

圣经是如此告诉我的

神爱世人，甚至将祂的独生子赐给他们，叫一切信祂的，不至灭亡，反得永生。--约翰福音 3:16

嗨，孩子们！今天，让我们先来分享一些关于圣经的有趣事实吧~

我相信，你已经知道《圣经》是一本非常了不起的书了，但你知道它是有史以来销量最好的书吗？这意味着在所有售出的书中，《圣经》排名第一！你认为每年能卖出多少本圣经呢？是 500,000 本？1,000,000 本？再猜猜！那我来揭晓答案啦——超过 100,000,000 本的圣经每年被售往全世界！那是好多好多圣经噢！



接下来是有趣事实之二：《圣经》也是世界上最容易被盗的书！这意味着在所有被盗的书中，《圣经》高居榜首！嗯……我在想，也许小偷读过圣经后，他们就会知道偷窃是不对的！



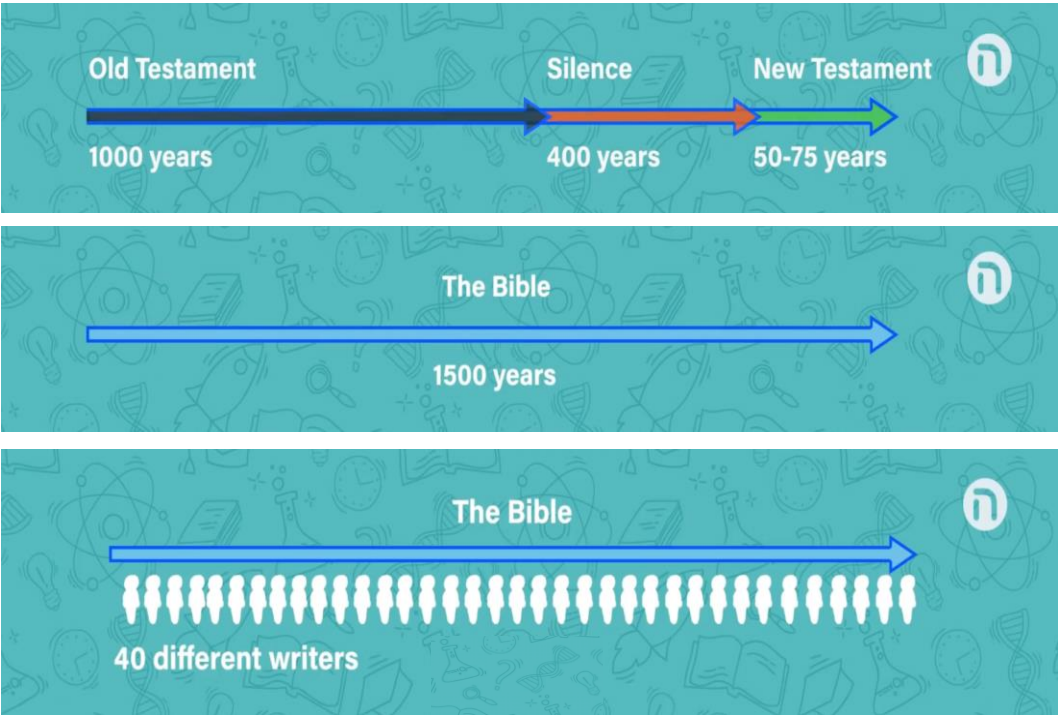
现在看看你能否猜到下一个事实：“圣经是世界上最……的书。”给你一个提示：跟好多种语言有关。我想你猜对了：《圣经》是世界上被翻译得最多的书！这就是说，在所有的书中，圣经是用不同种语言印刷最多的一本书。整本《圣经》被翻译成近 700 种不同的语言，而《新约》则被翻译成大约 1500 种语言。太棒了！这意味着这世界上许多人都能读懂神的世界！



