



**START
ZONE**





WELCOME

TO THE T&T START ZONE!

This is where you'll get an idea of what you'll be learning in T&T™.
(By the way, T&T stands for Truth & Training™.)

First things first, though. Let's find out a little about you!

// COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE

My name is

I'm

years old and I'm in the

grade.

I live with my

CHECK ONE:

☐

I've been to Awana®.

☐

I've never been to Awana before.

If you have been to Awana before, CHECK the clubs you've attended:

☐

Cuboles®

☐

Sparks®

☐

T&T™

CHECK ONE:

☐

I don't usually go to church.

☐

I go to church on the weekends.

I go to church at

When it comes to reading, **CHECK ONE:**

☐

I'm good at reading.

☐

I sometimes need some help.

My favorites ...

Color:

Animal:

Someday I want to be a(n)

Here are four things I do every week:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Something I want you to know about me is ...

NOW, LET'S LOOK AT
some of the important things you'll learn in T&T!



GOD, CREATION, SIN



SIN

SUFFERING



CHOOSE DEATH



OBEY

GOODNESS



CHOOSE LIFE

YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT GOD THROUGH HIS WORDS TO US IN THE BIBLE.

God is powerful and good and perfect. He created the whole universe and everything in it, including humans. All He created was very good. That means there was nothing wrong with anything He created.

BUT God also created people to be able to make choices for themselves, and the very first people, Adam and Eve, made a really bad choice. They chose to do something God told them not to do. Their bad choice brought sin into the world.

DEFINITION

SIN — anything we think, say or do that disobeys God. Sin also includes choosing not to do the good things God wants us to do.

REFERENCE VERSES

GENESIS 1:1 – *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*

GENESIS 1:31 – *And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

ROMANS 5:12 – *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man [Adam], and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.*

What did God create?

What is sin?



WHO NEEDS A SAVIOR?

Who needs a savior?



everyone

everyone

EVERYONE



ALL OF US SIN.

That means everyone who has ever lived (except for Jesus, God's Son) has sinned. God has to give us what we deserve. And since we've all sinned, we all deserve punishment. God tells us the punishment for sin is death.

We all need to be saved. Saved from what? From the punishment for our sins, from an eternal (forever) punishment in hell. But there's no way for us to escape that punishment on our own.

REFERENCE VERSES

ROMANS 3:23 – *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

ROMANS 6:23 – *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Who has sinned?

What do we need to be saved from?



JESUS: THE PERFECT SAVIOR!

perfect love



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GOD LOVES US SO MUCH THAT HE MADE A WAY FOR US TO BE SAVED.

This is a very good thing for us! Our sin has to be punished, so God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to become a man (while still being God). Jesus Christ never sinned, so He didn't deserve to be punished. But He let people kill Him. His death is the punishment we deserve for our sin.

REFERENCE VERSE

JOHN 3:16 – *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

What did God do to save us from the punishment for our sin?



WE CAN BE SAVED FROM SIN!

most important grave ever



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GARDEN TOMB OUTSIDE JERUSALEM, ISRAEL



JESUS CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS IS THE PUNISHMENT AND PAYMENT FOR OUR SINS.

In order to be saved from our sins, we must believe that He is the Son of God and that His death was the punishment we deserve. Believing in Jesus Christ is called faith. If we have faith and trust that Jesus Christ took the punishment for our sins on the cross, we are saved.

Jesus Christ didn't stay dead. After three days in the grave, He came alive again. He's in heaven now, and He's promised us that when we die, He will make us alive again too. He will take us to live with Him forever in heaven.

REFERENCE VERSES

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4 – For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

ROMANS 4:5 – And to the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

What is faith?

What happened after Jesus died? Where is He now?



SAVED BY GRACE

// TO LOG IN ANSWER SECURITY QUESTION:

What can I do to save myself?

Be a good person.

⚠ ACCESS DENIED

Do good things.

