

2 Timothy 2.14-19

Handle with care!

Helpful ... or harmful?

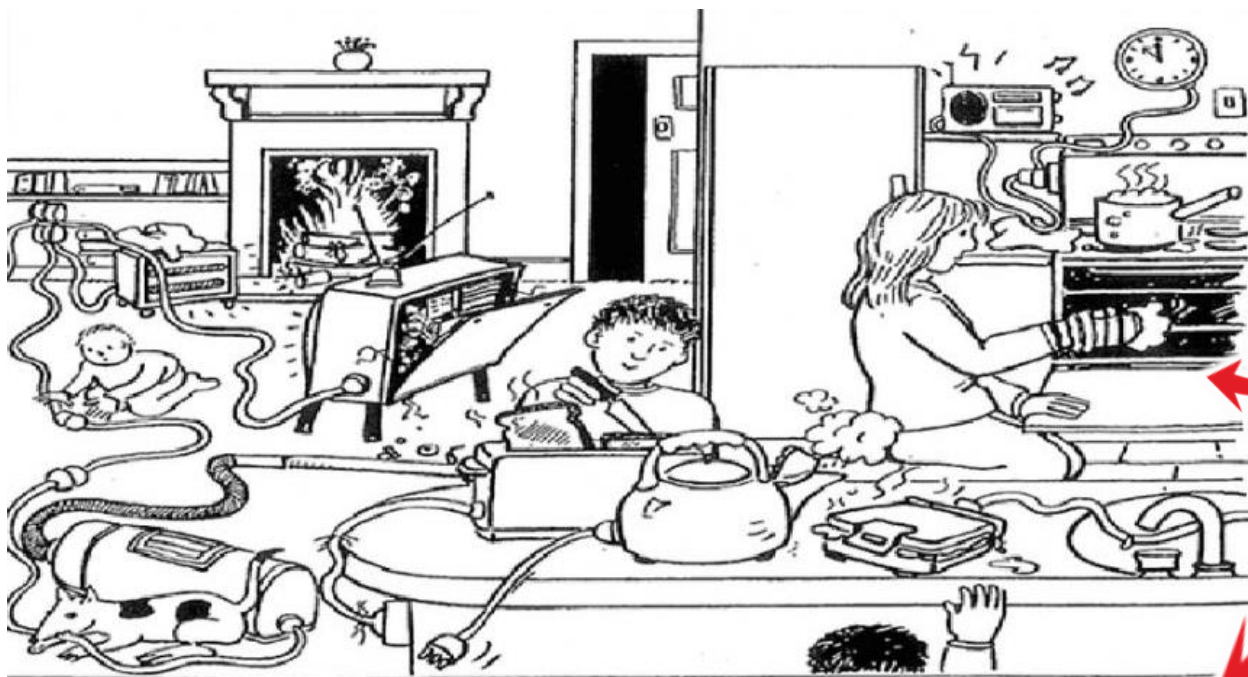
Electricity can be really helpful! But it can be really harmful as well!

DANGER



HIGH VOLTAGE

Have a look at the 2 pictures alongside



draw a circle round all the things in each picture which are a danger and likely to cause harm!