除了这些有趣事实外，还有许多其他原因解释了为什么圣经不是一本普通的书。今天，让我们一起来揭晓答案。如果你已经参加我们的主日学学习或在线课程一段时间的话，你就会知道《圣经》是由很多卷书组成的。还记得我们的<圣经之歌>吗？圣经里包含着多少卷书呢？答案是一共 66 卷，《旧约》有 39 卷，《新约》有 27 卷，它们一起组成了我们今天的圣经。每次当你拿起你的《圣经》时，你实际上是在拿着一个有 66 本书的“图书馆”！



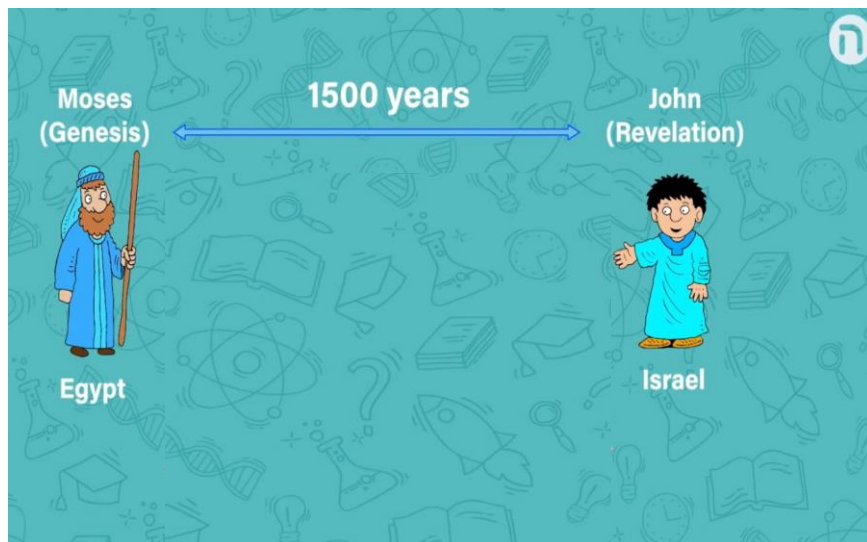
《圣经》在书写的方式上也不同于其它任何一本书。让我们从《旧约》开始，它包含了圣经的前 39 卷。《旧约》一共花了 1000 年的时间才写作完成，那可是一段非常非常长的时间。你知道吗？在《旧约》的最后一本书写完之后的 400 年里，再也没有写出其他的任何书卷。四百年后，人们才开始撰写《新约》的 27 卷书，一共花了大约 50 到 75 年的时间才完成《新约》的著作。整本《圣经》写了很长很长一段时间，前后持续了大约 1500 年。还有一个事实呢，就是圣经专家告诉我们：大约有 40 位不同的作者参与撰写了这整本圣经！



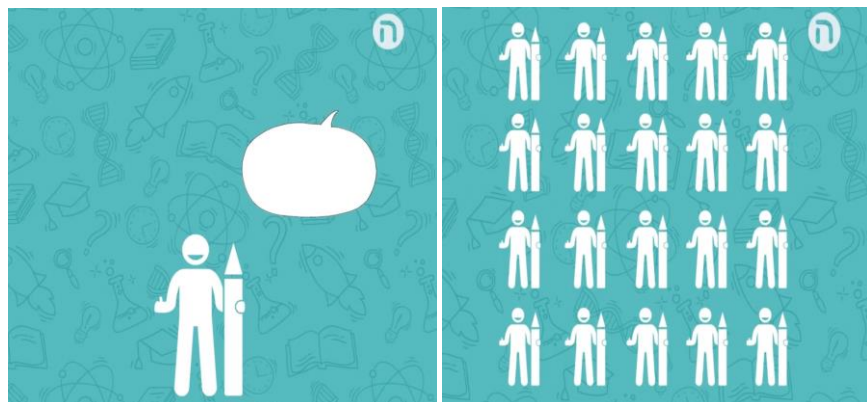
现在你可能在想：**Amanda** 老师，你为什么要告诉我们这些事实呢？让我来告诉你为什么。所有这些事实在告诉我们一个令人难以置信的真相。在整个 **1500** 年的时间里，没有两位作者互相讨论过谁正在写什么。他们既没有拿起电话相互沟通，也没有参加网络 **zoom** 视频会议，他们甚至还不能互相写信给对方。你知道为什么吗？因为这些作者们都生活在不同的时代和不同的地方。



