

## **Week 1: The Bible**

***I would suggest having a storybook with you if at all possible.***

Who here likes to hear stories? What is your favorite storybook? (Allow players to share their answers).

Show your players the storybook and let them see the cartoon pictures inside. Then say something like, "Although this book would be fun to read, they are just funny books, but are not real books. (Dr. Seuss books are good ones to show). For older age groups you may bring any fictional book.

These books tell funny stories, but the stories are just pretend. That means they are not true. They are fun to read, but you can't believe a word they say.

Did you know that God wrote a book? Do you know what it is called? (Wait for responses). He did write a book and it is called the bible. It is God's Word to us. You know what the amazing thing about the bible? It is all true! You can believe every word you read in the bible! In the bible, in John 17:17 it reads, "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth". So, it is saying that all the words you read in the bible you can believe that they are true.

God wants us to learn all about Him, and the way we can do this is by reading what the bible says about God. Just like you can read a book about Lebron James to learn more about him, you can read your bible to learn more about God the Father, and His Son, Jesus Christ. However, if you read a number of books about Lebron, you may learn many statistics and facts about him, but reading the Bible you will be able to actually get to know God because He reveals Himself throughout Scripture. You can learn many things about Lebron, but if you showed up at his home do you think he would say he knows you? No! However, with God, the bible says that if you desire to get to know Him, He will draw close to you and desire to have a relationship with you (James 4:8a)! How cool is it that the Creator of the Universe would desire to have a relationship with you?!

So how do we know the bible is true? The bible is uniquely self-consistent and extraordinarily authentic. It has changed the lives of millions of people who have placed their faith in Jesus. It has been confirmed countless times by archaeology and other sciences. It possesses divine insight into the nature of the universe and has made over 2000 correct predictions about distant future events with perfect accuracy. No one has ever been able to prove the bible false.

Let's pray and thank God for His wonderful true book, called the bible!