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**Day 1: Tried and True**

Review the video for this session.



**Engage**

Read [Isaiah 7:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Is7.14); [Luke 1:26–38](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk1.26-38).

**Consider**

Just like we discussed in our group time, Isaiah prophesied about the coming Messiah seven hundred years before Jesus was born. The angel appearing to Mary shows that God’s inspired words are trustworthy, and they will not fail. The Bible is just as relevant for our lives today.

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| **QUESTION**In Isaiah’s prophecy, what would the Child be called? What is its meaning? |

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| **QUESTION**What was Mary’s response to the angel’s visit, according to Luke? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**Put yourself in Mary’s shoes. How might you feel if this situation happened to you? |

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| **QUESTION**What does her response say about her level of trust in God and her relationship with Him? |

**Activate**

If you haven’t already done so, find a time of day that works best for you to spend time learning more of God’s Word. Use this time to develop your relationship with God as you engage in Scripture, prayer, and worship. Challenge yourself to spend time with God each day.

**Pray**

Trustworthy God, thank You for Your Word. I know that You will never fail. Help me to trust in You the way that Mary did, even when life brings unexpected changes. Help followers throughout the world to fall in love with Your Word! Amen.

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**Day 2: So Good!**

**Engage**

Read [2 Timothy 3:1–17](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Ti3.1-17).

**Consider**

Good versus evil isn’t just in movies and books. Sometimes that challenge can happen inside us too.

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| **QUESTION**What are some characteristics of the people that Paul talks about in verses [2–5](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Ti3.2-5)? |

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| **QUESTION**How does Paul say that Timothy should interact with these types of people? (verse [5](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Ti3.5)) |

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| **QUESTION**Paul lists four ways that Scripture is useful. What are they? (verse [16](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Ti3.16)) |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**According to Paul in [2 Timothy 3:16](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Ti3.16), one reason Scripture is useful is because it teaches us what is true and corrects us. Is there an area of your own life that the Holy Spirit is trying to correct or rebuke through today’s devotion? |

**Activate**

Write out [2 Timothy 3:16–17](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Ti3.16-17) on a notecard, and put it in a visible place (like in your Bible, on a mirror, in your locker, etc.). Do your best to memorize these verses this week.

**Pray**

Father God, thank You that You love me enough to correct me when I get off course. Thank You for giving me Your Word as a guide. Help me to live every part of my life for You. Amen.

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**Day 3: The Word at Work**

**Engage**

Read [1 Thessalonians 2:1–16](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Th2.1-16).

**Consider**

Writing to the people living in Thessalonica, Paul encouraged them to continue to believe in God’s Word even though they faced persecution.

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| **QUESTION**What is Paul, the author of this book of the Bible, constantly thanking God for? (verse [13](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Th2.13)) |

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| **QUESTION**What did the Thessalonians do when they received the Word of God? (verse [13](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Th2.13)) |

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| **QUESTION**According to verse [13](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Th2.13), what continues to work in the believers? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**How has your personal time with God’s Word been during this past week? What steps could you take to make it more meaningful and to ensure that God’s Word continues to work in your own life? |

**Activate**

Like Paul did, spend a minute thanking God for your family and friends who have received the Word of God for what it really is.

**Pray**

Good God, thank You that You not only gave me Your Word, but also put people in my life to help me understand and apply Your Word. I know that You are still using Your Word to work in me. Help me to trust You in the process as I walk with You every day. Amen.

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**Day 4: Carried Along**

**Engage**

Read [2 Peter 1:12–21](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Pe1.12-21).

**Consider**

In this passage, Peter reminds us that the Bible isn’t just a storybook.

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| **QUESTION**According to the apostle Peter, what should the reader pay close attention to? (verse [19](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Pe1.19)) |

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| **QUESTION**What do verses [20–21](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Pe1.20-21) say about the Source of God’s Word? |

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| **QUESTION**What was the Holy Spirit’s role in this? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**Based on this passage, what makes the Bible different from any other book ever written? |

**Activate**

Peter says in verse [12](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Pe1.12) to refresh our memory often about the importance of our faith. Take a minute to remind yourself of how God has helped you grow in faith.

**Pray**

Father, thank You that You saved me from my sins and gave me Your Word. I know that the Bible is inspired by You, and I want it to be like a lamp guiding my own life. Help me to trust in You, even when I can’t see what is around me. Amen.

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**Day 5: Sweet!**

**Engage**

Read [Psalm 19](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ps19).

**Consider**

The different words used in these verses—*instructions*, *decrees*, *commands*, and *laws*—are all different ways of referring to God’s Word to His people.

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| **QUESTION**How are God’s instructions, decrees, commands, and laws described in this passage? |

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| **QUESTION**What does the author say is more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey? (verses [9–10](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ps19.9-10)) |

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| **QUESTION**According to the author, what is there a great reward in doing? (verses [9](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ps19.9), [11](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ps19.11)) |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**The author lists several personal benefits of the Word of God in these verses. Which of these is most helpful for you? |

**Activate**

Starting in verse [7](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ps19.7), make a list of all of the ways that the author describes God’s Word. Write these in the cover of your Bible or journal.

**Pray**

Father God, I don’t just want to read Your Word; I want to enjoy it! I want Your Word to give me refreshment, wisdom, and joy, just like [Psalm 19](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ps19) talks about. Help me to enjoy my relationship with You in a fresh way and grow in my faith. Amen.