

Why Would God Use Human Words?

A Guided Reflection Worksheet for Seekers and Believers

Focus Truth

If the Creator wanted human beings to know Him, communicating through genuinely human words could be one way He brings His message close enough for us to understand.

Before You Begin

This worksheet will help you explore why the Creator might choose human language, real human experience, varied forms of writing, and real history as means of communication. You do not have to begin by assuming the Bible is inspired. The goal is to consider whether the Bible's humanity necessarily counts against that claim, or whether it may help us understand how God could communicate with human beings.

① Consider Why Communication Must Come Near

Good communication takes the listener into account. A parent chooses words a child can understand without becoming less intelligent or making the truth less true. If God wanted to be known, understandable communication would be essential.

When have you changed the way you explained something so another person could understand?

If the Creator wanted human beings to know Him, why would understandable language matter?

Does using human words automatically make a message merely human? Why or why not?

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② Notice How Human Language Carries Meaning

The Bible communicates through words people could recognize, sentences they could follow, and images drawn from ordinary life. It uses stories, questions, commands, comparisons, and vivid descriptions because human beings are the ones being addressed.

Which kinds of communication help you understand an important idea most clearly: story, question, comparison, direct instruction, or something else? Why?

What is gained when a serious message uses familiar images from everyday life?

Why might one uniform style of communication be less accessible than several different approaches?

Finish the sentence: If God wanted me to understand His message, I would expect His communication to...

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③ Recognize Real Human Experience

The biblical writers speak from the middle of real human experience. They know fear, grief, guilt, betrayal, doubt, joy, hope, love, relief, failure, and restoration. Their circumstances were ancient, but many of their experiences remain familiar.

Human Experience in the Biblical Story

- Grief, fear, guilt, repentance, and questions that do not have easy answers.
- Conflict, injustice, suffering, disappointment, and the need for courage.
- Joy, worship, hope, love, relief, and gratitude.
- Failure, forgiveness, restoration, and learning to trust God again.

Which human experience makes a piece of writing feel most real or relatable to you? Why?

How could the writers' real emotions and circumstances help a message reach readers centuries later?

Could real human emotion make a message more understandable without proving or disproving that the message came from God? Explain.

Finish the sentence: One human experience I would like to explore in the Bible is...

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④ Explore Why Different Kinds of Writing Matter

The Bible is not one long theological textbook. Its stories, poetry, wisdom, history, and letters communicate in different ways. Not all human beings learn or respond in the same way. The Bible's variety may help readers see, feel, remember, and apply its message in different ways.

Different Forms, Different Work

Kind of Writing	What It Can Help Us Do
Story	Shows choices, consequences, failure, courage, and restoration.
Poetry	Gives words to worship, grief, fear, repentance, and hope.
Wisdom	Offers memorable guidance for everyday decisions and relationships.
History	Places claims within people, places, events, and communities.
Letters	Addresses real questions, conflicts, beliefs, and daily faithfulness.

Which kind of writing tends to reach you most clearly? Why?

What can a story or poem communicate that a definition alone may not?

Why would variety in writing style not automatically count against a connected message?

How should the kind of writing affect the way you read and interpret a biblical passage?

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⑤ See the Message Enter Real History

The Bible names people, cities, rulers, nations, journeys, families, churches, conflicts, and events. Because the Bible places its claims within particular people, places, and events, readers have something concrete to examine. At the same time, it continues to address questions human beings have asked across cultures and centuries.

Questions That Reach Beyond One Time and Place

- Why are we here, and why do human beings have dignity?
- Why do people hurt one another, and what should we do with guilt?
- Why is there suffering, and can people truly be forgiven?
- Does God care?
- Has the Creator come near?
- What happens when we die?

Why could rooting biblical claims in particular people, places, and events make those claims more open to examination?

Which of the questions above feels most important to you right now? Why?

Can a message begin in a specific culture and still speak to people everywhere? Explain.

What biblical person, event, or historical claim would you most like to examine more closely?

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⑥ Respond to a God Who Comes Near

Christianity claims that God did not remain distant and simply send information. The biblical story pictures Him moving toward people, and Christians believe that movement becomes clearest in Jesus. John 1:14 (NIV) says, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”

If God wanted to come near enough to be known, how might that help explain His use of human words?

Does the Bible’s humanity make its claim to divine revelation more difficult for you to accept, easier to understand, or both? Explain.

Which part of this argument seems most reasonable to you? Which part still raises a question?

Finish the sentence: My next step in exploring how God may communicate through human words is...

One-Sentence Takeaway

The Bible’s human language, experiences, and writing styles may not weaken its claim to reveal God. They may be part of how the Creator brings His message close enough for human beings to understand.

Closing Prayer

Creator, thank You for meeting human beings within the world we understand. Give us wisdom as we consider whether You have spoken through human words, real history, and human experience. Help us ask honest questions without closing ourselves to the truth. If You have brought Your message near enough for us to understand, give us humility to listen and courage to respond. Amen.

Continue the Journey

Keep asking honest questions, keep reading carefully, and keep seeking the truth

You do not have to stop here.

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