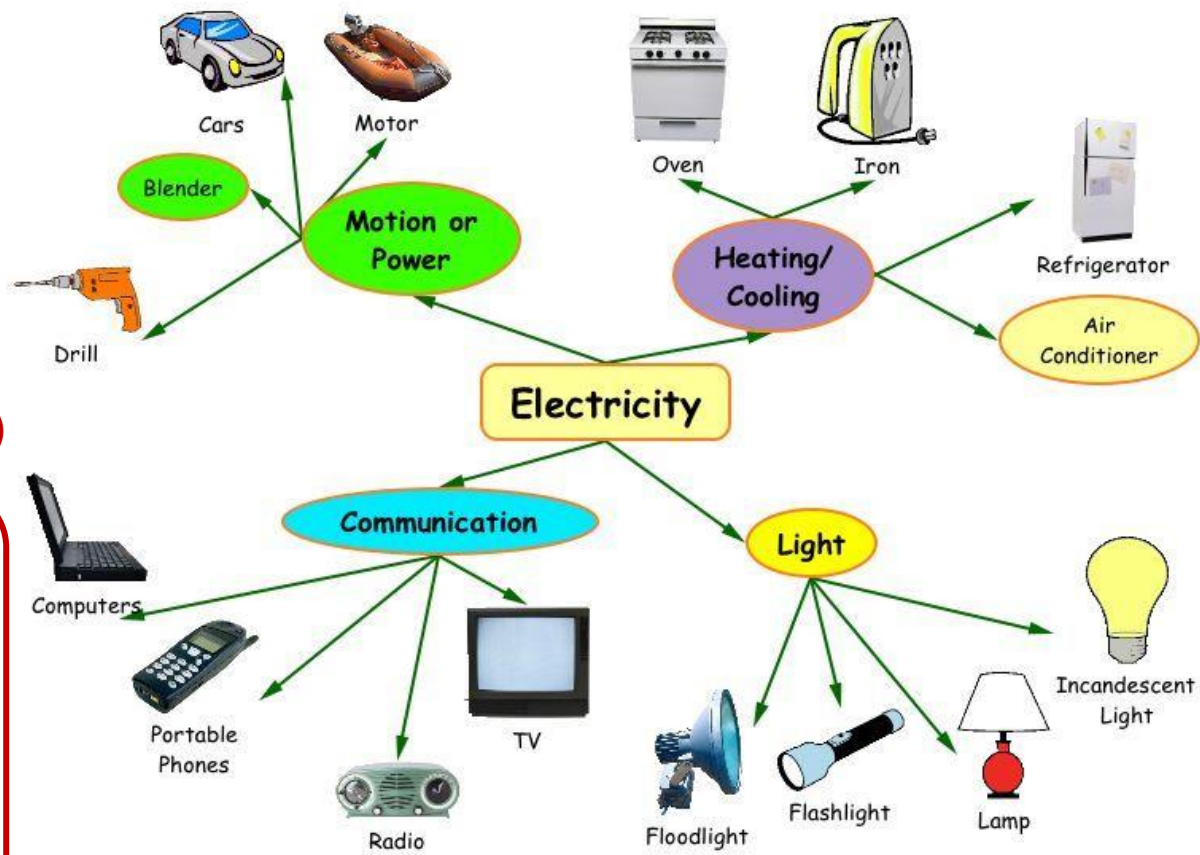
There are 16 potential dangers in each picture! See if you can spot them all! You'll find the answers on the final page of the worksheet.

Here are some of the ways in which we use electricity in our lives.

What other ways do you or your family regularly use electricity?

Write them below (and try drawing a picture of them too!)

Uses Of Electricity In Our Daily Life

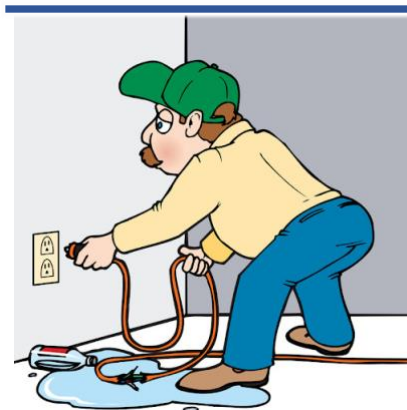


What did you do this morning which used Electricity?

Circle all the pictures showing what you've used electricity for today



Be careful with power, or this will be your last Hour



Electricity .. and today's passage

You're maybe wondering what electricity has to do with the passage we're looking at this evening!

The answer is that the Bible (God's message to us) is quite like electricity.

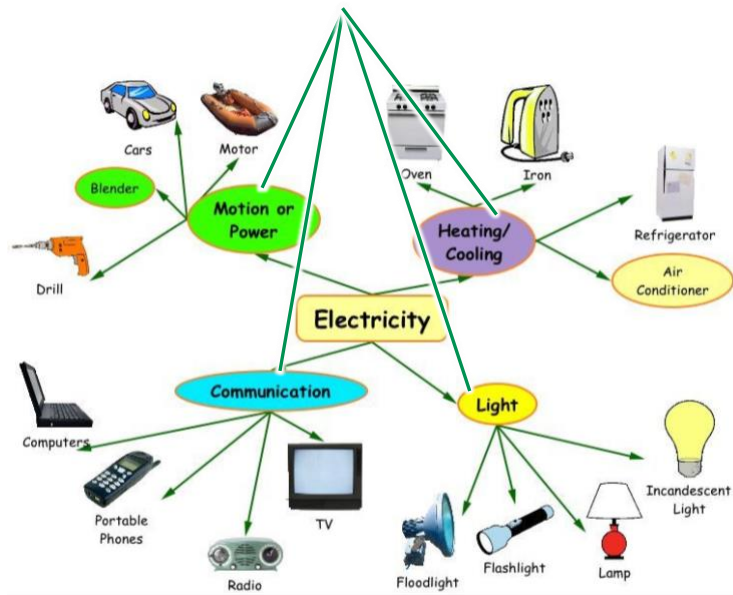
It 'lights up' our minds so that we're no longer 'in the dark' about things – it helps us understand the things which really matter.

