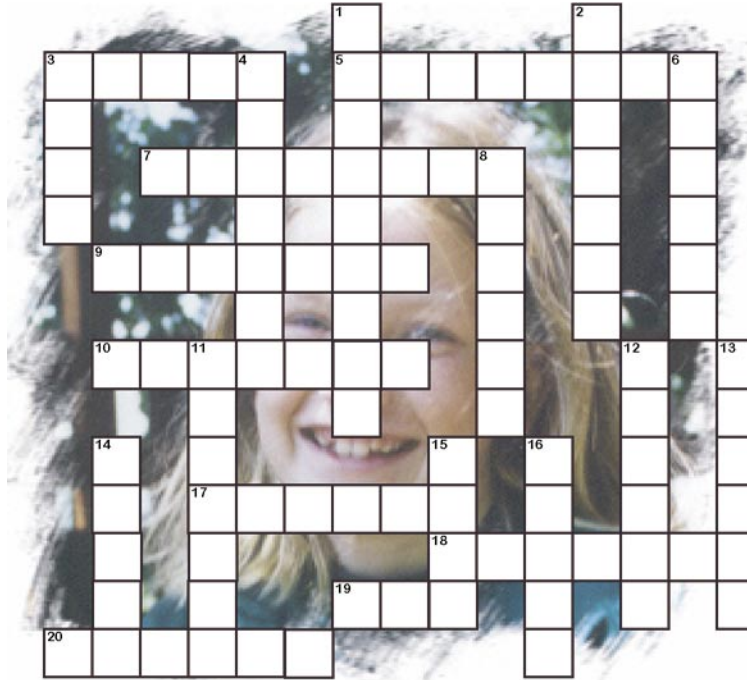


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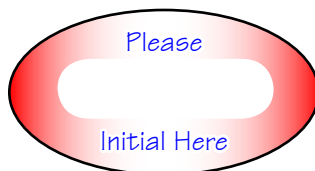
Across

3. The Bible is a book that only God could _____.
5. As the breath of God, the Bible _____ God's element.
7. The Bible is a unique and _____ book.
9. If we have not yet learned to read we should ask our _____ to read the Bible to us.
10. The Bible is not just black and white _____ on a page.
17. The Bible is _____ and precious.
18. The _____ Paul.
19. The Bible is His breath.
20. Paul wrote a _____ to Timothy.

Down

1. All _____ is God-breathed.
2. Paul wrote a letter to _____.
3. The Bible is the _____ of God.
4. The Bible contains God's _____.
6. The Holy _____ can be everywhere.
8. Paul's _____ letter to Timothy.
11. The Bible did not come out of man's _____.
12. The Bible is the _____ of God.
13. The Bible is able to _____ what God is to those who read it.
14. The most wonderful book.
15. We should _____ our Bible often.
16. We get nutrition from the _____ we eat.

Parent's Initials:



The Bible

- Lesson Two -

The Bible The Breath of God

I. Overview.

In last week's lesson we began to look at the most wonderful book in the world - the Bible. We saw that the Bible is the speaking of God. This week we will see that the Bible is actually the "breath of God". This is a further indication that the Bible did not come out of man's thought, but was something absolutely out from God.

God breathed Himself out into His Word. Thus the Bible is not just black and white letters on a page, but rather it contains the very breath of God. This means that the Spirit of God is inside the words in the Bible. Just like all the nourishing things that we need are in the foods we eat, the Spirit of God is contained in the words in the Bible. This makes the Bible a unique and precious book. We should "feed" on the Bible each day by reading it and praying about what we read.



The Bible is God's
Breathing

II. Memory Verse.

"All scripture is God breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

(2 Tim. 3:16)

III. Lesson.

The Bible is a book of God's speaking to man. As we saw last week, no man could have ever written the Bible. It is a book that only God could write. But beyond just being a book that contains God's speaking, we need to see that the Bible is the very breath of God. When the apostle Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy, he told him that "all Scripture is God-breathed".

The Breath of God

A person's breath is something very close to him. It is something that comes from within them. A person's breath carries the elements of that person. For the Bible to be the breath of God means that it contains God's element and is able to convey what God is to those who read it.

The Bible Contains the Spirit of God

For the Bible to be the breath of God indicates that the Bible embodies or contains the Spirit of God. Apart from the Spirit of God, there is no way that the Bible could contain God. When we read the Bible, God's Spirit uses the words of the Bible to speak to us. This is really wonderful. Because the

Holy Spirit of God can be everywhere, He can be with us and speak to us whenever we read the Bible. No other writer could do this. No other book can contain the spirit of the writer in such a way.



God is in the Bible
like vitamins are in our food.

It is Important for Us to Read Our Bibles

Because the Bible is such a

book, being the breath of God and containing the Spirit of God, we should read our Bibles often. Even if we have not yet learned to read, we should ask our parents or other older ones to read the Bible to us. We should not be people who never hear God's Word.

God Speaks to Us Through the Bible

When we read our Bible, God is able to speak to us in a fresh way. He doesn't speak out loud, but He speaks within our hearts. His speaking is often to tell us how much He loves us and cares for us, and to tell us about all the wonderful things that He has done for us.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What does it mean that the Bible is God's breath?

2. What did the apostle Paul tell Timothy about God's Word?

3. How can God speak to us today?"

4. What kind of things does God speak to us?

