

Inspiration: the Holy Spirit communicating God's will, then man writing down God's will in print

Moved: to be impressed or influenced

Pen: (verb) – to put down in writing

Prophecy: a message from God told by a prophet

Revelation: The act of disclosing or discovering to others what was before unknown to them; appropriately, the disclosure or communication of truth to men by God Himself.

Supervising: directing during a task; guiding

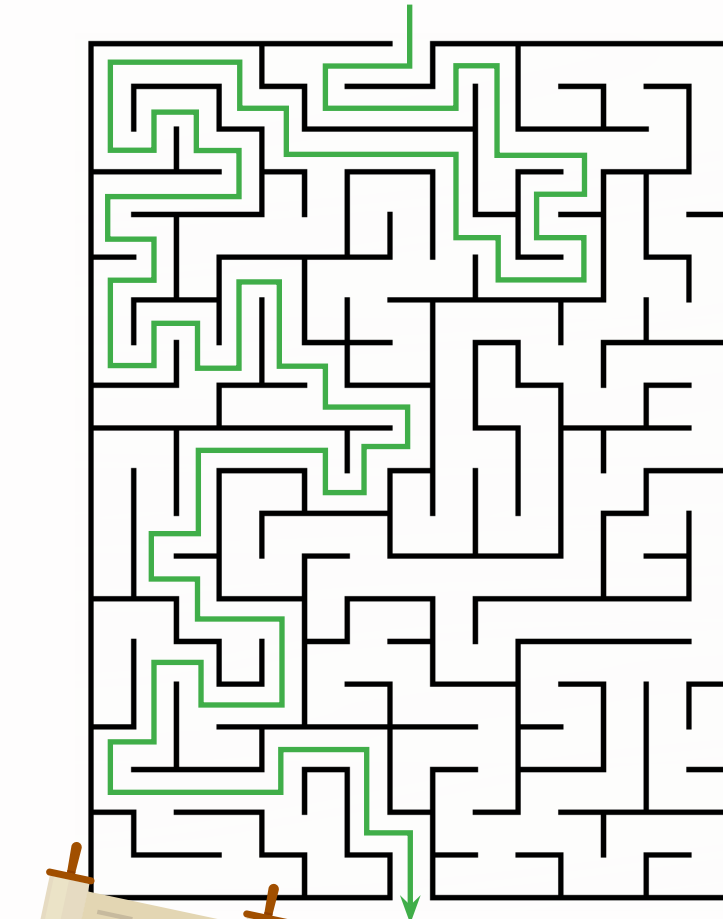
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GOD'S WORD IS A-MAZE-ING!

Can you help find the scroll?



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CHILD TEACHER GUIDE: LESSON 2

INSPIRATION:

Truth is Penned

How did God give us the words in the Bible?



INSPIRATION: TRUTH IS PRESENTED



CHILDREN’S EXTRA: SUGGESTED ACTIVITY

This week, write John 8:12 in a place where the students can see it; review the verse with them. Give students a blank sheet of paper and a pen. Ask them to carefully write down the whole verse, John 8:12 on the paper. The mission is to read the verse aloud to their family. Instruct them to have family members sign the “message,” put it back in the envelope and to return it next week for further instructions.

INTRODUCTION

In our last lesson, we learned that God doesn’t want us to live in spiritual darkness here on Earth. God enlightened our minds by giving His Word to special men who then shared it with others. This was only the beginning of God’s plan to help mankind to understand Him better. Today, we will learn about Inspiration!

Teacher Note: The first piece of this four-part plan was Revelation. God would reveal truth. Usually, this was to one individual; his task was to share it with those around him. However, this method was limited in its scope of reaching large numbers of people.

The second piece of this four-part plan used by God is Inspiration. What would be the most accurate way in which to share with others, over and over again, a revelation given by God? Obviously, it is to write it down, taking great care as to get it exactly correct. To enable imperfect man to do a work that was to be perfect, would take a supernatural occurrence.

A simple definition of the inspiration of Scripture is: The Holy Spirit communicating God’s will into the mind of man, then man writing God’s will in print.

LESSON TWO

God wanted His Word to be shared with everyone, and the best way to do that was to write it all down so that others could read it.

READ: 2 Peter 1:21

ASK: Who told the men of God what to say? (The Holy Ghost)

This verse tells us that the men God used to write down His word were directly guided by the Holy Spirit. This was Inspiration in action! Because God Himself was supervising the writing of His Word, He could be sure that there were no errors. As a matter of fact, God’s written Word is so reliable that we can use it to teach others about God and about how we are to behave as we live our lives for Him.

READ: 2 Timothy 3:15-16

ASK: According to verse 15, how can the Bible help us? (It makes us “wise unto salvation.”)

ASK: According to verse 16, how is Scripture profitable, or good for us? (“For doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness.”)

Teacher Note: A statement to the supernatural act of inspiration for these men was mentioned by Jesus Christ Himself. The Old Testament authors did not always understand what they were being used to write about or their inspired prophecies about the coming Messiah. Jesus said they wrote about things they had never seen in Matt. 13:17. These authors did, however, understand that they were being used of God, carried along as a sailboat by the wind of the Holy Spirit, in order to reveal God to mankind through His Words that they were writing (2 Tim. 3:16; Luke 1:70; Acts 3:18).

Inspiration is similar to a hand in a glove. It is not the glove that does things; rather, it is the hand inside the glove. With inspiration, the indwelling Holy Spirit was the one writing God’s Word. The human authors were merely the “glove.” An Old Testament example of Inspiration is found in the book of Jeremiah.

READ: Jeremiah 30:1-2

ASK: Who spoke God’s message to Israel? (God)

ASK: Who was responsible for writing God’s message? (Jeremiah)

A New Testament example of Inspiration is found in the book of 1 John.

READ: 1 John 1:1-5

ASK: In verse three, what did John do with what he had seen and heard of God? (He declared it to others.)

ASK: In verse four, what did he do with those things? (He wrote them.)

READ: John 16:13

CONCLUSION

The same Holy Spirit that inspired men to write God’s Word over 2,000 years ago is still alive today, and He still wants to help everyone to understand what He has inspired. When someone who has trusted in Jesus Christ as his Savior reads the Bible, the Holy Spirit will work in his mind to give light to what he is reading so he may understand.

Have you trusted Jesus as your Savior? If so, you have God’s Holy Spirit living inside you, ready to help teach you God’s Word. Are you asking Him to guide you as you read God’s Word?

In our next lesson, we will learn how God’s Word eventually became the Bible you are able to hold in your hands today!

**** = indicates a defined word within the lesson under “Important Words”**

KEY VERSES

2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:15-16; Jeremiah 30:1-2; 1 John 1:1-5

DESIRED STUDENT RESPONSE

God used special men to write down His words. The students need to realize that the same Holy Spirit that communicated with men to record His Word many years ago wants to help them understand His Word today.