It 'warms' our hearts as we learn of God's love for us and what He's done for us in Jesus.

The Bible is also how God 'communicates' with us, speaking to us and telling us what we need to hear.

And through it God gives 'power' to our living so that we're able to serve Him well.

Remember the picture from the previous page? Can you see the four main ways in which electricity is regularly used by us?



Read

2 Tim 2.14-19

¹⁴ Keep reminding God's people of **these things**.

Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles **the word of truth**.

¹⁶ Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. ¹⁷ Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.

¹⁹ Nevertheless, **God's solid foundation** stands firm, sealed with this inscription: 'The Lord knows those who are his,' and, 'Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.'

Here's today's reading

".. these things .." refers back to the previous verses – about how important it is to receive rather than reject Jesus.

".. the word of truth .." is another way of speaking about God's message in the Bible.

"God's solid foundation .." is a way of saying – 'Here's a short summary of what the message means for us.'

God's Word needs to be handled with great care!



Just like electricity, as well as being really helpful can also be really harmful – if we're not careful, and fail to handle it correctly.

That's what Paul was telling Timothy in today's passage.



5 helpful tips ..

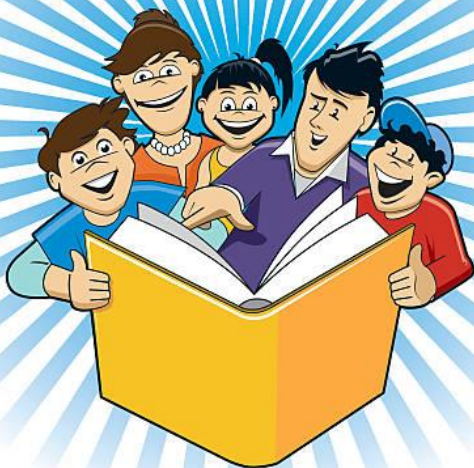
In today's passage Paul was giving Timothy some helpful tips as to how to 'handle' the Bible with care.

Although Timothy was a pastor and had the task of teaching God's people the Bible, what Paul wrote to him is good advice for all of us – no matter who we are, what we do, or how old or young we are.

Some of the 'tips' are negative – things to make sure we avoid doing when we're reading and learning from the Bible.

And some of the 'tips' are positive – things to be careful to do as we read the Bible.

So on the next couple of pages you'll see these 'tips'!



It's all about Jesus!



That's the first thing.

Whenever you're reading the Bible ask yourself these questions:

How does this passage point me to Jesus?

What does this passage teach me about Jesus – who He is and what He's done and why He matters?

Read

2 Tim.2.8, 14

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel ..

¹⁴ Keep reminding God's people of these things ..

Read

2 Tim.2.14

¹⁴ Keep reminding God's people of these things.

Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.

Don't get so excited about the Bible that you forget about Jesus!

Some of the people in the church where Timothy was pastor were so caught up in reading the Bible that they spent their time arguing about the Bible .. and ignoring Jesus!

Knowing the Bible is not as important as knowing Jesus!



Think carefully about what you're reading!

You have to **work hard** at reading the Bible.

Pray before you start. Ask God to help you understand it.

Ask yourself questions about the passage.

What does it mean? How does this apply to me? Is there a promise from God? Is there a command I need to obey? Etc.

Get some Bible notes. Ask an adult or your pastor your questions!

Read

2 Tim.2.15

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a **worker** who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Read

2 Tim.2.16-18

¹⁶ Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. ¹⁷ Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are **Hymenaeus** and **Philetus**, ¹⁸ who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.



Don't try and get clever with the Bible

There were two guys in the church at Ephesus who were trying to get clever with the Bible.

Write their names below using the letters I've given you (they're not common names!)

PHIL MY EU ATHENS SUE

These two men were 'playing with words' and saying that God doesn't actually raise people from the dead. Because they were quite clever with words, some people started believing them.

Don't try and be clever! It's always really important to stick with what the Bible clearly teaches.

Be sure to translate what you've read into action!