例如，写《旧约》前五卷书的作者摩西，是在埃及长大的；而写《新约》最后一卷书的作者约翰，是生活在距摩西时代大约 **1500** 年后的以色列长大的。他们根本不可能聚在一起讨论写什么到《圣经》里！



那么他们是怎么知道要写什么的呢？答案很简单也很神奇：**是神告诉他们！神晓喻每一位作者把祂想要告诉全世界的信息告诉他们。**在 1500 多年的时间里，《圣经》66 卷书中的每一个字和每一句话，虽由 40 多个不同的人写成，但是它们都传递了同样的信息——**那就是神如此爱我们，祂把祂的儿子耶稣给了我们。**我们知道这一点很重要，因为除非我们在圣经的每一页都看到神的爱，否则我们就会产生错误的想法——认为《圣经》只是一本满是律法条例、善有善报恶有恶报之类的书藉。怀着这样的想法是误解了圣经，会使我们惧怕神。圣经不是关于坏消息的书藉，而是充满了关于神对我们爱的好消息的一本书。



当我们在圣经的每一页都看到耶稣和祂的良善时，我们到处都能看到好消息；当我们处处看到好消息时，我们就能看到神是多么爱我们。我们看到，因为耶稣，我们在神面前永远都是好的；因为我们在神面前永远都是好的，所以知道神总是怎样善待我们！所有这些好消息都在约翰福音 3 章 16 节中，你可能也想在圣经里标记出这一点：**“神爱世人，甚至将祂的独生子赐给他们，叫一切信祂的，不至灭亡，反得永生。”**神爱我们，祂差派祂的儿子耶稣给我们。祂是如此爱我们，我们所要做的就是相信耶稣。只要相信，你就得救了——圣经告诉我们会有永久的生命。而最好棒的消息是——被拯救只是一个全新生命的开始而已。我们读圣经越多，就越能看到耶稣；我们越看见耶稣，我们就越能从里到外转变成像祂一样的人，成为生命中的优胜者和赢家！

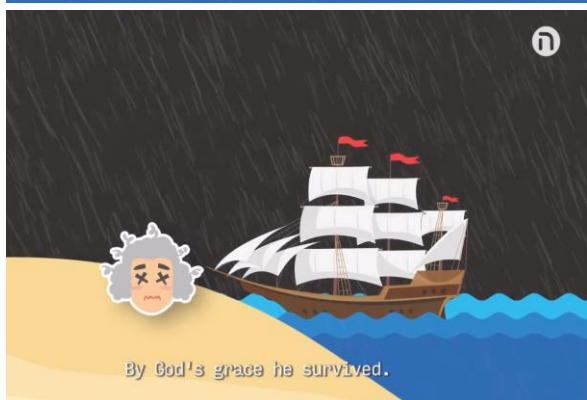


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接下来，让我告诉你，神的话语是如何彻底改变了一个人的生命的。这个人的名字叫约翰·牛顿。他于 1725 年出生在英格兰，距今大约 300 年前。他是一位水手，过着放荡的生活，且做过许多坏事。



