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How do we know the Bible is true?

| # | | Back up Verses | Chal. |
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| 1 | We know the Bible is true because the Bible is God's Word | <p>Jeremiah 10:10a - But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God.</p> <p>John 17:17b - Your word is <u>truth</u>.</p> <p>Psalms 119:42b – For I trust in Your word.</p> | 1:1 |
| 2 | We know the Bible is true because God says His Word is pure. | <p>Proverbs 30:5-6 Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words, or He will <u>rebuke</u> you and prove you a liar.</p> | 1:3 |
| 3 | We know the Bible is true because people witnessed the events of the Bible. | <p>2 Peter 1:16 - We did not follow <u>cleverly invented stories</u> when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were <u>eyewitnesses</u> of His <u>majesty</u>.</p> | 1:4 |
| 4 | We know the Bible is true because the Bible is historically correct. | <p>1 John 1:1 - That which was from the beginning [Christ], which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.</p> | 1:6 |
| 5 | We know the Bible is true because God used at least 40 men to write the Bible – and yet it all fits together. | <p>Luke 1:1-2 - Many have undertaken to <u>draw up an account</u> of the things that have been fulfilled among us. Just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word.</p> | 2:2 |
| 6 | We know the Bible is true because the Bible was written over a time period of 1500 years and yet it all fits together. | <p>2 Peter 1:21 - For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the <u>Holy Spirit</u>.</p> | 2:3 |
| 7 | We know the Bible is true because events that were prophesied really happened. | <p>Deuteronomy 18:22 - If what a <u>prophet</u> proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That <u>prophet</u> has spoken <u>presumptuously</u>. Do not be afraid of him.</p> | 2:4 |
| 8 | We know the Bible is true because the Bible changes people's lives. | <p>Acts 16:29-31 - The jailor called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household."</p> | 2:6 |

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What do I need to know about God?

| # | | Back up Verses | Chal. |
|---|---|---|-------|
| 1 | God offers me the ultimate gift | Ephesians 2:8-9 – For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not by works, so that no one can boast. | 3:2 |
| 2 | I need to know that God wants me to honor Him. | Exodus 20:3-4 - You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an <i>idol</i> in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. Exodus 20:5a –You shall not bow down to them or worship them. Exodus 20:7a, 8 – You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. | 3:4 |
| 3 | I need to know that God wants me to honor my family and my neighbors. | Exodus 20:12-15 – <i>Honor</i> your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit <i>adultery</i> . You shall not steal. Exodus 20:16-17 – You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not <i>covet</i> your neighbor's house. You shall not <i>covet</i> your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. | 3:5 |
| 4 | I need to know that God is merciful. | Titus 3:5 – He <i>saved</i> us, not because of <i>righteous things</i> we had done, but because of His <i>mercy</i> . He <i>saved</i> us through the <i>washing of rebirth</i> and renewal by the Holy Spirit. | 3:6 |
| 5 | I need to know that God is faithful. | 1 Corinthians 1:9 – God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. | 4:2 |
| 6 | I need to know that God loves the world. | John 5:24 – I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be <i>condemned</i> ; he has crossed over from death to life. | 4:3 |
| 7 | I need to know that God is my authority. | Matthew 28:18 – Then Jesus came to them and said, "All <i>authority</i> in heaven and on earth has been given to Me." | 4:5 |
| 8 | I need to know that God cares about me. | Luke 12:6-7 – Are not five <i>sparrows</i> sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many <i>sparrows</i> . | 4:6 |

| Other Verses | | |
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| About the verse | Reference & Verse | Chal. |
| The name "Awana" is from this verse. | 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV Only) <i>Study</i> to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, <i>rightly dividing the word of truth</i> . | 1:2 |
| This commandment is repeated over and over again in the Bible | Mark 12:30 Love the Lord your God with all your <i>heart</i> and with all your <i>soul</i> and with all your <i>mind</i> and with all your <i>strength</i> . | 3:7 |

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| WORD WISE | | |
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| Word / Phrase | Definition | Chal. |
| Truth | absolutely right, what God's Word teaches | 1:1 |
| Study | work as hard as you can | 1:2 |
| Rightly dividing the word of truth | correctly understanding and teaching what the Bible says | 1:2 |
| Rebuke | correct | 1:3 |
| Cleverly invented stories | stories people make up | 1:4 |
| Eyewitnesses | people who actually saw things happen | 1:4 |
| Majesty | mighty power | 1:4 |
| Draw up an account | write down what happened | 2:2 |
| Holy Spirit | The third person of the Trinity | 2:3 |
| Prophet | someone who gives God's message | 2:4 |
| Presumptuously | proudly on his own | 2:4 |
| Idol | Something or someone worshiped | 3:4 |
| Honor | respect, treat in a special way | 3:5 |
| Adultery | not being faithful to the person you marry | 3:5 |
| Covet | desire | 3:5 |
| Righteous things | the good things | 3:6 |
| Saved | did not give me the punishment for (delivered me from) my sin | 3:6 |
| Mercy | loving kindness | 3:6 |
| Washing of rebirth | forgiving of my sin and cleansing my life by the blood of Christ, new birth | 3:6 |
| Heart, soul, mind, strength | all of you | 3:7 |
| Condemnation (<i>Condemned</i>) | judgement | 4:3 |
| Authority | power, right | 4:5 |
| Sparrows | birds | 4:6 |