How can you tell if a person belongs to God's family? How can you tell if **you** belong to God's family? God's the one who really knows! It doesn't matter what other people think.

But when you've been reading the Bible there are always two important steps you should take.

1. Place your trust in Jesus again
2. Put a stop to things which are wrong in your life

Read

2 Tim.2.19

¹⁹ Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: 'The Lord knows those who are his,' and,

'Everyone **who confesses the name of the Lord**

must **turn away from wickedness.**'

A Prayer

Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Now try praying this prayer (or making up your own prayer!)



Thank You, Jesus, that You've given us the Bible to help us get to know and love You better.

I've always got so much to learn, but I'm so glad that I can have You as my Friend, and I want to get to know You better every day.

Please help me to learn how to read the Bible well.

There are bits which I find confusing, and bits which I find difficult to understand – so I need a lot of help!

Thank You for the people who teach me from the Bible.

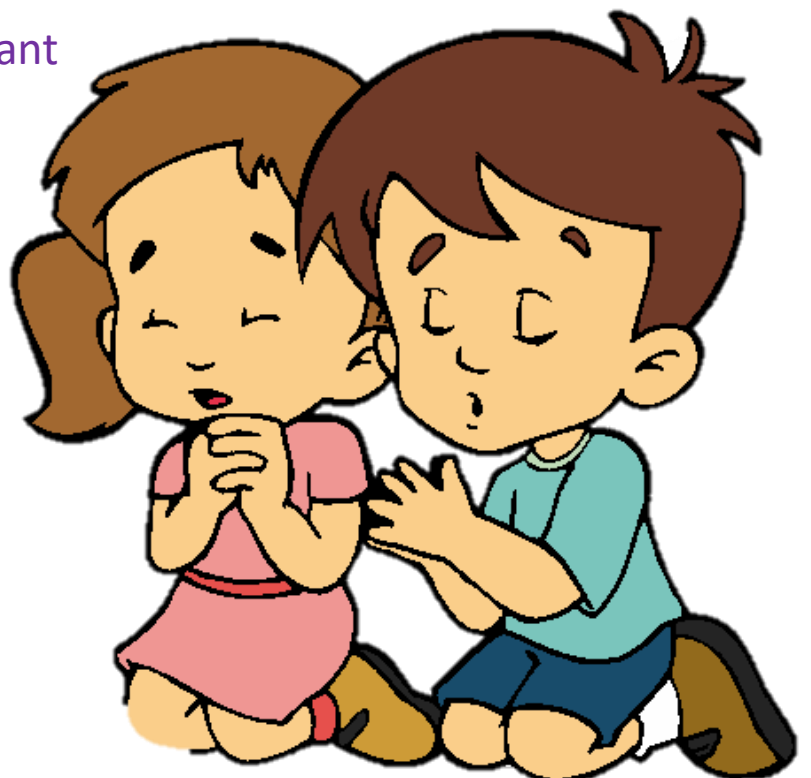
Thank You that they love You. I want to love You and serve You too!

Help me to be a good learner by putting into practice what You teach me from the Bible.

Forgive me for the things which have been wrong in my life.

Thank You, Jesus, for making me

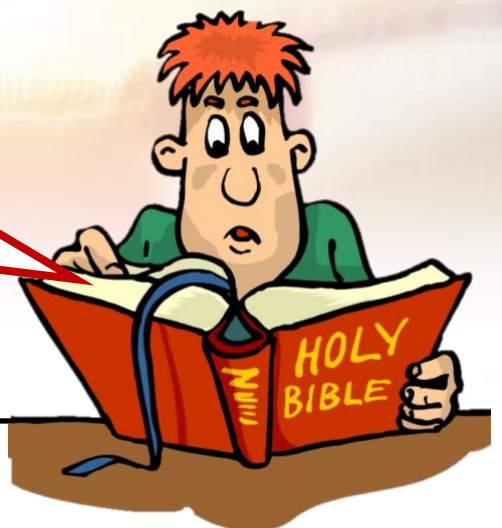
Alive!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

**“Do your best
to present yourself to God as one
approved, a worker who .. correctly
handles the word of truth**

2 Timothy 2.15



A WORDSEARCH

“Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead ...” (2 Tim.2.8)

When Jesus was raised from the dead, God promised that every who trusts in Jesus will be raised from the dead to eternal life. Jesus is the ‘**firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep’ (1 Cor.15.20)

The Resurrection

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Mary	Stone	Garden	Disciples
Tomb	Firstfruits	Jesus	Guards
Risen	Peter	Angel	

now try this WORDSEARCH!