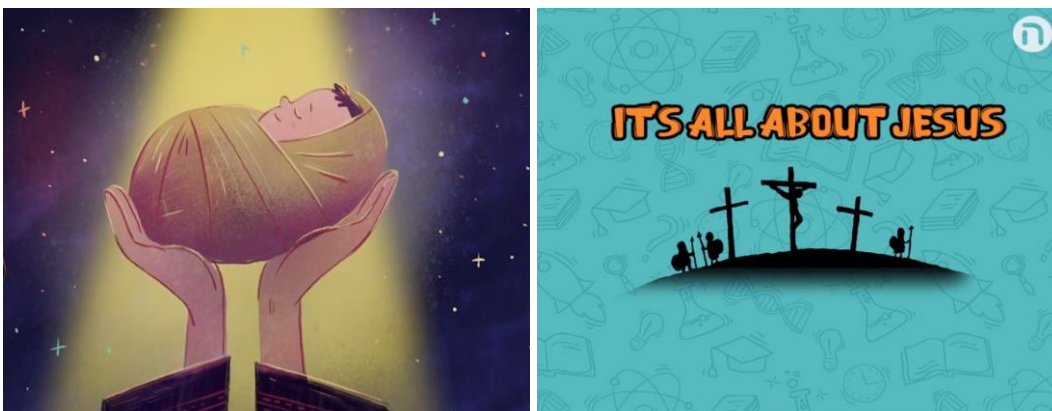
有一天，发生了有一场可怕的暴风雨，约翰·牛顿吓坏了。他非常害怕，于是转向神求助。由于神的恩典，他活了下来。约翰·牛顿第一次看到了——**神是多么真实和强大！**他开始读《圣经》，他读的越多，他的改变就越大。约翰·牛顿不再作恶，他成为了一名牧师，向许多人宣讲神的恩典。他甚至谱写了《奇异恩典》这首歌，且这首歌至今仍有许多基督徒在颂唱。



孩子们，我们今天学到了什么？我们知道圣经不仅仅是一本普通的书，它可是神的默示话语。这就是说，虽然是人写的，但传递信息给他们的是神。有些人认为圣经是一本故事书，是的，圣经充满了故事，但那不是圣经的重点信息。有些人认为圣经是关于英雄的书，是的，圣经里有英雄，但这也不是重点信息，更不是教导人们要如何效仿像他们一样。



那么圣经重点宣讲的是什么呢？今天，你们只需要记住一件事记住这一点就足够了——圣经是关于耶稣，知道耶稣祂是多么爱我们以及祂为拯救所付出的就够了。当我们在圣经中看到耶稣时，我们看到的是——神是多么爱我们。这种爱是如此的浩瀚精深，以至于圣经用 66 卷书来告诉我们完整的故事。好消息是，我们读圣经越多，就越能看见耶稣，所以让我们要多读圣经。如果你已经开始读了，那么就继续坚持读下去；如果你还没有开始，那么就从今天开始吧。当我们读圣经的时候，我们可以期待好的事情发生，我们变得更像耶稣，让神话语的力量改变我们的生命。你是怎么知道的呢？因为圣经是如此告诉我们的！



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孩子们，如果你正在听这个故事，你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命，成为你的主和救主，你现在可以这样做，跟着我重复这个祷告：“亲爱的主耶稣，感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子，你死了，也被埋葬，第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪，使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里，成为我的主和救主，我永远是个义人，永远是有福的，永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名，阿门！”

FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16, NKJV

Hey, Rock Kidz! Today, let's start with some fun facts about the Bible. I'm sure you already know that the Bible is a really amazing book, but did you know that it is the number one bestseller of all time? This means that out of all the books that have ever been sold, the Bible ranks number one! How many Bibles do you think are sold every year? 500,000? 1,000,000? Guess again! Get ready for this: Over 100,000,000 Bibles are sold every year all around the world! That's a lot of Bibles!

Here's fun fact number 2: The Bible is also the most shoplifted book in the world! This means that out of all the books that have ever been stolen, the Bible tops the list! Hmmm. I wonder, maybe after the thieves read the Bible, they will know that it is wrong to steal!

Now let's see if you can guess the next one: "The Bible is the most ... book in the world." Here's a clue for you: so many languages! That's right! The Bible is the most translated book in the world! This means that out of all the books, the Bible is the one that has been printed in the most languages! The full Bible has been translated into almost 700 different languages, while the New Testament has been translated into around 1500 different languages. Awesome! This means that many people all over the world can read God's world!

Apart from these fun facts, there are many other reasons why the Bible is not an ordinary book. Today, let's find out together. If you have been joining us at Rock Kidz online for a while, you will know that the Bible is made up of a collection of many books. Remember, our "Books of the Bible" song? And how many wonderful books of the Bible are there? 66! 39 in the Old Testament, and 27 in the New Testament. Altogether, they make up the Bible we have today. Each time you pick up your Bible, you are actually picking up a 'library' of 66 books!