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| Brain Checks | | |
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| Question / Answer | | Chal. |
| Q | Where does the word "Awana" come from? | 1:2 |
| A | <i>Awana comes from 2 Timothy 2:15, Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed</i> | |
| Q | What does it mean to be an "eyewitness"? | 1:4 |
| A | <i>An eyewitness is someone who actually sees something happen</i> | |
| Q | Why is it so important to know that there were people who were eyewitnesses to the Lord Jesus Christ? | 1:4 |
| A | <i>They actually saw the events of the Bible "lived out".</i> | |
| Q | Why is it so important that the Bible "fits" together? | 2:2 |
| A | <i>To show that it truly is the Word of God</i> | |
| Q | What does "inspired" mean? | 2:2 |
| A | <i>God-Breathed</i> | |
| Q | What does "prophecy" mean? | 2:4 |
| A | <i>To give a message from God</i> | |
| Q | When did some of a prophet's prophecies happen? | 2:4 |
| A | <i>during the lifetime of the prophet</i> | |
| Q | Explain what God's mercy has to do with us NOT being able to keep the law | 3:6 |
| A | <i>Even though we could not keep the law, God, in His mercy, provided a way for us to be saved – by trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior</i> | |
| Q | What does it mean that God is our authority? | 4:5 |
| A | <i>God is in charge. In the end, He will make everything right. We need to listen to Him.</i> | |

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| Search Site – Challenge 1:5 | |
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| Question | Answer |
| Luke 1:1-16; 59-60 | |
| Why, according to Luke 1:1-4, did Luke write his book? | So the people could be sure of the things that were taught |
| What was the priest's name? | Zechariah |
| What was his wife's name? | Elizabeth |
| What kind of people were they? | They were upright in the sight of God. <i>(or older people)</i> |
| How did they act? | They observed all the Lord's commandments |
| Why were they sad? | They didn't have any children |
| What did the angel tell Zechariah? | His wife would have a son. |
| What kind of man would their son be? | He would be great in the sight of the Lord. |
| What did they call their son? | John |
| Luke 2:1-18 | |
| Why did Joseph go to Bethlehem? | To register for the census |
| Where was Joseph and Mary's home? | Nazareth |
| Where did Mary lay her baby after He was born? | In a manger |
| Why did He have to be born outside and not in a home? | Because there was no room for them (Mary & Joseph) in the inn |
| To whom did the angel of the Lord appear? | The shepherds |
| What did the angel say? | <i>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.</i> |
| When the host of angels appeared, What did they say? | <i>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.</i> |
| What did the shepherds do? | They went to Bethlehem |
| Then what did they do after they had seen the baby? | Glorified and praised God |
| Luke 2:40-52 | |
| What did Joseph and Mary do each year? | Went to Jerusalem for the Passover |
| What happened the year that the Lord Jesus was 12 years old? | He was not with His family on the return trip from Jerusalem |
| Where did Joseph and Mary find the Lord Jesus? | At the temple |
| What was He doing? | Listening to the teachers and asking them questions |

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| Search Site – Challenge 2:5 | |
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| Question | Answer |
| Isaiah 53 | |
| Who is the "He" talked about in these verses? | The Lord Jesus Christ |
| Who is the "our" talked about in these verses? | Us |
| What event is talked about in these verses? | When Christ died on the cross |
| John 19:1-4 | |
| According to verse two, what two things did the soldiers put on the Lord Jesus Christ? | A crown of thorns and a purple robe |
| Why did the people say Christ should die? | Because He claimed to be the Son of God |
| What were the people preparing for (what celebration)? | The Passover |
| What do these verses have to do with Isaiah 53? | Isaiah 53 is talking about these events |
| Isaiah 9:6 and Luke 2:1-7 | |
| What is prophesied in Isaiah 9:6? | The birth of Christ |
| When did that prophecy come true? | When Christ was born in Bethlehem |
| According to 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, what will happen in the future? | The Lord Jesus Christ will meet believers in the clouds and take them to heaven. |

