

ANCHORED | READABILITY OF THE BIBLE PT. 2

Lesson 1: Lost in Translation



Dear Parents,

Hello! I wanted to remind you about the study we're doing that focuses on helping students remain steady in the face of adversity and encourage them to grow deeper in their relationship with God. This Bible study is called *Anchored: Sure and Steadfast*, and this week is the first of a three-lesson unit called *The Reliability of the Bible Pt. 2*. The lesson was entitled "Lost in Translation," and it allowed us to take a look at the languages that made up the books of our Bible. Using a few different passages in Scripture, students can understand the various languages represented within the Bible and why that matters.

LESSON OVERVIEW: This lesson will be taking a look at the different languages spoken by the writers of Scripture, and at the ever-growing amounts of English translations. Understanding this process will hopefully provide some clarity as to what the goal is when translating a Bible into a new language and help students navigate questions about the many different translations across the globe. A lot of effort and conviction goes into the translations we have today, and not every translation is made with the same intention in mind.

WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO LEARN: That while the Bible is an ancient text, not written in English and not written in our current context, it remains trustworthy and profitable for our lives.

WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED: Be able to read, understand, and enjoy God's Word for themselves with a right understanding of its origins and what that means for how they should engage it today.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES WE STUDIED: Genesis 10:32-11:9, Mark 15:33-37, Isaiah 40:6-8

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

Next Steps. . .

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your student, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What was your Anchor Statement for this week? (Answer: The translation of the Scripture into different languages is difficult, but it is a key part of living out what God has called us to do: dispersing throughout the Earth and filling it with His Gospel.)
- What three languages were used in the original text of the Bible? (Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic)
- Would you ever try to learn one of the original biblical languages? Why or why not?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.