

AWANA® T&T™ – START ZONE & **REVISED** BOOK 1 STUDY GUIDE – NIV®

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Why did God give us the Bible?

#		Back up Verses	Disc.
1	So we can know who He is.	Psalm 100:3 – Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.	1:1
2	So we can know that He is the one and only true God.	Jeremiah 10:10a – But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God.	1:2
3	So we can know His words are always true.	John 17:17b – Your word is truth. Psalm 119:42b – For I trust in Your word.	1:3
4	So we can learn about people from the past.	Romans 15:4a – For everything that was written in the <u>past</u> was written to teach us.	1:6
5	So we can understand we are sinners.	Ecclesiastes 7:20 – There is not a <u>righteous</u> man on earth who does what is right and never sins.	2:1
6	So we can know that Jesus is God, and that Jesus is the Son of God.	John 1:1 – In the beginning was the <u>Word</u> , and the <u>Word</u> was with God, and the <u>Word</u> was God.	2:2
7	To show us we need a <u>Savior</u> .	Acts 4:12 – <u>Salvation</u> is found in no one else, for there is no other name [Jesus] under heaven given to men by which we must be <u>saved</u> .	2:3
8	So we can know how to live.	Psalm 86:11 – Teach me Your way, O LORD, and I will <u>walk</u> in Your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may <u>fear</u> Your name.	2:5

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Who is God?

#		Back up Verses	Disc.
1	God is the Creator.	Genesis 1:1 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.	3:1
2	God is eternal – the beginning and the end. (God is not created).	Revelation 22:13 – I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.	3:4
3	God is just.	Isaiah 45:21b-22 – And there is no God apart from Me, a <i>righteous</i> God and a Savior; there is none but Me. Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.	3:5
4	God is holy (without sin).	Psalms 99:3 – Let them praise Your great and awesome name - He is <i>holy</i> .	3:6
5	God is everywhere.	Psalms 139:2 – You know when I sit and when I rise; You <i>perceive</i> my thoughts from afar.	4:2
6	God is all-powerful.	Psalms 147:5 – Great is our Lord, and mighty in <i>power</i> ; His understanding <i>has no limit</i> .	4:3
7	God is three Persons in One.	2 Corinthians 13:14 – May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.	4:4
8	God is love.	John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever <i>believes</i> in Him shall not <i>perish</i> but have eternal life.	4:5

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Other Verses		
About the verse	Reference & Verse	Disc.
We come to T&T to learn about God's Word.	Psalms 25:4 Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths.	SZ:2
How many people have sinned?	Romans 3:23 For all have <u>sinned</u> and fall short of the glory of God.	SZ:3
Do we tell the truth about our sin?	Jeremiah 17:9 The <u>heart</u> is <u>deceitful</u> above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?	SZ:3
Can anyone reach that goal of God's perfect goodness (righteousness)?	Romans 3:10 As it is written: "There is no one <u>righteous</u> , not even one."	SZ:4
	Psalms 130:3 If you, O LORD, kept a <u>record</u> of sins, O Lord, who could <u>stand</u> ?	SZ:4
What is the punishment for sin?	Romans 6:23 For the <u>wages</u> of sin is <u>death</u> , but the gift of God is <u>eternal</u> life in Christ Jesus our Lord.	SZ:5
What does God give us?	2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be to God for His <u>incredible</u> gift!	SZ:5
What must I do to be saved from my sins?.	Acts 16:31 ..."Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household..."	SZ:6
	John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever <u>rejects</u> the Son will not see life, for God's <u>wrath remains</u> on him.	SZ:6
God is with us all the time.	Hebrews 13:5b Because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."	4:7
Review Verses		
All of the 'review' verses in the sections are listed above		

