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LIFE-PROVOKING PRINCIPLES FOR TWEENS
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A study of the worlds most
earth-shaking book....

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Graham Children's Crusade, and Dr. Seuss, won 3 Telly awards, and has tons of CDs and DVDs for kids available at alanroot.com.

He even drew the pictures for this book all by himself.

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TITLE PAGE (TYE-tull-payj)

bibliotectonics!

(BIHB-lee-oh-tek-TOHN-iks) noun 1. a study of the world's most earth-shaking book. 2. the "this changes everything" rearranging that occurs within one's life when the Bible is actually read, believed and acted upon.

written by
**alan
root!**

A 6-to-12-week study of why we rely upon the Bible, written especially for tweens.



Note to teachers... you know who you are.

Daily Readings: Get a book for each student. The chapters are about 12 pages long. Strongly encourage your kids to read a couple of pages a day with breakfast.

Black Boxes: These questions occur during the flow of the chapter. The answers are often obvious, but it helps springboard class discussion to get tweens' marvelous brains thinking. **Q&A:** Have the kids pencil in their answers.

Then check the first appendix for what I thought the answers were. Use this section as a catechism. **Activities:**

Suggestions for full-contact learning: some of us prefer kinetic discovery. **Going Deeper:** Some of your kids will be challenged enough by what's in the chapters, but some will want to dig down deeper. Send them to Appendix 4 and ask them to take notes on what they find to share with the class. And there are extra sections on the Canon, misuses, translation and a cool page of "Quick Facts."

Coming books in the series...

... more **PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES** for tweens on the way.

1. **designamentals** (creation, absolutes, authority)
2. **legalonomics** (right and wrong, Law and Grace)
3. **salvificology** (starting out on life's biggest adventure)
4. **disciplification** (practical tips on living the Christian life)
5. **bibliotectonics** (the world's most earth-shaking book)
6. **orthodoxtrines** (what all Christians everywhere believe)
7. **pilgrimmometry** (Christianity in today's culture)

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PSSSST! HEY YOU (hay-YUE)

PSSSST! HEY YOU

If you're sure you have given your life to
Jesus already, skip this page.

But if you're not sure, don't worry, just read
this page carefully.

***EVER HEARD A JOKE WHERE YOU DIDN'T
GET THE PUNCH LINE? WAS IT FUNNY?
THAT'S WHAT IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU TRY
TO READ THE BIBLE WITHOUT KNOWING
JESUS. YOU JUST DON'T GET IT.***

Since trying to read the Bible without Jesus
is like reading someone else's mail, you may
need to take care of some business.

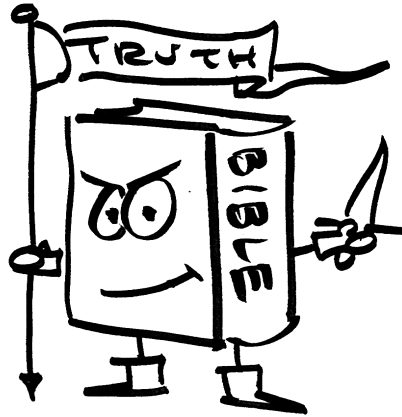
If this is the case, head for Appendix 2 where
you'll find stuff that will help you make your
first step into the actual "real world." OK?

INTRO: The Bible? What's the big deal?

BIBLIOTECTONICS is an exploration of the world's most earth-shaking book. The Bible is the most read, most believed, most beloved book of all time. The Bible is the **objective standard** by which all other truth must be measured. It's our authority on truth.

You can ignore it, and perhaps up until this moment, you have.

But if you dare to explore it and believe the revelation found only within it's pages, it'll rock your world to its very foundations!



Are you up for the challenge?

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God..” Luke 4:4, WEB

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The Bible can't be beat, and I mean that literally. It has survived the most horrific assaults of any book in history.

The Roman emperor Diocletian in 303 A.D. issued an order to destroy Christians and their sacred book. Who got destroyed? Diocletian. Have you heard of him? No? It's funny, but, within a few years, Diocletian's throne was occupied by the Roman Emperor Constantine, a Christian convert.

HITLER HAD THE BIBLE BURNED, THE BIBLE'S STILL AROUND, IS HITLER?!

Voltaire was an infidel who proclaimed that in 100 years, Christianity and the Bible would be swept from the face of the earth. That was 300 years ago! 50 years later, the Geneva Bible Society used his house to print stacks of the Scriptures he had mocked.

INTRODUCTION (in-trow-DUCK-shun)

This book is about what happens to us when we discover that God is still speaking today. As a matter of fact, the Author of the Bible offers to move in to the guest bedroom of your heart and help you to read and understand his book!

“For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are.” Hebrews 4:12 NLT

The Bible is a **wild** book. Many parts are embarrassingly graphic. Violence. Passion. Perversion. Genocide. Apocalypse. Time laid bare from the beginning of the universe to the end of all things we can know or imagine.

You take a big chance when you open the pages of the Bible. You'd better watch out!

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What's this book about? Listen up...

**THE BIBLE CAN SHAKE
THE BEDROCK OF OUR
VERY LIVES. IT IS THE
OBJECTIVE STANDARD
OF ALL TRUTH. SO, BE
READY. BE WARNED!
BE VERY BRAVE!**

CHAPTER ONE

THE PRINCIPLE OF AUTHORITY

Oh yeah? Says who?



Can anyone know for sure what's good, bad, right, wrong, up or down ? Hmmm.

To the one who says there's no right and wrong, we ask, "How do you know if you're right about there being no wrong?" To the one who says there are no absolutes, we ask, "Oh? Absolutely?" To the one who says there's no ultimate authority, we ask, "Oh yeah? Says who?"

God is the absolute authority on absolute truth. His book is absolutely authoritative. If we can read the Bible, we have no excuse for not knowing the truth. Ignorance isn't bliss, it's just... well, ignorance!