



LESSON 1

The Word of God

Vocabulary

- **The Bible** – The collection of 66 books inspired by God
- **Scripture** – Sacred writings; parts or passages from the Bible
- **Prophet** – Someone with high spiritual knowledge; often from God
- **Prophecy** – A truth said by a prophet; often about future events
- **Inspiration** – The way God worked through human writers to record Scripture; “God-breathed”
- **Testament** – A promise or set of promises; an agreement or covenant

1-A God's Miracle Book

Pick a book off your bookshelf, flip to the title page, and you probably won't see more than one or two authors. Most books are written within a few years by only a few authors.

But when you open your **Bible**, you're looking into a library of **Scripture**—a treasure trove of books, passages, and poems written by many different authors over 1,600 years. The people who wrote these words were shepherds, rulers, poets, priests, teachers, fishers, and soldiers. Some were educated, and some were not.

Despite so many authors, the Bible is unified. The books fit together well, and we find that a few important ideas come up again and again. In book after book, the Bible tells the same story—God is amazing, and He wants to build a relationship with us.

► So how did such a great library fall into our hands? Read **2 Peter 1:20-21**.

- In verse 20, Peter writes that no one made up the prophecies in Scripture.
- Instead, according to verse 21, how did the writers of Scripture speak?

Vocabulary

Lists potentially unfamiliar terms for easy reference

Session Headings

Correspond to sessions within the Teacher's Manual

Student Exercises

Offer a variety of ways to read, recall, and reflect