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WORD WISE		
Word / Phrase	Definition	Disc.
Sinned	Not doing what God tells us to do	SZ:3
Heart	The real "you" on the inside	SZ:3
Deceitful	Tricky, not honest	SZ:3
Righteous	Perfectly good, sinless	SZ:4
	Always good, obedient to the law	2:1
	Without sin	3:5
Record	To notice	SZ:4
Stand	Endure, continue	SZ:4
Wages	Payment	SZ:5
Death	First physical death and then (for person who does not trust Christ) separation from God forever	SZ:5
Eternal	Goes on forever and ever	SZ:5
Indescribable	So wonderful that words cannot explain	SZ:5
Rejects	Doesn't believe, doesn't trust	SZ:6
Wrath	Anger, punishment for sin	SZ:6
Remains	Stays	SZ:6
Past	Before	1:6
Word	The Lord Jesus Christ	2:2
Salvation	Freedom forever from the punishment of sin	2:3
Saved	Freed forever from the punishment of sin	2:3
Teaching	What God says in His word	2:4
Rebuking	Showing us sin in our lives	2:4
Correcting	Changing my sinful behavior and helping me to do what is right	2:4
Training in righteousness	Training to keep on doing what God says is right	2:4
Walk	How you live your life	2:5
Fear	Respect	2:5
Create	To make something out of nothing	3:1
Holy	Righteous, without sin	3:6
	<i>Pure, righteous, perfect, spotless, sinless (page 49 puzzle)</i>	
Perceive	Know and understand	4:2
Power	Strength, ability	4:3
	<i>Being able to do what no one else can do (Break the Code)</i>	
	<i>The right to do what no one else can do (Break the Code)</i>	
	<i>Strength (Break the Code)</i>	
Has no limit	Goes on and on	4:3
Fellowship	Communion	4:4
Believes	Trusts Him as Savior	4:5
Perish	Be apart from God forever	4:5

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Brain Checks		
Question / Answer		Disc.
Q	Explain the following: John 3:16 (1) John; (2) 3; (3) 16	
A	(1) John – the name of the Bible book where the verse is found (2) 3 – the first number is the chapter number (3) 16 – the second number is the verse number	1:1
Q	Explain what it means to “fall short” of the glory of God.	
A	<i>Because I am a sinner I cannot reach the goal of God's perfect goodness.</i>	2:1
Q	Why do we need rules?	
A	<i>Rules are made to make things work right. Like governments make speed limits so people don't go fast and run into each other. Rules are made to make life work.</i>	3:5
Q	How do we know that God is always fair (just)?	
A	<i>The Bible tells us that He is. He has shown us that He is.</i>	3:5
Q	What does it mean to be holy?	
A	<i>To be Pure, righteous, perfect, spotless, sinless</i>	3:6
Q	What does the word “Trinity” mean?	
A	<i>Three in One</i>	4:4
Q	Who are the three Persons in One who make up the Trinity?	
A	<i>God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit</i>	4:4

Name the Books of the Bible

OLD TESTAMENT		NEW TESTAMENT		
Discovery 4:1		Discovery 1:4	Discovery 1:5	
Genesis	1 Chronicles	Matthew	1 Thessalonians	1 Peter
Exodus	2 Chronicles	Mark	2 Thessalonians	2 Peter
Leviticus	Ezra	Luke	1 Timothy	1 John
Numbers	Nehemiah	John	2 Timothy	2 John
Deuteronomy	Esther	Acts	Titus	3 John
Joshua	Job	Romans	Philemon	Jude
Judges	Psalms	1 Corinthians	Hebrews	Revelation
Ruth	Proverbs	2 Corinthians	James	
1 Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Galatians		
2 Samuel	Song of Solomon	Ephesians		
1 Kings		Philippians		
2 Kings		Colossians		

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Search Site – Discovery 2:4	
Question	Answer
2 Timothy 1:1-5	
Timothy's mother's name	Eunice
Timothy's grandmother's name	Lois
What did his mother and grandmother teach Timothy?	The Scripture
1 Timothy 1:1-5	
What does Paul call Timothy in verse 2?	Son in the faith
What do you think it means when someone calls you a son in the faith?	That person told you about the Lord Jesus.
Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior?	
Who told you about the Lord Jesus?	
2 Timothy 3:16-17	
Paul listed four reasons the Bible is important. What are they?	
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Teaching</u> (What God says in His Word) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Correcting</u> (changing my sinful behavior and helping me to do what is right)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Rebuking</u> (showing us sin in our lives) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Training in righteousness</u> (training to keep on doing what God says is right)

Search Site – Discovery 3:3	
Question	Answer
Genesis 1:1-13	
What did God create on the first day?	Light
What did God create on the second day?	Separated the water in the sky from the water in the ground.
What did God create the third day?	Dry land, plants and trees
Genesis 1:14-23	
What did God create on the fourth day?	Sun, moon and stars
What did God create on the fifth day?	Birds and fish
Genesis 1:24-2:2	
What did God create on the sixth day?	Animals and people
What did God do on the seventh day?	He rested

