

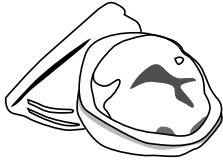


Parent's Guide

GPS Bible Study



Lesson 1:1 – Why Study the Bible?



In a Nutshell

God wrote the Bible to give us all the information we need to know Him and to know how to live our lives.

Memory Verses

Compass Point – Psalm 119:105

Bible Study – Proverbs 21:30; Psalm 119:103-105

Summary

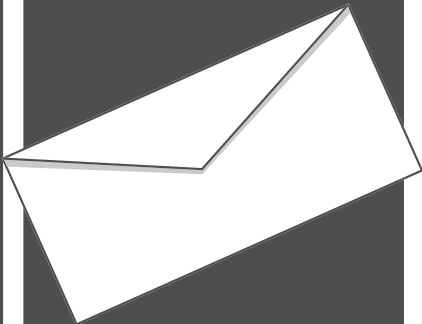
Compass Point – The Bible is God's letter to us. It tells us who we are, where we come from and what will happen to us in the future. It is the only way we can know who He is, how much He loves us and what He wants us to do with our lives. The Bible centers around God's Son Jesus Christ, who died to pay for our sins and rose again to give us life.

Bible Study – There are three reasons for studying the Bible:

1. It gives instructions on everything that is important in life.
2. It is the best book ever written.
3. It changes people's lives.

The Bible has a lot to say about itself, including:

1. It is a special communication from God that can teach us truth and show us how to apply that truth to our lives.
2. God protects His Word and insures that it will never pass away.
3. The Bible can reveal our motivations and thoughts.



The Next Step

- Does your teenager have his own Bible? If not, or if they're still using the small one they received in Sunday school at age 5, buy them a sturdy new one with wide margins where they can take notes.
- The Bible doesn't stop being relevant when a person turns 20. It can change your life too. Dig into the Word and make Bible study a trek you and your teenager take together. Seeing you involved and excited about Bible study will encourage your teenager to be involved and excited.
- Look over your teenager's lesson after he has filled in the blanks. It will help you understand where he is regarding knowledge of Bible truth, and who knows, you might learn something.

Bible Study Questions

We're not giving you the answers because we feel it would be much more rewarding for you (and your teenager) if you did a little thinking and a little studying and came up with the answers on your own. But we will give you some ideas on how to help your teenager.

Power Up – Teenagers are asked to read Psalm 119:9-16 in their Bibles and paraphrase (write in their own words) the verses that answer these questions:

- How can you have a good life? (verse 9)
- What should you be concerned about? (verse 10)
- What can you do so that you don't sin against God? (verses 11-12)
- What should you enjoy repeating out loud to others? (verses 13-14)
- What should you think about all the time? (verse 15)
- What should you always do? (verse 16)

Your DNA – Teenagers are asked: If someone asked you why the Bible is truth, what would you tell them? This is very important, because sooner or later someone will ask your teenager this question, and if they don't have a ready answer, their faith may be shaken. Encourage your teenager to think through the question and not to just answer quickly to complete the assignment. You'll find this a lot easier if you've thought about it and have your own answer.

Take the Trek Challenge – Teenagers are challenged to read up on a famous Christian they admire and write down in a notebook 10 interesting facts about that person. You can help by suggesting resources and names your teenager might use, but encourage them to pick their own admired person instead of settling for yours. You can find some biographies in the *Awana Ministry Catalog* that will work, and there's a wealth of information on the Internet.