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| Search Site – Challenge 3:3 | |
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| Question | Answer |
| Exodus 19:1-25 | |
| Where did the Israelites camp? | The desert of Sinai |
| In verse eight, how did the people answer? | We will do everything the Lord has said |
| What were the people told to do with their clothes? | Wash them |
| What happened on the morning of the third day? | Thunder, lightning, thick cloud, very loud trumpet blast |
| Exodus 20:1-26 | |
| What does verse three mean? | That we should only worship God |
| What are some "gods" kids your age might put before the true God? | <i>Various answers like skateboards, games, sports, computers, etc.</i> |
| What does it mean to "not misuse" the Lord's name? | To not use God's name in an empty way. To not curse or swear |
| Galatians 3:21-29 and Romans 3:21 | |
| What does the Scripture say about sin? | The whole world is a prisoner |
| Another way of asking this question is: How many people have broken the law? | All of them |
| What does the law do in verse 24? | Leads us to Christ |
| In Romans 3:20, Paul writes that through the law we become _____ of sin | conscious |

| Search Site – Challenge 4:4 | |
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| Question | Answer |
| Psalms 1 and Psalm 8 | |
| What does God say about people who trust Him? | He is like a tree planted by the stream; a tree that yields its fruit |
| What does God say about people who don't trust Him? | They are like chaff which blows in the wind |
| What are some "things" God created that show His awesomeness? | The moon, stars, flocks, herds, birds, fish |
| Psalms 14 and Psalm 19 | |
| What does the fool say about God? | That there is no God |
| What should our speech be like? | Acceptable and pleasing to God |
| Psalms 23 and Psalm 24 | |
| Tell what Psalm 23 is all about | The Lord is our Shepherd. We are His sheep. We can depend on Him. He takes care of us. |
| Who is the King of Glory? | The Lord Almighty |

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Miscellaneous Items

Men God used to write the Bible and their jobs (Challenge 2:2)

David – Shepherd (1 Samuel 16:19)
Nehemiah – Cupbearer (Nehemiah 1:11)
Paul – Tentmaker (Acts 18:1,3)
Luke – Doctor (Colossians 4:14)
Isaiah – Prophet (Isaiah 39:3)
Peter – Fisherman (Matthew 4:18)
Matthew – Tax Collector (Matthew 9:9)

The punishment for sin is death. (Challenge 3:6)

What are some things God tells YOU to do. (Challenge 4:5) Breaking the code

- Let your speech be always with grace
- Do all things without murmurings and disputings.
- Thou shalt not steal
- Let us walk honestly

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| Items from the “Storyline” | |
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| Intro (p. 2) | <input type="checkbox"/> The Ultimate Challenge is about our relationship with Jesus |
| Chal. 1 Intro (p. 9) | <input type="checkbox"/> We can't make up our own rules <input type="checkbox"/> That is why we need to learn truth from the Bible. |
| Challenge 1:2 | <input type="checkbox"/> You need to study the Bible because SO many people are SO confused about what it says. <input type="checkbox"/> You want to KNOW what God tells us in His Word. |
| Challenge 1:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> The people who wrote the Bible were eyewitnesses of different events. They actually saw some of the Bible “lived out”. |
| Challenge 1:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke was a medical doctor. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke wrote two books of the Bible – Luke and Acts. |
| Challenge 1:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> “Historically correct” doesn't mean the Bible is a history book, but when the Bible does talk about history, it is ALWAYS exactly correct. |
| Chal. 2 Intro (p. 26) | <input type="checkbox"/> What Bible story is told in the intro? Peter catching the fish with the tax money in its mouth. <input type="checkbox"/> The Bible isn't a science book, but when the Bible talks about science, what the Bible says is always exactly right. |
| Challenge 2:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> The Bible (God's Word) changes people's lives. <input type="checkbox"/> No other book can change people the way the Bible can. |
| Chal. 2:7 | <input type="checkbox"/> When someone trusts Christ as Savior, he or she becomes a new creation. |
| Challenge 3:2 | <input type="checkbox"/> God offers us the ultimate gift – eternal life through His Son, Jesus Christ. <input type="checkbox"/> We don't deserve this gift. <input type="checkbox"/> God offers it to us because of His love and grace. |
| Challenge 3:3 | <input type="checkbox"/> The purpose of the law is to show the seriousness of sin and lead us to Christ. <input type="checkbox"/> The law was not given to save people, but to show people they need a Savior. |
| Challenge 3:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> The first four commandments are about our attitude toward God. <input type="checkbox"/> We are to honor and respect God in everything we say, do and think. <input type="checkbox"/> What things can you do to show honor to God? <i>(any of the following)</i> <i>Study and memorize verses / Sing praise songs / Attend church / Tell my friends about the Lord Jesus Christ</i> |
| Challenge 3:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> The rest of the commandments (last 6) give us instructions for treating our family and neighbors with honor. |
| Challenge 3:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Because of His mercy, God sent His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. <input type="checkbox"/> We are saved by putting our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior – not by works. |
| Chal. 4 Intro (p. 65) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, was a Hittite. <input type="checkbox"/> Hittite's are mentioned 47 times in the Bible. |
| Challenge 4:2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Only God can keep every promise He makes. <input type="checkbox"/> Only God is totally and absolutely faithful. <input type="checkbox"/> He promised to send a Savior, He did – He promises to love us, He does – He promises to be with us when things go wrong (and right), He is. |
| Challenge 4:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> God is in charge which means He has authority. <input type="checkbox"/> God is YOUR authority, you are to obey what He says in His Word. |