

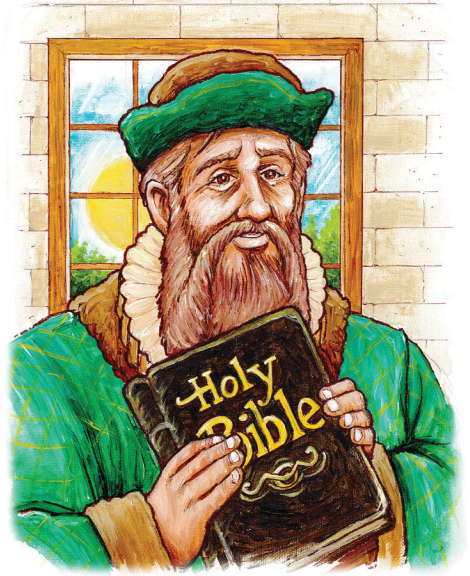
Press Release:

PUBLISHING THE GOOD NEWS!

From Darkness...

Let's talk about the DARK AGES. No, this was not a time when the sun was not real, or light did not exist. The Dark Age was when the world was full of ignorance, superstition, and wickedness.

Have you ever noticed, that right after the night, comes a sunrise bringing in a new day full of light?



Even though the world was a truly dark place, a man named Johannes Gutenberg helped bring in the light! He did this by inventing the movable type printing press.

For the first time in all of history, words could be PRINTED on a page!

...to Light!

To us, this sounds small. We have books made available to us everywhere we go! But during this age, every book had to be hand-written, making a published work VERY expensive. While the printing press made this process easier, here is the best part about this invention. The Bible was the very first book to be published on Gutenberg's printing press.

In the words of one church historian, "When setting the letters on his press for the first time, the hands of Johannes Gutenberg were pushing back the darkness." It was from this moment, that the world no longer had to live in darkness, because God's word was being made readily available to people across the world.



Johannes Gutenberg was born in the year 1400 and died in 1468. His actual name was Johannes Gensfleisch zur Laden zum Gutenberg. Talk about a mouth-full! He is best known for his invention of the movable-type printing press. Color his picture below to show what you believe he must have looked like.



Please say this verse to a trusted adult and have him or her email your name and age to engagekids@feaministries.org.

Isaiah 40: ??

Unscramble the words to discover the Bible verse!

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Heroes. *for* Heaven

In the beginning...



A long time ago, in the midst of the Dark Ages, lived a man named William Tyndale. He was a godly man, who served as a Priest in the church. William saw the dark, evil world around him and was so discouraged!

There were millions of lost souls who were dying without hearing about the message of the gospel. But then, hope came! Johannes Gutenberg invented the movable type printing press. This meant that the word of God could easily be published for many people to read! At this time, no one had their own copy of the Bible, and the copies that did exist were in Latin, a language very few people could read.

William saw this invention as an opportunity sent from God, and he began translating the New Testament into



English so that many people could easily read scripture. As Tyndale's translation began to spread across Europe, many authorities and corrupt religious leaders became extremely angry. They did not want average men and women to hear the word of God!

Eventually, they caught William Tyndale, placed him in prison, and put him on trial for heresy. In the end, William was named guilty, and in the middle of the town square, he was burned alive.

While we look at the life of William Tyndale and feel horror at the way he died, he was a spiritual hero! Because of him, God's word was made available to ordinary people. They could read it for themselves, and not hear the false versions of scripture from the corrupted church. Because of Johannes Gutenberg's invention and William Tyndale's sacrifice, copies of the Bible can now be given out freely to people all over the world, and many souls are rejoicing in heaven today because of the gift of the gospel.

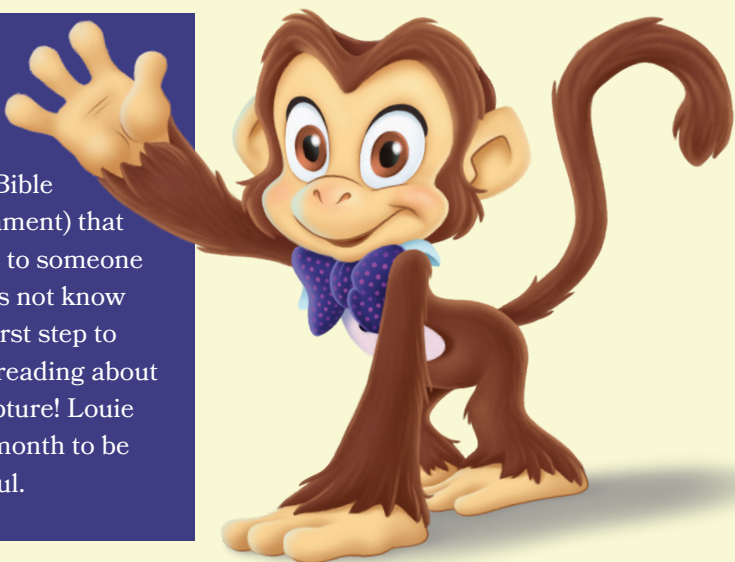




Louie's treehouse Lair

This month, we talked about the printing of God's word and the translating of scripture that changed the world. While Bibles are plentiful in many countries, there are still millions of people who do not have the word of God!

Well, Louie has a challenge for you! With the help of your parents, find a Bible (or even a New Testament) that you can give as a gift to someone around you who does not know Jesus! After all, the first step to salvation is hearing/reading about the gospel from scripture! Louie challenges you this month to be that light to a lost soul.



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