The Bible is also unlike any other book in the way it is written. Let's start with the Old Testament which contains the first 39 books of the Bible. The Old Testament took 1000 years to be written. That is a very, very long time. And you know what? After the last book of the Old Testament was written, nothing more was written for 400 years. After 400 years, people started writing the other 27 books which make up the New Testament. In total, it took around 50 to 75 years to be written. The entire Bible a very, very long time to be written, around 1500 years. Here's something else: Bible experts tell us that it took about 40 different people to write the whole Bible.

Now you may be thinking "teacher Amanda, why are you telling me all these things?" I'll tell you why. All these facts tell us an incredible truth ... over the entire period of around 1500 years, none of these writers ever checked with each other about who was writing what. They didn't pick up their phone to call each other ... they didn't get into a zoom meeting ... they couldn't even write letters to each other! Do you know why? Because they all lived in different times and in different places.

For example, Moses, who wrote the first five books of the Old Testament, grew up in Egypt, while John, who wrote the last book of the New Testament, lived in Israel almost 1500 years later. There was no way they could have met to discuss what went into the Bible!

So how does each person know what to write? The answer is simple and amazing: God told them. He spoke to each person to give them the message He wanted to tell the whole world. Over 1500 years, every word and sentence in the 66 books of the Bible by over 40 different people tell the same message, that God loves us so much. He gave us His Son, Jesus. It's important for us to know this because unless we see God's love on every page of the Bible, we can get the wrong idea and think that the Bible is just a book full of rules, do good get good, do bad get punished! Thinking like this makes us afraid of God. Thinking like this is bad news! the Bible is not about bad news, the Bible is full of good news about God's love for us.

When we see Jesus and His goodness on every page of the Bible, we see good news everywhere. When we see the good news, we see how much God loves us. We see how because of Jesus, we are forever right with God. And because we are forever right with God, we see how God is always good to us! All this good news is found in John 3:16. You might want to highlight this in your Bibles. It says "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." God loved us so much, He sent us His Son, Jesus. He loved us so much that all we have to do is believe in Jesus. Just believe and you are saved. And the Bible tells us that we will have everlasting life. The best news of all is that being saved is just the beginning of a brand-new story for us. The more we read our Bibles, the more we see Jesus. The more we see Jesus, the more we are transformed from the inside out to be just like Him, champions and winners in life.

Let me tell you how the word of God completely changed one man's life. His name was John Newton. He was born in England in 1725, about 300 years ago. He was a sailor who lived a wild life and did many bad things.

One day, there was a terrible storm. John Newton was terrified! He was so afraid that he cried to God for help! By God's grace he survived. For the first time, John Newton saw how real and powerful God was! He started to read the Bible. The more he read, the more he was transformed. John Newton stopped his wicked ways and became a pastor who taught many people about the grace of God. He even wrote 'Amazing Grace', the song many Christians still sing today!

So Rock Kidz, what did we learn today? We learned that the Bible is not just an ordinary book, it is the inspired word of God. This means that although men wrote it, it was God who gave them the message. Some people think that the Bible is a book of stories. Yes, the Bible is full of stories, but that's not what the Bible is about. And some people think that the Bible is all about heroes. Yes, there are heroes in the Bible, but it's not just about them. It is not even about how to be like them!

So what is the Bible about? Of you only remember one thing today, remember this, the Bible is about Jesus. How much He loves us and what He has done to save us. When we see Jesus in the Bible, we see how much God loves us. This love is so amazing that it takes all 66 books of the Bible to tell us the full story! The good news is, the more we read our Bible, the more we see Jesus. So let's read our Bibles

more and more! If you have already started, keep on reading! If you haven't started yet, start today! As we read our Bibles, we can expect good things to happen. We become more like Jesus and let the power of God's word change our lives. How do you know? The Bible tells us so!

Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus' name," and everyone say, "Amen."