

# **FAMILIES THAT LOVE GOD'S WORD**

## **Family Service, 23 Jul, Abri Brancken**

Q: How long did it take to write the Bible? How many years for us to have the Bible in the way we have it today?

A: About 1500 years

Q: What type of people did God use to write the Bible?

A: Kings, Prophets, farmers, fisherman, tentmaker, a doctor, Scribe, musician

Q: How old was Methusela (oldest man) when he died?

A: 969 years.

Q: What is the very last word in the Bible?

A: Amen

Q: When Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, it was equivalent to how many months of pay for a working man?

A: 4 months

Q: What is the most mentioned animal in the Bible?

A: Sheep

Q: What is the oldest book in the Old Testament?

A: Many scholars believe it is Job (1500BC)

Q: How many people help to write the Bible?

A: 40

Q: What is the only book in the Bible that does not mention God's name?

A: Esther

Q: Who does the Bible say was the meekest man in the Bible (not including Jesus)?

A: Moses (Numbers 12:3)

## **The Bible is an amazing book.**

### **The earth is round**

3. At a time when it was believed that the earth sat on a large animal or a giant (1500 B.C.), the Bible spoke of the earth's free float in space: "He...hangs the earth upon nothing" (Job 26:7).

The prophet Isaiah also tells us that the earth is round: "It is he that sits upon the circle of the earth" (Isaiah 40:22). This is not a reference to a flat disk, as some skeptic maintain, but to a sphere. Secular man discovered this 2,400 years later. At a time when science

believed that the earth was flat, it was the Scriptures that inspired Christopher Columbus to sail around the world (see Proverbs 3:6 footnote).

### **Life is in the blood**

The great biological truth concerning the importance of blood in our body's mechanism has been fully comprehended only in recent years. Up until 120 years ago, sick people were "bled," and many died because of the practice. If you lose your blood, you lose your life. Yet Leviticus 17:11, written 3,000 years ago, declared that blood is the source of life: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood."

### **Springs in the sea**

The Book of Job mentions the and Springs of the Sea. "Modern deep-sea-diving cameras have discovered amazing hot-water vents on the floor of the oceans— 'the springs of the sea,' which are mentioned in Job 38:16. These thermal vents release huge amounts of mineral-rich, super-heated water—springs in the darkness."

## **Why should we read and study the Bible?**

It is so important that we as families grow in our knowledge of God's Word. Getting to know God's Word is a family activity. Why should every family read and study God's Word?

### **We should read and study the Bible because it is God's Word to us.**

God gave it to us as a gift. It is a source of divine revelation. It reveals God's plan for us as people, how He loves and cares for us and how we can live a God honoring life while on this earth. The Bible gives us the measuring stick by which we can distinguish truth from error.

### **We study the bible to get to know God better**

God's nature and character is revealed in the Bible. In reading the Bible we can see how God interacts with people. We learn about what He likes and dislikes. The truth of Scripture is all about Jesus.

### John 5:39-40

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to Me to have life....

### **We study the Bible because it is reliable**

The Bible is given to us by someone greater than ourselves. It is not a human invention. The Bible is unique among so-called "holy" books in that it does not merely give moral teaching and say, "Trust me." Rather, we have the ability to test it by checking the hundreds of detailed prophecies that it makes, by checking the historical accounts it records, and by checking the scientific facts it relates.

### **We study the Bible because Bible equips us to serve God and others better.**

The Bible reveals to us God's heart for people.

Joshua 24:15

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

### **Life Groups - Questions to think about & discuss**

1. How, or what should we do as God's people to continue to grow in our love for the Lord and His Word?
2. Talk about some amazing facts that you might know about that is in the Bible
3. What can parents do to teach their children Biblical truth in a fun, understandable and effective way?