

Who wrote the Bible?

Who wrote the following books?

Pride and Prejudice _____

The Tale of Peter Rabbit _____

The Lord of the Rings _____

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory _____

A Tale of Two Cities _____

The Cat in the Hat _____

What about the Bible. Who wrote this book?

1. Who wrote the Bible?

Complete the table to find out who wrote the Bible.

	Who wrote the Bible?
2 Timothy 3:16	
2 Peter 1:20-21a	
Jeremiah 1:9	
1 Corinthians 2:13	

In your own words, summarises what these verses tell us about the Bible's author.

The technical way of saying that God wrote the Bible is **VERBAL PLENARY INSPIRATION**. Verbal refers to the very words of the Bible. Plenary refers to every part of the Bible. Inspiration means that the Bible comes from God.

'By definition plenary and verbal inspiration means that the Bible is God-given (and therefore without error) in every part (doctrine, history, geography, dates, names and so on) and in every single word.' (Brian Edwards, Nothing but the Truth).

'Very simply, this means that God the Holy Spirit inspired not just the thoughts of Scripture, but also the very details and exact words that were perfectly recorded for us as Scripture.' (Mark Driscoll)

2. How did God write the Bible?

Complete the table to find out how God wrote the Bible.

	How did God write the Bible?
2 Peter 1:21b	
John 14:26	
John 16:13-14	
Acts 4:25	

In your own words, summarises what these verses tell us about how God wrote the Bible.

'The Holy Spirit moved men to write. He allowed them to use their own style, culture, gifts and character, to use the results of their own study and research, to write of their own experiences and to express what was in their mind. At the same time, the Holy Spirit did not allow sin to influence their writings; he overruled in the expression of thought and in the choice of words. So that they recorded accurately all that God wanted them to say and exactly how he wanted them to say it, in their own character, style and language.' (Brian Edwards, Nothing but the Truth)

3. How did the men God chose to write the Bible know what to write?

Complete the table to find out how they knew what to write.

	How did they know what to write?
Deuteronomy 18:18	
Jeremiah 1:9, 2:5	
Daniel 7:1; Revelation 21:1	
John 14:26	

In your own words, summarises what these verses tell us about how they knew what to write.

4. Is the Bible still being written today?

How does Hebrews 1:1-2 and Revelation 22:18-19 help you to answer the question?

Who wrote the Bible? Why is the answer to this question important?

True or false?

- The Bible being written by many authors means that some parts are better than others.
- The Bible is a partnership between God the divine author and men the human writers.
- Human writers wrote down what God the author dictated to them.
- Every single word in the Bible is God's word.
- The words in the Bible reflect the personality of the human writer.
- The Bible was written by a roomful of boring monks sitting around in a monastery.

True	False

Doctrine

The foundations of the Christian faith

