe the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This means that God speaks through the various authors to teach us about Himself.

The Bible is divided into two major sections:

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# of books \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ # of books \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# of different authors \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To be clear the Bible is not primarily a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book nor a

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book nor a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book. The Bible does have this information in it but this is not the primary purpose of the Bible.

All of the books in the Bible are pointing us to God’s love ultimately found in Jesus.

Take a look at the **Lego Bible Powerpoint** in the Creed folder. This gives a great over view of the Bible right to the last book of Revelation.

List 2 stories from the Old Testament and 2 from the New Testament. Tell you mentor what you liked about them.

Old Testament

1.

2.

New Testament

1.

2.

You all know that we do bad stuff. We all make mistakes. In fact, we are born broken. We don’t learn to do bad stuff. We simply are bad. This happened in Genesis 3. From that point forward God has a story of loving us and promising a messiah, a redeemer, a rescuer.

As you read the stories, two themes will be found. One is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the other

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Law always convicts. The law never changes us. Law creates guilt and shame and shows us our emptiness. It shows us the need for God.

The Gospel changes us. The gospel is the story of Jesus and what Jesus did for us by his death and resurrection.

Scripture speaks to law to gospel, conviction and changed hearts. Look at the list below and tell your mentor which is law and which is gospel.

* Clean your room and you can go to the movies.
* God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son…
* You shall not kill.
* Jesus Christ died and rose again for you.
* Be patient, kind and generous to one another.
* Love one another.
* I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.
* Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
* Call on Me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you.
* Christ was delivered over for our sins and raised again for our justification.
* Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself.
* Surely He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows.
* Honor your father and mother so that you may live long in the land your God is giving you.
* I am not ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.
* If you hit your brother again, you’re grounded.
* I love you, no matter what.
* Trust in the Lord, and not in the things of this world.
* This is My Body, given for you. This is My Blood, shed for you.
* If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands… I will give you peace.
* It is for freedom that Christ has set you free!

One last word, followers of Jesus read the Bible (also called Scripture or the Word of God). If we don’t’ read the Scriptures we don’t see God’s love and if we don’t read the Word of God, we never learn what followers of Jesus actually believe.