⚠ ACCESS DENIED

Try my best to be perfect.

🔒 YOU ARE NOW LOCKED OUT.

// ADMINISTRATOR OVERRIDE

ENTER CORRECT ANSWER:

I can't save myself.

✓ ACCEPTED.

YOU ARE NOW LOGGED IN.

GOD LOVES US AND GIVES US KINDNESS AND GIFTS THAT WE DON'T DESERVE.

We deserve to be punished for our sins. We do NOT deserve to live in heaven with God forever. But because of God's grace, He gave us a way to be saved and be with Him in heaven. This is a free gift from God. We don't have to earn it by working hard enough. We could never be good enough to be saved! All we have to do to be saved is believe (have faith) that Jesus Christ died for our sin and came alive again.

REFERENCE VERSES

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 ~ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

What do we have to do to be saved?



EPHESIANS 2:8-9

*For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.
Not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

To download a Scripture song of the verse, go to awana.org/Ephesians.

DEFINITIONS

GRACE — giving someone something good that he or she doesn't deserve

FAITH — believing in Jesus Christ and what He did for us

WORKS — things someone might do to try to be good enough to be saved

BOAST — telling people how great you think you are



BONUS BOX

Ask a parent or another caring adult to write about or draw a picture of a favorite gift he or she has received.

SECTION 1 COMPLETE



Leader Signature

Date



WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE BIBLE?

IF YOUR MOM ...

won't be home after school but wants you to do your homework, clean your room, and walk the dog, she'll write or text you a note. When you see the note, you know what your mom wants, just as if she were talking right to you face-to-face. If you ignore the note, you'll get in trouble just as if you'd ignored your mom when she was home. Words are important, and the words that people write down for you to read are just as important as the words they say.

God doesn't talk right to us face-to-face, but He has given us His Word, the Bible, so we can know what He wants us to know. And since, as we already learned, God is our Creator and in charge of everything, it's important for us to listen to and do what He says. We do this by reading and memorizing the Bible.

REFERENCE VERSE

2 TIMOTHY 3:16 — *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.*





THE BIBLE TELLS US ABOUT ...

GOD

- It tells us who He is and why He created us.
- It tells us that God is **ONE** God, but He exists as **THREE** persons: God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each person is God, but each person has a different job to do.*

REFERENCE VERSES

ISAIAH 43:10b-11 – Before Me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after Me. I, I am the LORD, and besides Me there is no savior.



OURSELVES

- It tells us why we are the way we are — why we die, why we have sickness and pain, and why we sin.
- It tells us what the punishment is for our sin.

REFERENCE VERSE

ECCLESIASTES 7:20 – Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

JESUS CHRIST

- It tells us He is God's Son, who took our punishment and made the only way for us to be saved.
- It tells us how the Holy Spirit helps us when we trust in Jesus Christ and all the amazing things God has prepared for us in the future.

REFERENCE VERSE

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 – For our sake He made Him [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

THAT'S WHY IN T&T ...

we spend so much time reading and learning about and memorizing the Bible. It's the most important book in the whole world.

What are three things the Bible tells us?

*You will learn more about each person of God in your T&T kid's handbook.



GOD CHOSE MEN TO WRITE THE BIBLE



GOD DIDN'T SIT DOWN ...

one day and write the Bible the way your mom would write you a note. He chose men to write it. God told those men what He wanted them to write, and they put down the words exactly the way God wanted the words to be. God made sure the men made no mistakes or errors.

These men didn't all get the message at the same time, either. God gave us His Word through about 40 different men over a long period of time. It took about 1,500 years for these men to finish writing the whole Bible! That's why the Bible is one big book, with one big message from God, but is divided into 66 smaller books.

