

# ABOUT THE BIBLE

The word Bible means “book”. In fact, the Bible is THE BOOK, the most important book ever written. It’s like a library of 66 smaller books that all fit together. The Bible is God’s message to all people. It tells what God is like, shows who Jesus is, and explains how we can have a relationship with God.

## THE BIBLE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS.

### THE OLD TESTAMENT

- Is in the front of the Bible.
- Contains 39 books.
- Was written many years before Jesus was born.
- Points to a promised Messiah, who is Jesus.

### THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Is in the back of the Bible.
- Contains 27 books.
- Tells how Jesus is the promised Messiah who came to save all people from sin.
- Explains how Jesus’ first followers became the Church.
- Tells how a person becomes a Christian.

## WHO WROTE THE BIBLE?

**GOD DID!** People who were listening to God wrote down the things that God wanted them to write. The Bible has many different writers who lived at different times and in different places. Yet their message remains consistent, because it’s God’s message! That makes the Bible true, dependable, trustworthy and right.

Every part of the Bible was spoken by God and is useful for showing what is true, revealing sin, correcting errors, and teaching people how to have a right relationship with God. Because of the Bible, people can be complete through Jesus and prepared to do the things God has planned for them.

Based on *2 Timothy 3:16-17*