



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

A FEW MOMENTS TO PREPARE.

USE THESE ICONS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THIS WEEK'S LESSON



**TALK TOGETHER**

Family conversations with God's Word.



**MORE TO EXPLORE**

Answers to kids' questions.



**THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET**

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



**COLORING PAGE**

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.

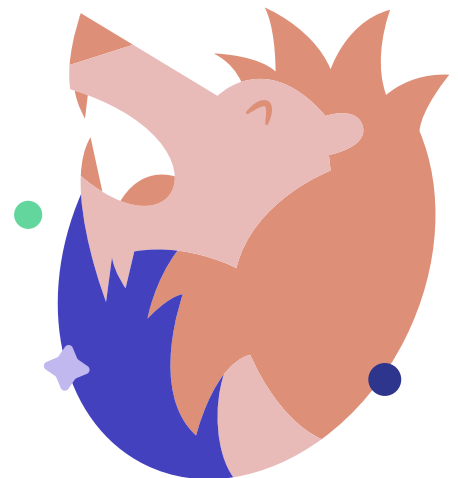


**CAN YOU THINK OF SOMETHING THAT LASTS FOREVER AND NEVER CHANGES?**

When we look around us, we can see most things don't last forever. If it is too hot for you today, wait until tomorrow. If you are tired of school, don't worry; the weekend is coming! What is popular and acceptable today is sure to be unpopular tomorrow.

One thing that will **never change\*** is the Bible. God's Word is true today, tomorrow and forever, no matter what changes around us!

There are many true stories in the Bible of men and women who faced difficult situations. One of those people was Daniel. God tells us about Daniel in the Old Testament. (If time allows, read Daniel 1 and Daniel 6 together as a family either now or later in the week.)



Daniel was a teenager when he was taken captive from his home in Israel and moved hundreds of miles away to a completely different place called Babylon. The people of Israel lived with God and His truth as their foundation. Babylon was completely different. The people worshiped other gods. The food, clothing, customs and language were different. Nothing was familiar.

Even though the Babylonians pressured Daniel to live like them and turn away from God, Daniel stayed faithful. Daniel's home and everything around him changed, but he knew God's truth didn't. He continued to worship God daily, lived according to God's truth, and trusted God to protect him and help him. God's truth shaped Daniel, not the culture around him.

Daniel knew God's Word was always true, no matter what. The Bible reminds us of this in the book of Isaiah. **Can you help me find Isaiah chapter 40, verse 8?**



***THE GRASS WITHERS, THE  
FLOWER FADES, BUT THE  
WORD OF OUR GOD WILL  
STAND FOREVER.***

### ISAIAH 40:8

The grass outside will turn brown and die. Flowers don't last forever either. Their petals will eventually wilt and fall off. But not God's Word! God's Word will stand (or last) forever.

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Even if the current culture or celebrities, or even your friends don't believe God's Word, it doesn't mean God's Word is wrong, His truth is absolute. God's Word doesn't change and isn't dependent on anything or anyone else.

**God's Word is as relevant today as the day it was written\***.

However, God knew that because we are human, we would struggle sometimes. We might be tempted to listen to the world around us instead of to His truth. **Let's read about this in the book of Romans. Can you help me find Romans chapter 12, verse 2? Romans is the 6th book in the New Testament.**



***DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND, THAT BY TESTING YOU MAY DISCERN WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD, WHAT IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT.***

## ROMANS 12:2

The word "conform" means to become like something else. God doesn't want us to become like the world around us; He wants to transform us into something new. As we spend time in His Word, God will give us an understanding of His will and how to follow Him.

God's truth applies to us just as much today as it did when Daniel lived in Babylon. God doesn't change His Word as the world changes because His truth is perfect. Time and location don't change our ability to relate to and apply God's truth. God's Word is true today and always, no matter how old you are or where you live. The word of our God stands forever.

END OF TALK TOGETHER



## MORE TO EXPLORE

### WHY DO PEOPLE SAY THE BIBLE IS NOT RELEVANT TODAY?

Some people will tell you God's Word doesn't matter as much today as it did in earlier times. This is not true. Since **GOD DOESN'T CHANGE**, His instructions to us don't change either. Sometimes people say God's Word is not relevant today because they don't want to follow Him. They would rather follow the advice of friends or what they hear through the media. It is best to follow God. Search Scripture for answers to your big questions! God's Word is truth.

