



Brighton's Story

Zimbabwe

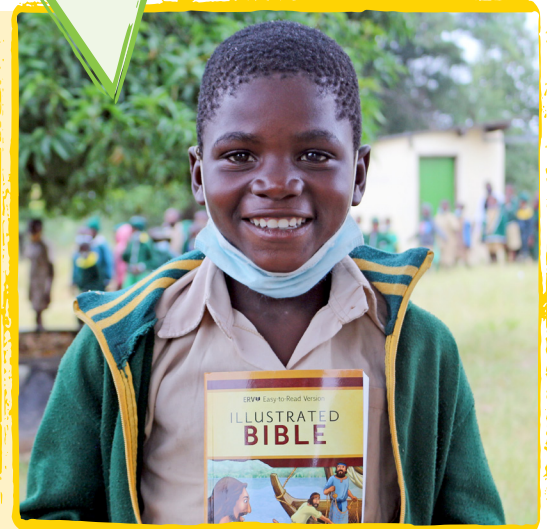
Two years ago, tragedy struck 12-year-old Brighton's family in Zimbabwe, when his father passed away. The family struggled with the grief and stopped going to church. "After my father passed away, there were so many changes in my family," he says. "My mother would always cry even though she tried hiding it. Everyone in my family was sad."

The young man was sad and angry that his dad left them. He dealt with this heartbreak by acting out, fighting with his family, and lying about homework.

But when Brighton began attending a Bible League *Project Philip* Bible study at his school, he found the healing his heart needed.

Now, Brighton sees how studying God's Word has made a difference in his life. Though he still misses his dad, he knows the Lord is with him always and was with him in the darkest of days. He explains, "My favorite verse is Psalm 23:4, 'Even if I walk through a valley as dark as the grave, I will not be afraid of any danger, because you are with me.' This verse assures me that in any situation, the Lord is with me."

Today, Brighton's family loves going to church together. "The *Project Philip* Bible study has helped bring a change in my life," he says. "We now gather and study the Word of God as a family. My family and I have healed from our loss. We are in a better place now because of Jesus Christ."



Questions:

How is Brighton's life different than yours? _____

Do you and your family attend church together? Has God helped you through a hard time?

How did studying the Bible help Brighton? _____
