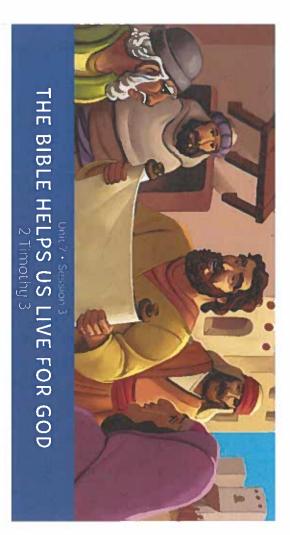


- 1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- 2. What does this story teach me about myself?
- 3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- 4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- 5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



WHAT IS THE BIBLE? THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD THAT TELLS US WHAT IS TRUE ABOUT GOD AND OURSELVES.

Paul wrote a letter to his friend Timothy. Paul was a follower of Jesus. He was also a missionary. Timothy had traveled with Paul and now was a leader at a church.

Two letters from Paul to Timothy are part of the Bible. In the second letter, Paul wrote: "Hard times are coming. Some people will not live for God. They will love themselves and money most of all. Instead of loving God, they will do whatever feels good to them.

"You know me well, and you even suffered like I did. Everyone who wants to live for Jesus will face hard times, too. From the time you were a child, you learned from Scripture. The Scriptures give you the wisdom you need to be saved."

Paul said, "All Scripture is inspired by God. It is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness. With the Bible, everyone who follows God can be ready and have everything they need to do every good work."

Christ Connection: Paul wrote to teach Timothy how to live for God. The Bible tells us about God's plan for people to have forgiveness through His Son, Jesus. Jesus obeyed God's Word perfectly. We can follow Jesus' example to read, believe, and obey the Bible as we live for God's glory.