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2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____

THE LIVING WORD:

In the Old Testament: _____ = Life.

Therefore, Scripture is _____ !!

REFLECTION: - Hebrews 4:12

What would you do if you were holding a doll and all of a sudden it came alive? It would startle you, right?!? Or imagine you had a toy animal, and suddenly it became a real life, living, breathing, moving thing. We would be surprised. Why? *What is the difference between something that is alive and something that is not?*

READ Hebrews 4:12. Think about what it says: *the Word is living and active.* How should this change the way we think about and the way we read and treat Scripture?

In Genesis, God breathed into Adam and he went from being dead mud to being *alive!* We read in 2 Timothy 3:16 that God also breathed Scripture, and Hebrews says that the Word is *alive!* Take some time to journal or write a prayer to God about His Word. Ask Him to teach, rebuke, train, surprise, encourage you through his *living* Word, and to help you grow to expect its living power to speak to you when you read it.

When everyone is done, we will pray and ask God that when we read the Bible we would experience *the living power* of his Word speaking to us, and that our lives would be shaped by what it says!

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