



## OWNER'S MANUAL

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| <b>Inside this issue:</b> | There was a man named Alex. One particular day Alex was very excited. This was the day for his brand new car to be delivered. Alex had never owned a car before, but he knew that owning a car would help him in many ways. He had worked hard and saved his money for several years, just so he could buy the new car. |
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**Pastoral Note**  
**Dear boys and girls,**  
**The school year is coming to an end for many of us and summer is nearby. Let's enjoy our time with our families and Jesus. Let's not forget to read our Bibles every day. And thank Jesus for the life He gives us.**  
**Hugs and love,**  
**Pastor Michelle**

Alex excitedly ran to the car and pulled on the door, but it wouldn't open. He thought to himself, "That's odd, the doors on the car at the dealership opened with no problem." Alex walked around the car looking into the windows thinking how soft the seats looked. At that time Alex's friend Mark came over. "Nice car Alex," said Mark. "But why are you walking around the outside looking in?" Alex replied, "I just got this car and the doors are stuck." Mark laughed and said, "Stuck? Did you try unlocking the doors first?" Alex replied, "Well no, not yet, I was just getting ready to."



Alex put one of the keys into the door lock, but it wouldn't open the door no matter how hard Alex tried to turn it. Mark said, "You better be careful or you'll break that key off in the lock. That key is to the car's trunk. Try the other key." Alex quickly replied, "I was just getting ready to try that." Alex finally unlocked the car doors and sat behind the wheel. He breathed in deeply and said, "Don't you just love that new car smell?"

Mark said, "Yes, it is a great smell. It's a hot day today. Let's see how the air conditioner works." After several attempts and some guidance from Mark, Alex finally got the air conditioner turned on. "Oh great! The air conditioner blows very little cold air!" Alex complained.

Mark smiled and calmly said, "Alex, you push these buttons to change the temperature and turn that knob to adjust the level of air flow. Haven't you read the owner's manual yet? That's the first thing I did when I bought my new car." Alex replied, "No not yet. I've been too busy, but I'll get around to it sometime soon. Right now I want to take it out for a little drive!"

With that, Alex backed out of the driveway. Much to Alex's surprise the car kept going backwards. He turned the wheel and pushed some buttons but the car kept going backwards. With great horror Mark watched as Alex backed his brand new car right into a tree. The car was ruined. Mark ran over to Alex and asked, "Why didn't you stop?" Alex stammered, "I didn't know how..."

Many people go through life without referring to the owner's manual God gave us. This owner manual, the Bible, can help us have a richer, more fulfilled life. It is wise to read the Bible every day and follow the guidelines God has laid out for us. So many people are on the outside trying to find a way in, just like Alex when he was trying to unlock the car doors. People may try different keys or methods to get to Heaven. But Jesus told us **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."** John 14:6

# **KNOWING JESUS**

**“I am the way, the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through Me.”  
JOHN 14:6**



Dear Jesus, Thank you for giving me another day of life. I want to honor You. Help me to pray and read my Bible every day. Amen

The Bible is filled with wonderful stories of Jesus' love for us and His guidance for our lives. Spend time reading your Bible, today.

## Metals

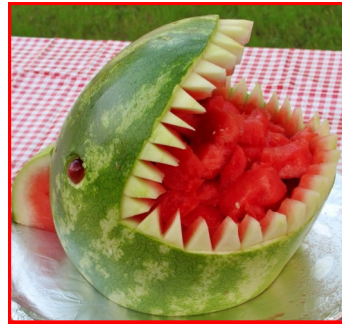


- Metals are strong and are useful for making tools, buildings, bridges and other structures where strength is important.
- Most metals are hard.
- Many metals are sonorous or make a bell-like sound when struck.
- Noble metals like silver, gold and platinum, resist corrosion and oxidation in moist air.

- The word 'metal' comes from the Greek word 'metallon,' which means to mine, excavate or extract from the ground.
- The metals are subdivided into separate groups, such as basic metals, transition metals, alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, rare earth, lanthanides and actinides.
- At room temperature, all of the metals are solids except for mercury, which is a liquid.
- Most common metal found in the Earth's crust is aluminum.
- Many metals are heavy or dense, although some metals, such as lithium, are light enough to float on water!
- Metals are elastic or tend to bend rather than break.
- Alkali metals, such as lithium, sodium, potassium, and rubidium, are so reactive they will ignite and even explode if placed in water.



