



Grades 4-5 • Lesson 8

Don't Change God's Word

Deuteronomy 18:20-22; Acts 17:10-11; Galatians 1:6-9

Bible Code

Use the pictures in the Bible Decoder to figure out the secret message.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Name

Learn the Word

Use the pictures to fill in the missing letters and say the whole verse!

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scr__pt__r__ is breathed out
 by G__d and pr__f__t__bl__ for
 t__ch__ng, for reproof, for
 correction, and for tr__n__ng in
 righteousness, that the m__n
 of God may be complete,
 __q__pp__d for every
 g__d work.



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What You Heard *In the Word*

- False prophets make claims and teach things that are against God's Word.
- Churches and religions that add to or take truths away from God's Word are false religions.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose someone says to you, "Well, as long as I go to church, I'm OK. I don't think it matters what church you go to." **What would you say?**

It does matter what church you go to. Jesus warned about people who want to change the Bible—or those who don't even teach from it! There are many churches that don't believe God's Word. But there are a lot of churches that do believe it and teach from it. The important thing about choosing a church is that you know that the pastor and teachers believe and teach from the Word of God—and that they don't try to change it. That would be a good church to go to.

HomeWord *For Parents*

From the very beginning of history, the Word of God has been questioned, denied, changed, added to, and misinterpreted (see Genesis 3:1). God has revealed that He will judge anyone who tries to add to His Word or take away from it (Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32, 18:20–22). As Christians we are called to search the Scriptures to discover the truth—to be like the Bereans (Acts 17:10–11). This will give us the confidence and discernment to distinguish false teachers and false religions from true godly teaching.

Beware of teachers who want to change or add to God's Word. You may be influenced to tolerate such false ideas. The attitude today is to be open-minded, accept everyone, be careful not to offend anyone, and accept all religions as equally true. If it works for you—it works! This is not an accurate understanding of tolerance but a twisted view that comes from the post-modern mindset where people can construct their own truth. Real tolerance involves understanding the positions of others, knowing why you disagree, living alongside them, and confronting their false ideas with biblical truth.

As Christians, we are called to follow the example of Jesus Christ who stood on the truth of God's Word and boldly confronted the false religious views (John 14:6, 17:3, 3:34).

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

