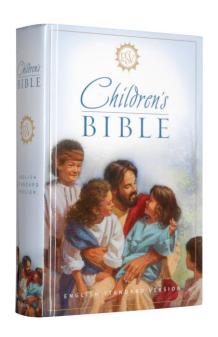
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Have you ever looked in the glove compartment of your dad or mom's car? One of the things you might find there is something called an owner's manual, a small book that tells you how the car is designed to work and the best way to take care of it. Did you know that you, too, have an owner's manual?

The Bible is like the owner's manual for your life because it tells you all about who God is, who God has created you to be, and how to live a life that is pleasing to him. Living God's way brings joy and satisfaction to your life. Here are some important things about your owner's manual, the Bible, that you can learn from these verses:

- 1. All the words in the Bible are God's words. They've been *breathed out by God*, which means they belong to God. They are absolutely trustworthy and true. God speaks to you through the Bible.
- 2. The Bible is *profitable*, which means it's useful. God uses it to get things done in your life, to help you to be the person he wants you to be and to do what's right. God changes you through the Bible.
- 3. The Bible shows you the right way to live *(teaching)*. It warns you when you've strayed from God's path and wandered into sin *(reproof)*. It leads you back to the right path *(correction)* and helps you to keep on pursuing what is good and pleasing to God *(training in righteousness)*.
- 4. When you follow God's instructions in the Bible you'll be *equipped for every good work*. God will prepare you to do everything he asks you to do. This is for your good and it brings God much glory.