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Search Site – Discovery 4:6	
Question	Answer
Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Revelation 22:13; Isaiah 44:6; Psalm 116:5	
In Isaiah 44:6, the Lord says, "I am the <u>first</u> and I am the <u>last</u> ."	
What do these words mean? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Gracious – to show favor <input type="checkbox"/> Righteous – just, right in all He does <input type="checkbox"/> Compassion – to love deeply 	
Psalm 145:17; 139:2-3; Hebrews 13:5	
Psalm 145:17 – The LORD is <u>righteous</u> in all His ways and <u>loving</u> toward all He has made.	
1 Corinthians 2:5; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 3:16; Romans 5:8	
Why do you think we should trust God rather than people?	People let us down. God doesn't. People can be unfair. God is never unfair.
When did Christ die for us? (Romans 5:8)	While we were still sinners.

Miscellaneous Items			
Start Zone 1	<input type="checkbox"/> T&T Stands for Truth & Training		
Start Zone 4	<input type="checkbox"/> To 'fall short' means not being able to reach the goal.		
Start Zone 5	<input type="checkbox"/> What does John 3:16 say God gave us? <i>His one and only Son</i> <input type="checkbox"/> What does it mean to be punished? <i>To suffer for doing wrong</i>		
Discovery 1:2 Breaking the Code	What the word "true" means: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Always good <input type="checkbox"/> Always right <input type="checkbox"/> Always honest </td> <td style="border: none; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot be wrong <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot be false <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot lie </td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Always good <input type="checkbox"/> Always right <input type="checkbox"/> Always honest	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot be wrong <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot be false <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot lie
<input type="checkbox"/> Always good <input type="checkbox"/> Always right <input type="checkbox"/> Always honest	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot be wrong <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot be false <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot lie		
Discovery 1:6 The Facts	<input type="checkbox"/> Everyone is born a sinner, and everyone sins. <input type="checkbox"/> People today and people long ago tried to take care of that sin problem on their own, but they missed the mark. <input type="checkbox"/> They could not work hard enough to become right in God's eyes. <input type="checkbox"/> They needed to trust God. <input type="checkbox"/> By learning about these people, we understand why trusting Christ is so important. The Bible is a most awesome book. That is the truth!		
Discovery 2:7	What does it mean to trust Christ as Savior? I need to understand that I'm a sinner and separated from God. God sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die for me on the cross. He rose again after three days. I need to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.		
Discovery 3:1	If you didn't have peanut butter, jelly or bread, could you make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? NO. Why Not? Because I don't have the things I need and I can't make it out of nothing.		
Disc. 3:4 Crack the Code	<input type="checkbox"/> Alpha is the beginning letter of the Greek alphabet. <input type="checkbox"/> Where do you think Omega comes in the alphabet? <i>At the end</i>		
Discovery 4:3 Break the Code	Power is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Being able to do what no one else can do. <input type="checkbox"/> The right to do what no one else can do. <input type="checkbox"/> Strength. 		

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Items from the "Storyline"	
Start Zone 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Memorize means to remember the words without looking. <input type="checkbox"/> Verse (words from the Bible)
Start Zone 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Everyone has sinned. <input type="checkbox"/> We are all born sinners.
Start Zone 4 Leah's Code	<input type="checkbox"/> Because I am a sinner, I cannot reach the goal of God's perfect goodness.
Start Zone 5	<input type="checkbox"/> God gave us a special gift (His Son the Lord Jesus Christ) because of His love. <input type="checkbox"/> The Lord Jesus came to earth to die and take the punishment for our sins.
Start Zone 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Trusting Christ as your Savior means believe He died for my sins and rose again. <input type="checkbox"/> If I trust Christ as my Savior, my sins will be forgiven <input type="checkbox"/> If I trust Christ as my Savior, I will become a child of God
Start Zone 7	<input type="checkbox"/> The Lord Jesus Christ did not stay dead. He is alive! <input type="checkbox"/> He is in heaven making a home for me.
Book 1 Intro	<input type="checkbox"/> AWANA comes from the first letters of 'approved workman are not ashamed' <input type="checkbox"/> That comes from 2 Timothy 2:15 in the New Testament part of the Bible <input type="checkbox"/> The Ultimate Adventure is knowing the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior – then getting to know Him better by hearing and doing the good things He says in His Word, the Bible.
Discovery 1:1	<input type="checkbox"/> God knows everything, like how many stars there are (even their names) and how many hairs you have on your head. <input type="checkbox"/> God knows everything about us. <input type="checkbox"/> God wants us to know about Him too. That's why He gave us the Bible. So we can know exactly what He wants us to know.
Discovery 1:3	<input type="checkbox"/> The Bible is all true. <input type="checkbox"/> God gave His Word to the men who wrote down the message to us. <input type="checkbox"/> God inspired the men to write what He wanted them to write. <input type="checkbox"/> Inspiration means God-breathed.
Discovery 1:4	<input type="checkbox"/> The Bible has two testaments - the Old and the New. <input type="checkbox"/> The Old Testament has 39 books. <input type="checkbox"/> The New Testament has 27 books.