### WHAT DO I TELL MY FRIEND WHO SAYS THE BIBLE IS OUTDATED?

As the society around us changes, it may feel like God's Word is old-fashioned or outdated. Even though people may change their minds about what they believe is right or wrong, we know God doesn't change His mind. Since God is completely perfect, He doesn't need to change His mind or His ways! James 1:17 says: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Since God is perfect and holy, we can trust His way is always the right way and His Word is perfect.

### HOW CAN I TELL MY FRIEND SOMETHING THEY BELIEVE ABOUT GOD ISN'T TRUE?

We often don't speak up about God's truth and correct lies our friends believe because we don't want to offend or lose their friendship. God calls us to speak His truth with grace and love. In Romans 10:14-17, Paul says we can't believe in something we've never heard. Faith and belief in God come through the truth in God's Word. If we aren't telling our friends the truth about God, who will? Remember that ultimately we answer to God, not to our friends.

**CULTURE:** the way of life for a particular group of people, including things like beliefs, art, language, clothing and manners

**RELEVANT:** appropriate and related to the current time, period or circumstances

### ADDITIONAL PASSAGES YOUR FAMILY CAN READ TOGETHER:

- **2 Timothy 3:13-15** tells us to continue pursuing and living the truth we have learned from God's Word.
- Even though everything else will fade and be destroyed, **1 Peter 1:22-25** reminds us God's Word remains forever.
- **2 Peter 3:14-18** encourages us to be on the lookout for people who will try to twist Scripture to be something other than God's truth.



TALK TOGETHER



MORE TO EXPLORE



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET



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**Talk About**



THE GRASS WITHERS,  
THE FLOWER FADES, BUT  
**THE WORD**  
OF OUR GOD WILL STAND  
**FOREVER**

ISAIAH 40:8

IS THE BIBLE STILL RELEVANT TODAY?

THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER

# ★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2022

## ♥ MEMORIZE

**"THE GRASS WITHERS,  
THE FLOWER FADES,  
BUT THE WORD OF  
OUR GOD WILL  
STAND FOREVER."**

**ISAIAH 40:8**

**Q: IS THE BIBLE STILL  
RELEVANT TODAY?**

**A: THE WORD OF OUR GOD  
WILL STAND FOREVER**



## SHARE

Share with your children a time you were tempted to follow the world's ways instead of God's ways. What did God teach you in this situation?

## PRAY

**THANK YOU, GOD, FOR YOUR  
WONDERFUL WORD. THANK YOU  
THAT IT IS THE SAME YESTERDAY,  
TODAY AND FOREVER. PLEASE GIVE  
US STRENGTH AND WISDOM TO  
LIVE ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.  
CHANGE AND SHAPE US BY YOUR  
TRUTH. AMEN.**

## CREATE

Give each person in your family a large piece of foil. Ask each person to create something out of their foil and share what they made.

"You shaped your foil the way you wanted. Romans 12:1-2 tells us God wants us to be shaped by Him and His truth instead of the world around us. He wants to make us more like Jesus."

## ACT

Read Daniel 6 out loud and then act it out as a family. Assign everyone one or more parts. Let an older child be the director. Be creative and have fun with it!

After the play, ask your children how we can have the same kind of faith Daniel had. How can we stand up to someone who goes against God's truth?

## HAMMER AWAY

Ask your child what a hammer is used for (or show them!). What is its purpose? Hammers are used to secure nails and build things. Hammers were used in ancient times, and they are still used today. While the times were different, the tool and its purpose remain the same.

The Bible has been read and followed since ancient times. Its purpose and usefulness have not changed. God's Truth in the Bible secures our faith and builds us to be more like Jesus.

## BE AWARE!



**READ 2 PETER 3:14-18 AND  
DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS BELOW.**

- What does it sound like when people twist and distort God's Word?
- When has someone told you something that disagreed with God's truth?
- What is something popular today that goes against God's Word?
- What can we do so we don't get carried away and believe things that aren't true?
- What does it look like for someone your age to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus?



**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN  
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**

## SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series to praise God for His wonderful Word!

**Talk About**