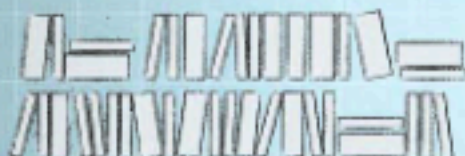
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YEARS

40
MEN

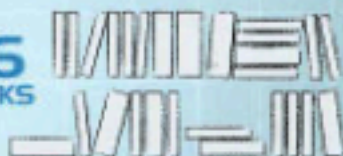


REFERENCE VERSES

2 PETER 1:20-21 – *Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*



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BOOKS





QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

BIBLE = BOOK

The word *Bible* means book.

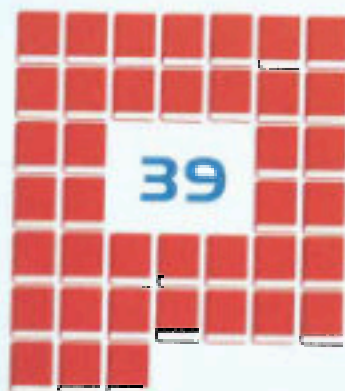
OLD TESTAMENT



NEW TESTAMENT



The Bible is divided into two large parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament.



The testaments are divided into smaller sections called books. There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament.

CHAPTER

VERSE

GENESIS 1

- 1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
- 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

- 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.
- 5 God called the light *Day*, and the darkness He called *Night*. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
- 6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."
- 7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.

Most of the books are divided into chapters. These chapters are numbered. They go from chapter one to however many there are in that book. (A few books are so short they have just one chapter.)

The chapters are divided into sentences and paragraphs that are numbered. These divisions are called verses.



WHAT IS A VERSE REFERENCE?

NAME OF BOOK

Genesis 1:3

CHAPTER
NUMBER

VERSE
NUMBER

A BIBLE VERSE ...

in your T&T handbook will start something like this: Genesis 1:3. This is called a verse reference. So to find Genesis 1:3, you'd turn to the book of Genesis, find the first chapter, and then look down through the chapter until you find the third verse. It's very easy, and even if you've never done it before, you'll figure it out right away.

You will learn all sorts of other cool stuff about the Bible in T&T, but for now, keep in mind that studying the Bible is the best, coolest, most important thing you'll ever do.

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7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.

Look up Genesis 2:1. Write the verse here.

Genesis 1

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form, and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.



ROMANS 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

To download a Scripture song of the verse, go to awana.org/Romans.

DEFINITION

WORD OF CHRIST — the good news about our Savior, Jesus, that we read in the Bible



BONUS BOX

Ask a parent or another caring adult to write about or draw a project he or she spent a lot of time completing. Tell him or her how long it took to write the Bible.

SECTION 2 COMPLETE

Leader Signature



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HI, PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS!

WELCOME TO YOUR CHILD'S T&T START ZONE!

The T&T Start Zone introduces some of the fun things your child will learn about in T&T. Here are important things you'll want to know about T&T too.

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR CHILD TO FINISH THE START ZONE?

1. Two sections, one per week
2. Kids should:
 - Complete Start Here.
 - Answer Explore questions.
 - Memorize and recite Bible verses to an Awana leader.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Work together each week on your child's section.
2. Seek help from your child's leader if you and your child are stumped with anything.
3. Complete the Bonus Box with your child each week.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR CHILD FINISHES THE START ZONE?

Talk with your child's leader to find out about your child's handbook and uniform.

DID YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD COULD EARN SCHOLARSHIP MONEY?

T&T is the first step! High school seniors and adults who've completed 10 years' worth of Awana curriculum — third through 12th grade — earn the Citation Award. Many Christian colleges offer scholarships for Citation achievers. Visit awanaym.org/scholarships for more information.

TERMS TO KNOW

SECTIONS: Required lessons in the Start Zone and each kid's handbook

HANDBOOK: Book that contains weekly required sections

BONUS BOX: A weekly, optional interaction that provides a fun and simple way for your child to share his or her handbook with you each week. Fill in the appropriate response inside the Bonus Box.

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