

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB

BOOK #4

His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. ~Psalm 1:2

A stylized landscape illustration. The top half features a dark blue sky with a large, glowing orange sun partially obscured by a white mountain peak. Below the mountain, there are rolling hills in shades of yellow and green. The text 'Way of Wisdom' is overlaid on the hills in a large, bold, dark blue font.

Way of Wisdom

**God's Word: a Light that
Guides and Cleans**

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Review and recite the following key verses and motto:

Key Verses: Proverbs 3:21b-23

²¹Keep sound wisdom and discretion, ²²so they will be life to your soul and adornment to your neck. ²³Then you will walk in your way securely and your foot will not stumble.

Motto: Remembering God's Words while we are young

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Reviewing God's Counsel

W is for Wisdom **Proverbs 3:13**

How blessed is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding.

I is for Inclining **Proverbs 2:2**

Make your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding.

S is for Searching **Proverbs 2:4-5**

If you seek her [wisdom] as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures; ⁵Then you will discern the fear of the LORD and discover the knowledge of God.

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D is for Discretion **Proverbs 2:11-12a**

Discretion will guard you, Understanding will watch

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O *ver you,* ¹²*To deliver you from the way of evil.*
is for Obedience **Proverbs 4:4**

Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments and live.

M
is for man **Proverbs 1:5a**

A wise man will hear and increase in learning.

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The Bible is a book from God. It is the only place where God uses written words to tell us what He is like. God has put truth in the Bible that He wants every man to know. God wants His word to be as a light that guides us on His right path.

Psalm 119:105

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

While the Bible teaches us God's right path, it also corrects wrong paths. The Bible "cleans" those who read it and who open their hearts to its teaching.

Psalm 119:9-11

⁹How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your Word. ¹⁰With all my heart I have sought You; do not let me wander from Your commandments. ¹¹Your Word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.

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What is in the Bible? The Bible is one large book that is made up of many smaller books. There are 66 books in the Bible, which are divided into two major sections.

Old Testament (39 books)

New Testament (27 books)

Within each major section there are smaller sections:

From memory, explain the way the Bible is structured and tell your leader how many books are in each major section.

Old Testament
Law
History
Poetry
Prophecy

New Testament
Gospels
History
Epistles (Letters)
Prophecy

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Below is a list of the books in the Bible divided into their sections. Learn the names of each of the books of the Bible in order and repeat them to your leader.

Each "book" in the Bible has a name. Some books are named after men, some are named after women, and some are named after their content (what they write about).

OLD TESTAMENT DIVISION

Law	History		Poetry
Genesis	Joshua	1 & 2 Chronicles	Job
Exodus	Judges	Ezra	Psalms
Leviticus	Ruth	Nehemiah	Proverbs
Numbers	1 & 2 Samuel	Esther	Ecclesiastes
Deuteronomy	1 & 2 Kings		Song of Solomon

Prophecy		
Isaiah	Joel	Habakkuk
Jeremiah	Amos	Zephaniah
Lamentations	Obadiah	Haggai
Ezekiel	Jonah	Zechariah
Daniel	Micah	Malachi
Hosea	Nahum	

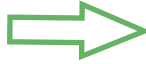
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Gospels
Matthew
Mark
Luke
John



History
Acts



Epistles (Letters)		
Romans	Colossians	Hebrews
1 & 2 Corinthians	1 & 2 Thessalonians	James
Galatians	1 & 2 Timothy	1 & 2 Peter
Ephesians	Titus	1, 2, & 3 John
Philippians	Philemon	Jude



Revelation
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Who gave us the Bible? It came from God. He breathed out the words.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is inspired by God.

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How did God give us all of these books in the Bible? Through men who were both taught of God and helped by God.

2 Peter 1:21

For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

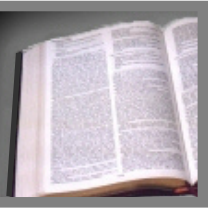
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Look up Psalm 19:7-11. Make a list of all of the things that God can do in the life of someone who listens to and obeys the Bible.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

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Read the following story carefully and answer the questions at the end:

We stood for a while on the road before anyone else appeared. Evangelist seemed to be thinking hard, and often would read from a small black book.

