

## HomeWord<sup>®</sup> For Parents

**T**he New Testament tells the history of the life of Jesus Christ. Many ask, “How do we know the New Testament is true?”

First, Jesus said the Helper, the Holy Spirit, would come in His name and would teach His apostles all things and bring to their remembrance the things Jesus said to them (John 14:26). The apostles would receive special revelation and record that truth through the Holy Spirit who would guide them into all truth (John 16:13).

Second, we know the apostles were eyewitnesses to the events they recorded about Jesus. Jesus appointed them to spread the message of the gospel. Their writings are what make up the New Testament today. Peter himself wrote that they were eyewitnesses of Jesus’s majesty. He verified his authenticity when he recorded that they heard the voice of God acknowledge the beloved Son with whom He was well pleased (2 Peter 1:16–18).

The Apostle John also verified himself as an eyewitness to the events he wrote about: “This is the disciple

who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true” (John 21:24).

As the New Testament letters began to be read throughout the church, we find evidence that they were already being included and described as “Scripture” along with the established Old Testament canon. The Apostle Peter makes such a claim about Paul’s writings in 2 Peter 3:15–16 when he puts Paul’s epistles in the same category as “the rest of the Scriptures.”

Differences about which letters and books should be included in the canon—the official list of the inspired texts—have long been resolved. God’s Word is closed. The 27 books of the New Testament combined with the Old Testament are the completed Word of God. God clearly warns us that we are NOT to add to His Word or take away from what is written (Revelation 22:18–19). This warning from almighty God sits as a capstone at the end of the New Testament—a stone we dare not move.

*Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.*

## OutWord<sup>®</sup> For Family Discussion

What if your friend asks you where the Bible came from? Why should he trust it? **What would you say?**

*The Bible came from holy men of God who were inspired by God through the Holy Spirit. There were about 40 different writers over 1,500 years who wrote the Bible. There are thousands of ancient manuscripts that confirm what the Bible says. And I find it amazing that in spite of all the different authors and all the years it took to write, it has just one message. It points to one person—Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. And another amazing thing is that the Bible and its message have NEVER changed. Even though many people have tried to destroy it or claim it is not true. There is no other book like it on this earth. And by God’s grace, the Bible can be the joy and the delight of your heart!*

## inWord<sup>®</sup> For Family Study

“You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word” (Psalm 119:114). Where does confidence in God’s protection and hope in His Word come from? Teach your children where real hope lies—read and memorize Scripture together.

*Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.*



# We Can Trust the New Testament

## KEY THEME

- The Bible is inspired by God.

## KEY PASSAGES

- John 14:25–26, 16:13a, 19:35, 20:31



## What You HEARD in the Word

- Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come to teach His disciples and help them remember what to write about Jesus’s life.
- The disciples knew Jesus. What they wrote is true.

**Ask your child these questions from today’s lesson.**

- 1** Who is the Helper that Jesus promised would come?
- 2** The Holy Spirit would help them remember what \_\_\_\_\_ said.
- 3** John wrote so we would believe that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.



1) The Holy Spirit. 2) Jesus. 3) Son.

# Read the Word with Mom & Dad

- Monday** (John 14:26)  
What did Jesus say the Helper would do?
- Tuesday** (John 14:26)  
What is another name for the Helper?
- Wednesday** (John 21:24)  
What did the Apostle John say about his testimony?
- Thursday** (John 20:31)  
Why did John write about Jesus?
- Friday** (Psalm 119:160)  
What does this say about ALL of God's Word?
- Saturday** (John 1:14)  
Who is the "Word" in this verse? (Your Memory Verse)

## Learn the Word!

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*  
**John 1:14**

## Finish the Phrase

Fill in the missing letters of the words from today's lesson. The letters you fill in will spell a word that will complete the phrase below.

**S**

**L P G**

**I I H T O**

**E I S A A**

**T C M**

**H E**

The Apostle John was a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. What He wrote was true.

## LIVE the Word with Johnny and His Dad

Dad, what is an eyewitness?

An eyewitness is someone who sees something that happened and tells others about it.

Oh, so Matthew and John were eyewitnesses?

Yes, they lived with Jesus. They knew Him very well.

## Getting to Know His Attributes

Which attributes of God are these? Unscramble the words under the blanks to find out.

God knows everything—past present and future. He is \_\_\_\_\_.

**CNNSITOMCIE**

God does everything perfectly without mistakes. He is \_\_\_\_\_.

**ESWI**

**WORD BOX:**  
**Wise**  
**Omniscient**

## The Helper Will Come

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. Color the picture below.



ANSWERS: Life, Spirit, His, Teach, Name, God

ANSWER: Friend