

Bible—Fact or Fiction



Did God Really Write the Bible?

Key Faith Foundation: All Scripture Is Inspired by God

Key Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21

grapple schedule (see pages 4-5 for descriptions)

5 minutes	grapple community
10-15 minutes	grapple games and clues
10 minutes	grapple time
15 minutes	grapple team time
10 minutes	grapple team reports
5 minutes	grapple prayer and dare

Supplies ▶ Bibles, *Grapple* DVD, DVD player, Christian music CD, CD player, copy of the Grapple Team Guide for each person, paper, pencils, markers, tape

grapple community: 5 minutes

Play Christian music as kids enjoy snacks and friendship, and then play an opening countdown from the *Grapple* DVD.

grapple games: 10-15 minutes

Lead kids in the games they chose ahead of time at mygrapple.com.

grapple clues

Have kids write the answers to this week's Grapple Clues. Award points for each correct answer. The winning team gets the Grapple Button (see page 5).

CLUE 1 [342 points]: **Discover two people who wrote books of the Bible.**

CLUE 2 [593 points]: **Find a Bible verse where God talks about writing something down.**

CLUE 3 [451 points]: **Discover a favorite book for each person in your Grapple Team.**

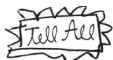
CLUE 4 [999 points]: **Discover who in our class has ever written a poem or a short story.**

GET READY ▶ Cue the Grapple DVD to the “Straight Talk” clip.

Lead the entire class in the following:

Today we’re going to play a game called I Scribe. I’ll tell you a story one phrase at a time, and we’ll pass the paper around the room so that each person gets a chance to write part of the story. Ready?

Hand paper and pencil to the youngest person in the class. Read from Luke 15:11-20, breaking the story into verses or short phrases to accommodate the number of kids in the class. After you’ve read a phrase, pause to give one person time to write the phrase and pass the paper and pencil to the next person. When you’ve read the story and everyone has had a chance to write, hold up the paper for everyone to see.



If we were going to put the author’s name on this story, whose name would we write? Why?

Pass the paper around again, starting with the person wearing the most blue, and encourage kids to write their names on the paper if they believe they can take credit for writing the story.



Did you write your name on the paper? Why or why not? Why shouldn’t you get credit for writing this story? Who do you think should get credit for writing the Bible? Explain.

Let’s watch a DVD clip as we think more about who really deserves the credit for writing the Bible.

Show the “Straight Talk” clip on the Grapple DVD.

Did God really write the Bible if there are so many different authors? Let’s go to our Grapple Team Time and grapple with that.

grapple team time: 15 minutes

Break into Grapple Teams. Encourage Grapple Team leaders to check in with kids about their week. Grapple Team leaders will facilitate discussion, using the Grapple Team Guide on pages 35-36. Afterward, kids will report what they learned.

grapple team reports: 10 minutes

At the end of Grapple Team Time, match Grapple Teams that chose Option 1 with Grapple Teams that chose Option 2 from page 36. Have teams present their reports.

grapple prayer: 5 minutes

Read the Grapple Prayer options. Have the class choose one prayer option that everyone will do. Allow kids time to pray about what they discovered. Then close in prayer.

Option 1: Letter Prayers

Write a letter to God thanking him for using people to record his words to us in the Bible.

Option 2: Whistle Prayers

Softly whistle a favorite Bible song as you pray and ask God to use the Bible to teach you.

grapple dare

God might not have written words on paper, but God is the author of the Bible. God spoke to men—Moses, John, and Paul, for example—and these men listened to God and wrote the Bible so that today we can read it. The Bible is God's true and important message to tell us that Jesus came to save us, and it shows us how to live for God each day of our lives.

Here's your Grapple Dare: This week I dare you to read a chapter of the Bible each day as you learn more about God's most important message to you.

Remember to go to mygrapple.com this week to choose the opening games for next week, look for Grapple Clues to win the Grapple Button, play an online game, and connect with each other—and me.

grapple team guide

In your Grapple Team, use this guide to grapple with today's question.



Find a book of the Bible written by Paul, David, Peter, Solomon, Joshua, or John. Then report back to your team as if you were doing a news broadcast about the book being written.

So, if these men have their names on a book of the Bible or they signed a letter in the Bible, did God really write the Bible? Makes you wonder, doesn't it? Let's find out.

Read 2 Peter 1:19-21.

List the two sources for the Bible, according to these Scriptures, and two things that these Scriptures say the Bible didn't come from. Based on these verses, who is the author of the Bible? What does this make you think about the Bible?

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-15.

What do these verses say is the ultimate purpose of the Bible? If you can trust that God wrote the Bible, what does that mean about trusting the ultimate purpose of the Bible? How does knowing this impact your life?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

According to these verses, what are three reasons why the Bible can be useful in your life? List them here.



Pick one of these reasons and describe what that would look like in your life.

As a team, write phrases you've listed above to form a sentence about who wrote the Bible and how the Bible applies to your life. It's time to report breaking news: Create a 60-second news broadcast about the real author of the Bible.

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 grapple team reports

With your team, choose one of the options below to report what you discovered.

Option 1: Bible Scene

To share what you discovered, act out a scene to show what you think it might have looked like as the Bible was being written.

Option 2: Bible Mural

Have each person in your team draw a picture of what you discovered about who wrote the Bible. Create a mural by taping the individual pictures together.