

# ANCHORED | RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE PT. 1

## Lesson 2: The Books of The Bible



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 grow deeper in their relationship with God. This Bible study is called *Anchored: Sure and Steadfast*, and this week is the second of a three lesson unit called *The Reliability of the Bible (Part 1)*. The lesson was entitled "The Books of The Bible" and it goes into a deeper discussion of how we arrived at the specific books that make up God's Word.

**LESSON OVERVIEW:** The contents of the Bible are set in stone. There will be no future installments, nor will we discover lost portions that must be added for clarity. But why? What were the criteria for determining the books of our Bible? In this lesson, we will walk through the incredible journey that early Christians took to determine the canon of Scripture. God has worked through His people to provide and preserve Scripture in the way He sees fit.

**WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO LEARN:** That the contents of the Bible have been preserved by God's power, and remain a true witness of what He has done.

**WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED:** Both Old and New Testament Scripture will be referenced broadly. This lesson aims to give an overview of what is in the Bible.

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES WE STUDIED:** Joshua 1:8-18, 1 Thessalonians 2:13

*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: God has worked through His people to preserve Scripture in the way that He sees fit. The Holy Spirit is working through Scripture even today.)
- Do you ever wish you could have been on one of the councils that met to discuss which books would make up the Bible? Why or why not?
- What is comforting about God's involvement in the process of setting the biblical canon?

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.