After about 30 minutes, I spotted someone in the distance. He was wearing a white lab coat. He walked by and looked like he was going to pass without even noticing us. Evangelist offered him a piece of paper with some writing on it. The man took the paper, but handed it back almost immediately.

"I'm sorry. I don't have time for fairy tales."

Evangelist smiled. "Neither do I."

"Then don't hand out pamphlets about God."

"I'm afraid I don't follow you."

"Your paper talks about God. God is described as a Creator. Creation is a myth and a fairy tale. That makes your pamphlet a fairy tale. Fair enough?"

The man turned to go, but stopped abruptly after Evangelist said, "If you object to 'fairy tales,' then why do you borrow from them?"

The man whirled in his tracks. "I borrow from nothing. My philosophy is built on my own mind, not some...some book!"

"Do you believe in the theory of evolution?"

"I certainly do. Science has settled the matter beyond question."

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“So you believe that all we see around us is the result of time and chance acting on matter?”

“I do.”

“And that nothing exists unless it is the result of this process?”

“Correct.”

“So again, my earlier question. Why do you believe your own thinking is right? How can time and chance, acting on matter, produce reason?”

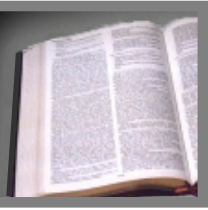
The man stopped and thought for a moment. Evangelist continued. “If you see a chemical reaction in the laboratory, you wouldn’t say that the reaction is either true or false. It just is. According to you, my Christian beliefs are just a complex chemical reaction inside my head. So why do you think they are false? Your beliefs would be a different chemical reaction. So why do you think they are true?”

The man was clearly intrigued. He introduced himself as Mark, then walked over to a rock at the side of the road, and sat down. He asked, “Is this what you mean when you say I am borrowing reason?”

“That is correct. It is not my purpose now to argue the theory of evolution. Right now, my question is why do people who believe in evolution teach their belief just like people who believe in God?”

Mark was clearly an intelligent man, but this was a type of reasoning that was entirely new to him. He decided to take the argument to the next step. “So

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then, you are not trying to defend your God, or the doctrine of Creation, with your own thinking.”

Evangelist smiled. “That’s true. I believe in God. God does not depend on my mind. My mind depends on Him. He continued, “For those who do not believe in God the only consistent position is to believe nothing at all. Of course, if there is no God, nothing matters.”

Mark chuckled. “You are right...nothing matters. So I can reject your God, which I continue to do. Thank you.” At this, Mark got up to go.

Evangelist stopped him with a motion of his hand. “You are forgetting something else. Before, you had a reason for rejecting God—or at least you thought you did. Now you don’t have any weapons. The only thing standing between you and God is your unwillingness to have anything to do with Him.”

“You misunderstand me. I only reject Him because He does not exist. My ‘unwillingness’ has nothing to do with it.”

“Why do you believe that He does not exist?”

Mark rubbed his chin. “I see your point.”

“I ask for your reasons because I want you to know your position. I want you to say out loud that you have no reason to defy God, and yet you are defying Him anyway. Call it spiritual reality.”

“And what do you do with those who are willing to say it?”

“I commend them. And give them something else to think about on the road.”

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Mark laughed. "I wish there were more Christians like you. What do you want me to think about?"

"I want you to think about your sins."

"Excuse me?"

"If you have no reason to rebel against God, then the source of your rebellion must be inside your sinful heart. Perhaps you just don't want to live the way God insists we live?"

Mark turned away, shaking his head. About ten yards away, he turned back for a parting comment.

"You are assuming that God exists."

"Certainly."

(Adapted from Douglas Wilson's *Persuasions*, 41-46)

Questions:

- 1) What do believing in evolution and believing in creation by God have in common?
- 2) Does the Bible teach evolution or creation? Which best agrees with what we know of God?

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- 3) Why did Mark reject God in the beginning of the story?

- 4) Why was Mark's continued rejection of God considered to be an act of rebellion, according to Evangelist?

- 5) Why would Mark's immorality or sin cause him to rebel against the idea of belief in a holy God?

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