

KIDMUNITY | God's Word, My Life

Lesson 02: One Big Story, Many Different Books

Large Group Script

Bottom Line:

The Bible is one big story made of many books.

Memory Verse:

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105

Supplies Needed

- Large Bible (to hold up)
- Suitcase or box packed with a variety of items
- Stack of different kinds of books (mystery, poem, biography, rulebook, etc.)

Welcome & Hook: Is the Bible Confusing?

Sometimes it helps to be honest about what people are already thinking. For a lot of us, the Bible feels intimidating – like it's too big or too confusing to really understand.

- Hold up a big Bible.
- Acknowledge how kids may feel:
 - “This book is HUGE. How am I supposed to read it all?”
 - “Most of it happens long before Jesus shows up.”
 - “It's poetry here, history there, laws, letters... confusing!”
- “Some people even tell you to start reading halfway through – in the New Testament. You'd never start a mystery or comic book in the middle, so why this one?”

The truth is, the Bible really can feel overwhelming at first glance. But here's the good news: it's not a random book. It's one big story composed of many different books, all interconnected.

What the Bible Is

If we're going to understand the Bible better, let's start by looking at what makes it so unique and different from any other book in history.

- 66 books total (39 OT, 27 NT).
- Written across 3 continents: Africa, Asia, Europe.
Written over ~1,500 years: from Moses (about 1400 BC) to John (around AD 90).
- Written by around 40 authors. God used all kinds of people to write His Word, including:
 - Kings (David, Solomon)
 - Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel)
 - Fishermen (Peter, John)
 - A doctor (Luke)
 - A tax collector (Matthew)
 - A shepherd & musician (David again — psalms)
 - A farmer (Amos)
 - A military leader (Joshua)
 - A priest/scribe (Ezra)
 - A tentmaker (Paul)
- Written in 3 original languages:
 - Hebrew (most of the Old Testament)
 - Aramaic (a few Old Testament sections)
 - Greek (New Testament).
- Visual: stack of different books → “Different styles, different voices, one story.”

The Bible wasn't dropped from heaven all at once. It wasn't written by just one kind of person. It wasn't written in one place or time. Yet — all of it fits together as one story about God's love and His rescue plan.

The Bible in One Sentence

So if the Bible is made up of all these different books, is there one sentence that sums it all up?

- *Ask:* “If you had to summarize the whole Bible in just one sentence, what would you say?” (take responses).
- *Say:* “Here’s one way: **God made it, we broke it, Jesus fixes it.**”
- Explain briefly:
 - God made it → creation was good.
 - We broke it → sin messed everything up.
 - Jesus fixes it → God’s rescue plan through His Son.
- *Refined version:*
 “Or here’s another way: **Through Jesus, God is restoring everything that sin ruined.**”

That’s the golden thread tying all 66 books together. From beginning to end, the Bible points us to Jesus.

Old Testament vs. New Testament

Now let’s talk about how this one big story is divided into two main parts.

- Old Testament → before Jesus, preparing the way.
- New Testament → Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and the early church.
- Together → one story of God’s rescue plan.

The Old Testament looks forward to Jesus, and the New Testament shows us Jesus. Put together, they tell one unified story about God’s love and His plan to rescue the world.

Why It Matters

So why does all of this matter for us today?

- The Bible may seem overwhelming, but when you view it as a single story, it becomes more understandable.
- Every book connects to God’s rescue plan through Jesus.
- That means no matter where you read, you’re stepping into the same story.

So don’t be intimidated by the size of the Bible. Every chapter, every verse, every book is part of God’s one big story — and that story includes you.

Wrap-Up & Challenge

When something feels too big, it helps to take one step at a time. That's how the Bible works too.

- Recite Psalm 119:105 together.
- Takeaway: "The Bible is one big story made of many books — and every book points us toward Jesus."
- Challenge: "This week, try reading something new. Here are some places you can start:"
 - **A Psalm (poetry & prayer):** Psalm 23 — "The Lord is my shepherd."
 - **A Proverb (wisdom):** Proverbs 3:1-12 — trust in the Lord with all your heart.
 - **A Gospel story (life of Jesus):** Mark 4:35-41 — Jesus calms the storm.
 - **A Letter (teaching the early church):** Philippians 2:1-11 — be humble like Jesus.