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Items from the “Storyline”	
Discovery 2:1	<input type="checkbox"/> All people sin. Like YOU, your Awana leader, your parents, grandparents great-grandparents. Everyone sins. <input type="checkbox"/> All people are born sinners.
Discovery 2:2	<input type="checkbox"/> Jesus is God and Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the Savior. <input type="checkbox"/> God’s Word tells us exactly what we need to know.
Discovery 2:3	<input type="checkbox"/> We live in a messed-up-with-sin world. <input type="checkbox"/> As long as there is sin, there will be bad news. <input type="checkbox"/> BIG IMPORTANT QUESTION – Everyone is a sinner. Since we sin (and are unrighteous), how can we live up to God’s standard of righteousness (totally perfect goodness)? <input type="checkbox"/> BIG IMPORTANT ANSWER – God sent His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to earth to take the punishment for our sins. By trusting Christ as Savior, we become <i>the righteousness of God</i> .
Discovery 2:5	<input type="checkbox"/> The Bible is “God’s Instruction Book”. <input type="checkbox"/> An “instruction” tells you how to do something.
Discovery 2:6	<input type="checkbox"/> The first four New Testament books, the gospels, were named after the men who wrote them. <input type="checkbox"/> Paul’s books are letters written to friends or churches. The name of the book tells you to whom it is written. <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation is from the word ‘reveal’ which means to ‘show’. God showed (revealed to) John what would happen in the future.
Discovery 3:1	<input type="checkbox"/> God created the ENTIRE world out of nothing. <input type="checkbox"/> God didn’t need anything. Because God is God.
Disc. 3:4	<input type="checkbox"/> The New Testament was written in Greek
Discovery 3:5	<input type="checkbox"/> Life doesn’t work without rules. <input type="checkbox"/> For life to work the right way, there need to be rules. <input type="checkbox"/> God makes the rules. He never makes a bad rule. He is always right. He is just. <input type="checkbox"/> God does not make mistakes.
Discovery 3:6	<input type="checkbox"/> God cannot sin. <input type="checkbox"/> He is perfect.
Disc. 4:3	<input type="checkbox"/> God is all-powerful.
Discovery 4:7	<input type="checkbox"/> God is everywhere. <input type="checkbox"/> God is with you.

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Why did God give us the Bible?

Discovery 1

#		Back up Verses
1	So we can know who He is.	Psalm 100:3 – Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
2	So we can know He is the one and only true God.	John 3:36 – Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.
3	So we can know His words are always true.	Psalm 119:74b – For I have put my hope in Your Word.
4	So we can learn about people from the past.	1 Corinthians 10:6 – Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.

Discovery 2

#		Back up Verses
5	So we can understand we are sinners.	Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
6	So we can know that Jesus is God and that Jesus is the Son of God.	1 John 5:5 – Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.
7	To show us we need a Savior.	2 Corinthians 5:21 – God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.
8	So we can know how to live.	Proverbs 8:33a – Listen to my instruction, and be wise.

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Who is God?

Discovery 3

#		Back up Verses
1	God is the Creator.	Genesis 2:7 – The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.
2	God is eternal – the beginning and the end. (God is not created).	Isaiah 44:6 – This is what the LORD says – Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: "I am the first and I am the last; apart from Me there is no God."
3	God is just.	Isaiah 45:21b-22 – And there is no God apart from Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but Me. Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.
4	God is holy (without sin).	Psalms 145:17 – The LORD is righteous in all His ways, and loving toward all He has made.

Discovery 4

#		Back up Verses
5	God is everywhere.	Psalms 139:2-3 – You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.
6	God is all-powerful.	1 Corinthians 2:5 – So that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.
7	God is three Persons in One.	Mark 1:10-11 – As Jesus was coming up out of the water, He saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased."
8	God is love.	Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.