This one's all about electricity!

Remember – electricity can be very helpful:
but it can be very harmful, too, if it's not handled carefully – just like the Bible!

Electricity

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CURRENT
LIGHT BULB
MAINS
CELL
BUZZER
SYMBOLS
BATTERY
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CIRCUIT
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MOTOR
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WIRES
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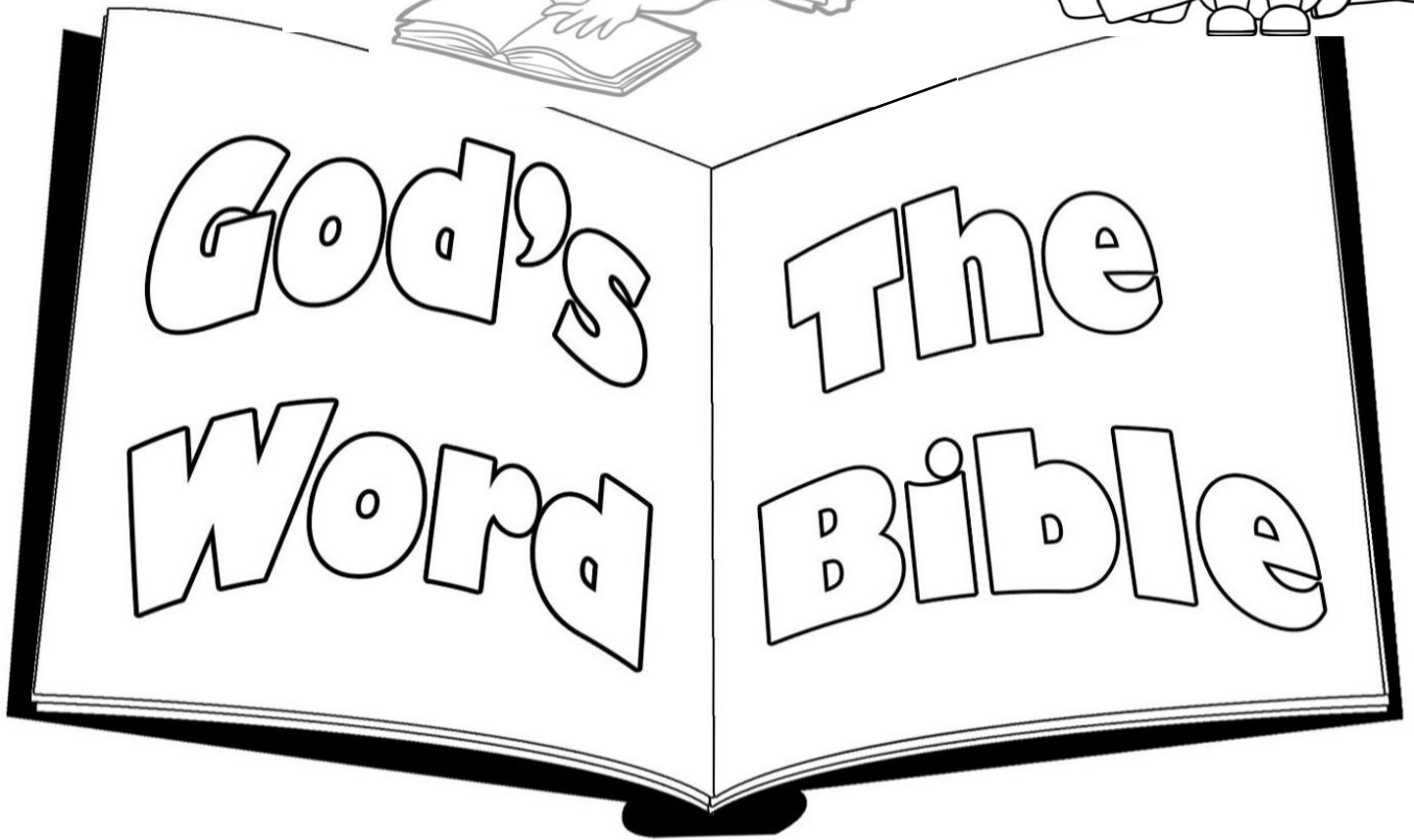


For you to COLOUR in



Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" -Matthew 4:4

Another picture for you to COLOUR IN!



READ IT! DO IT!

Answers to the puzzle on p.1



How many did you manage to get?