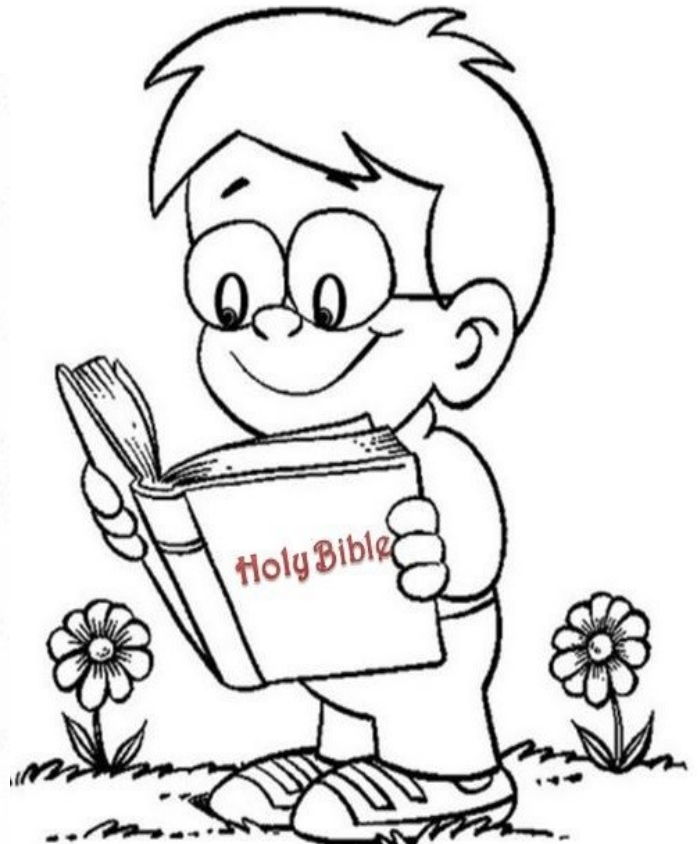
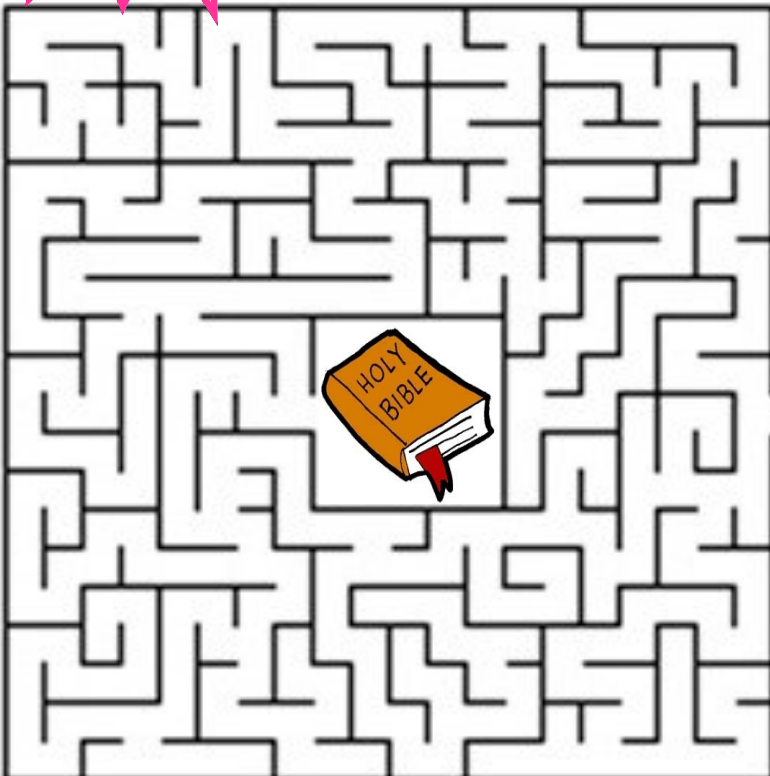
## Watermelon



- The first recorded watermelon harvest occurred nearly 5,000 years ago in Egypt.
- It was depicted in Egyptian hieroglyphics on walls of their ancient buildings.
- Watermelons were often placed in the burial tombs of kings.
- Watermelon is 92% water.
- Watermelon's official name is Citrullus Lanatus of the botanical family Curcubitaceae. It is cousins to cucumbers, pumpkins and squash.
- By weight, watermelon is the most-consumed melon in the U.S., followed by cantaloupe and honeydew.
- Early explorers used watermelons as canteens.
- The United States currently ranks 5th in worldwide production of watermelon.

KIDS'  
CORNER

## God's Holy Word is Important to me!





## GOD's Holy Word is UNCHANGEABLE!

# My Bible Study

"You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."

Deuteronomy 4:2



### WHY IS THE BIBLE SPECIAL?

Did you know that the Bible is the world's ultimate all time number one best seller - there have been more copies produced than any other book in history. About 50 Bibles are sold every minute. The Bible changes people's lives. People who read the Bible and believe what it says find that their lives really change.

**"All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God" 2 Timothy 3:16**

The Bible is a special book because it tells us about Jesus. The Bible tells us many stories from history but it also tells us about how God saves us. The Bible is a collection of many books written over the span of about 1500 years. About 40 different people wrote the Bible. They lived in different times and places and yet their writings were always in harmony with the message God had given them to write.

**Ellen G. White reminds us that "the Bible, and the Bible alone, is to be our creed, the sole bond of union; all who bow to this Holy Word will be in harmony. Our own views and ideas must not control our efforts. Man is fallible, but God's Word is infallible."**

**—Selected Messages, bk. 1, p. 416**

### **ORIGINAL MEANING**

In the original language of the New Testament, Koine Greek, the word **βιβλιον** (biblion) means a scroll and does not mean a Bible. The word biblion was used because the first books of ancient times were written in rolls of parchment (paper).

#### **TRUE OR FALSE:**

Can we add or take away anything to the bible? Deuteronomy 4:2

**T or F**

#### **CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:**

"For prophecy never came by the will of **(MAN, ANIMALS, ANGELS, ROBOTS)** but holy men of God spoke as *they were* moved by the Holy Spirit" 2 Peter 1:21 NKJ

#### **MULTIPLE CHOICE:**

The Bible is made up of how many books? (HINT: Look at the Table of Contents of your Bible)

**A. 56      B. 46      C. 66      D. 65**

### **FUN FACTS**

- The Bible was written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek
- The number of promises given in the Bible: 1,260
- The number of questions in the Bible: 3,294
- The King James Old Testament consist of 592,439 words consisting of 2,728,100 letters and the New Testament 181,253 words consisting of 838,380 letters (total 3,566,480 letters).
- The last word in the Bible is AMEN
- **The word God is found in the Bible: 3,358**