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The God who created the universe became flesh (Jesus) to explain God to manT F
The Father and the Son are both GodT F
<i>Genesis 1:2; Acts 5:3, 4</i> The Spirit of God was present with God in the beginningT F
Lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to GodT F
Peter recognized the Holy Spirit as GodT F
<i>Matthew</i> <b>28:19</b> The God of the Bible is composed of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit <b>T F</b>
<b>REVIEW &amp; SUMMARY</b> A house must have a builder <b>T F</b>
The order and design in the universe testify to the existence of GodT F
Moses, Job, Isaiah, and David stated scientific facts centuries before they were discoveredT F
Is it reasonable to conclude that they were guided by God?Y N
Do you believe in the God of the Bible?
What questions do you have about God?

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#### **PROPHECIES CONCERNING CHRIST** (See Deuteronomy 18:21, 22)

Christ would be born in Bethlehem. <i>Micah 5:2Matthew 2:1</i>
He would be born of a virgin. <i>Isaiah 7:14Matthew 1:18</i>
He would be called out of Egypt. <i>Hosea 11:1 Matthew 2:14, 15</i>
Babies around Bethlehem would be killed. <i>Jeremiah 31:15 Matthew 2:17, 18</i>
He would preach in parables. <i>Psalm 78:2Matthew 13:3</i>
He would be betrayed by a friend. <i>Psalm 41:9John 13:18</i>
He would be sold for thirty pieces of silver. <i>Zechariah</i> 11:12, 13 <i>Matthew</i> 26:15
He would be rejected by Jewish rulers. <i>Psalm 118:22John 7:48</i>
His hands and feet would be pierced. <i>Psalm</i> 22:16John 20:25
He would be offered gall and vinegar to drink. <i>Psalm</i> 69:21
His garments would be divided by gambling. <i>Psalm</i> 22:18
Not a bone of His body would be broken. <i>Psalm 34:20John 19:36</i>
He would pray for His murderers. <i>Isaiah</i> 53:12Luke 23:34
He would be buried with the rich. <i>Isaiah 53:9Matthew</i> 27:57–60
His side would be pierced. <i>Zechariah 12:10John 19:37</i>
He would rise from the dead. <i>Psalm 16:10Matthew 16:21</i>

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## A LESSON FOR BIBLE STUDY

## TO HELP UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE'S AUTHORITY

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

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#### YOUR NAME:

## Matthew 7:24–29; 1 Thessalonians 5:21 A wise person will hear (consider) and put into practice the words of Jesus.....T F Anyone who hears the words of Jesus and does not put them into practice is a foolish It is wise to test everything.....T F A person who is wise will listen to and consider (test) the evidence.....T F Will a wise and honest person change with-Do you consider yourself to be a wise and Are you willing to consider (test) the words of the Bible? .....Y N Hebrews 3:4 A house cannot build itself.....T F In order for a house to exist, there must be a builder.....T F Is it reasonable to believe that the universe can exist without a Builder (Creator)? .....Y N *Romans* 1:18–23; *Psalm* 19:1 Do you have the ability to think and rea-Is it logical to believe that you came from nothing?.....Y N Do the heavens tell of the glory of God? .....Y N

### • THE BEGINNING • Since there is design in nature, it is reasonable (logical) to believe there is a Designer (Creator).....T F What are your thoughts about the possibility of the world existing without a Creator? *Iob* 26:7 Job said the earth hangs upon nothing .....T F (In A.D. 1543, the Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus made a bold statement that the earth hangs in space and revolves around the sun. Later, the Italian physicist Galileo Galilei proved him right and was persecuted for his findings.) Isaiah 40:21, 22 Did Isaiah write (around 760 B.C.) about In 1492, when Christopher Columbus made his historic voyage, some still believed the earth to be flat and expected him to sail off its edge.....T F Leviticus 17:11 In Leviticus (written around 1500 B.C.), Moses said the life of a creature is in its blood.....TF (The death of the first U.S. President, George Washington [1732–1799], has been attributed to blood letting.) Genesis 3:20

All mankind comes from one woman.....T F

#### Genesis 1:1

All five categories of existence—time, force, action, space, and matter—are included in the first verse of the Bible.....**T F** (*Herbert Spencer* [1820–1905] is credited with the discovery of these five categories.)

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<i>Deuteronomy 23:12, 13</i> Moses taught the necessity for proper dis- posal of human waste
Until A.D. 1800, human waste was dumped onto the unpaved streets of Europe. Such diseases as cholera, typhoid, and dysentery could have been avoided by simply follow- ing Moses' instructions
Have you noticed that while the Bible is not a science textbook, it consistently avoids the common scientific myths and superstitions of its day?
<b>Isaiah 42:8, 9; Deuteronomy 18:21, 22</b> (see "Prophecies Concerning Christ" on page 5)
God points to prophecy as proof that it is He who speaksT F
What is the test of true and false prophets (prophecy)?
Have you ever seen one proven contra- diction in the Bible? Y N
2 <i>Timothy 3:16, 17; John 16:13</i> The Bible (Scripture) is inspired by GodT <b>F</b>
Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would guide the apostles into all truthT F
The Scriptures are valuable for daily living T <b>F</b>
What are your thoughts about the Bible?
<i>Genesis 1:1, 26; John 1:1–18</i> God created the heavens and the earthT F
"Let Us make man in Our image," implies that God is pluralT F