

The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

PSALM 119:160 (ESV)

So, What Is God's Word?

Solve the puzzle to discover something important about the Bible. Match the number and letter to the grid. Then write the letter you find in the blank box. We've solved the first letter for you!

	A	B	C	D
1	S	H	A	K
2	O	D	T	I
3	R	L	F	M
4	E	U	G	B

2C	1B	4A					
T							
4D	2D	4D	3B	4A			
2D	1A						
4C	2A	2B	1A				
3D	4A	1A	1A	1C	4C	4A	
1C	4D	2A	4B	2C			
1B	2D	3D	1A	4A	3B	3C	

What Do You Think?

Read the questions and think about your answer. Then draw an emoji to show what you think.

What is one way people feel when they hear God's Word?

What is one way you feel when you hear or read God's Word?

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CONVERSATION

Ezra Read God's Word

NEHEMIAH 8:1-12

All the Israelite people gathered together, including the men, women, and older children. They asked the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the Law that God had given Moses for Israel.

Ezra stood on a high platform. As he opened the book, the people stood up. Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands to God and said, "Amen, Amen!" Then the people knelt low and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

Ezra read the words of the book where everyone could see him. He read from the first light of day until noon. The Levites explained the law to the people so that everyone could understand.

As the people heard and understood the meaning, they were sad and began to cry. Nehemiah, the governor, Ezra, the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were teaching the people told them, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad or cry. Go and eat good food, drink what is sweet, and share with those who have nothing. The joy of the Lord is your strength."

The people obeyed. They ate, drank, and shared in a great celebration because they understood the words the Levites explained to them.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 119:171

LIFE POINT: People read the Bible to learn about God and worship God.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Today your child heard that people read the Bible to learn about God and worship Him. Ezra read the Scriptures to God's people after they returned from slavery in Babylon. When they heard God's Word, they worshiped Him.



LIVE IT OUT

Stand to honor God as you and your child open a Bible to Nehemiah 8:1-12 and review the Bible story. Explain that many people who listened to Ezra read the Scriptures had not heard them in a long time, or even at all. Emphasize the importance of reading Scripture to worship God.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

The Bible is God's message about Himself.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Psalm 119:171

Monday: Nehemiah 8:3

Tuesday: Joshua 1:8

Wednesday: Romans 10:17

Thursday: Job 23:12

Friday: John 14:23

Saturday: Proverbs 10:17

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Ezra Read God's Word* in Bible Studies for Life on the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories and games.

