

# The Bible and the World

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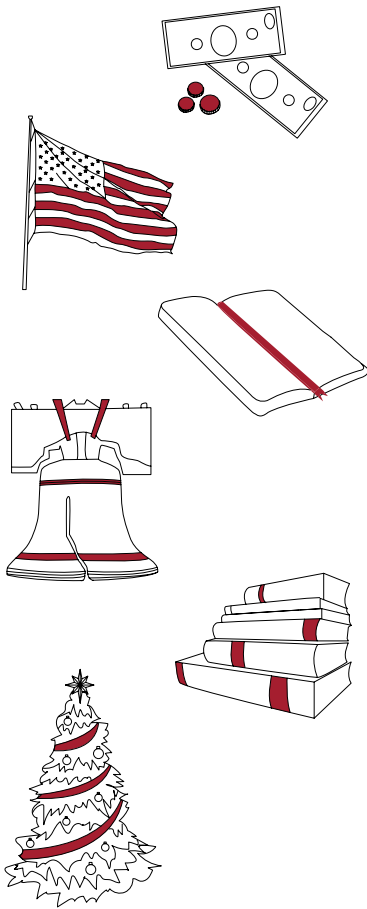
Did you know that the Bible is the most popular book of all time? It's true! The Bible has been read more than any other book in the world (it's also one of the oldest!). More than 2.5 billion copies of the Bible have been sold since 1815. That's a lot!

But the Bible is more than just a book, right? It's God's Word! Inside the Bible we learn about God's greatest gift to us: Jesus Christ. When we read about Jesus and how he died for our sins, we learn that he wants us to love him back and come live with him in heaven one day. Loving Jesus back influences the way we live our lives!

Because the Bible is so important, it has influenced a lot of things in our world today. Here are just a few examples:

- 🌐 "In God we trust" is on U.S. money. (We also say "One nation under God" in the pledge of allegiance.)
- 🌐 When a U.S. president is sworn into office, he puts his hand on a Bible. He's promising before God to try to be a good leader of our country.
- 🌐 The Liberty Bell has these words inscribed in it: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." (That's from Leviticus 25:10. Look it up!)
- 🌐 Many popular books have Christian themes in them, like the Chronicles of Narnia and Lord of the Rings.
- 🌐 People all around the world celebrate Christmas (even if they don't celebrate it as Jesus' birthday) and sing Christmas carols that talk about Jesus and the night he was born.

Those are just a few ways that the Bible has made a difference in our everyday lives — even if we don't think about it! Are there more examples you can think of?



## Pray for the World

The Bible is in a lot of different languages around the world, but there are still about 1,600 languages that need a translation to even start! You can pray that these language groups would get the Bible for themselves soon. Then people will be able to understand who God is, and they'll be able to read the Bible and let it change their lives and culture too.

# The Bible and You

What does the Bible mean to you? Or how does it influence your life? Draw a picture, write a story or poem, or even write out a favorite Bible verse to show what the Bible means to you.