

The Storyline of the Bible (Youth Series)

Series Description

In this 4-lesson series we give you a crash course on the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. Download the Workbook

How God Started It All (Youth)

In this lesson, we look at Genesis to Deuteronomy. We'll see how God started everything, and why he did it.

How People Messed It Up (Youth)

In this lesson, we look at the story of the Bible from Joshua to Malachi. We learn how people made sinful choices, but God still showed his compassion to people.

How Jesus Makes It Right (Youth)

Jesus came to take care of our greatest need. In this lesson, we summarize the life and mission of Jesus.

How the Story Lives On (Youth)

Jesus left us with a mission. As we read Acts to Revelation, we see how the story of the Bible is really our story too. This section of the Bible shows us how God works in the world, and his purpose for our lives.

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Step 1: Watch the lesson video and fill in the blanks.

The first five books of the Bible (called the "Pentateuch") record the beginning of history.

God created _____ (Genesis 1:1)

God created us to _____ him.

God gave Abraham a promise involving a _____, a _____ and a _____. (Genesis 12:1-2)

God made Abraham's descendants into a nation called _____.

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Step 2: Talk about it with your group or mentor.

1. Summarize your favorite movie in one sentence.
2. God created the world by speaking it into existence. What does this teach us about God?
3. If you asked random people at your school why humans are on the earth, what do you think they would say? According to the Bible, why are we here?
4. Look again at the promises God made to Abraham in [Genesis 12:1-2](#). Why do you think God made these promises? Why do you think he picked Abraham?
5. What does it tell us about God that he will keep promises? What does this mean for you?

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Step 3: Apply it to life.

- Read [Storyline Reading Plan](#) for Week 1 and write your questions, comments, or insights.
- Write a personal action step for today.
- Preview the links and downloads for the next lesson or topic.



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Step 1: Watch the lesson video and fill in the blanks.

The books Joshua to Malachi record the history of Israel over a period of about 1000 years.

God fulfilled his promise of a land through _____. (Joshua 21:43)

God's people were stuck in the _____. (Judges 2:11-12)

God sent _____ to warn the people about their sin. (Isaiah 1:2-3)

God expanded his promise through _____. (1 Chronicles 17:11-14)

God never _____ his people.

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Step 2: Talk about it with your group or mentor.

1. What's the longest book you have ever read, and how long did it take you to read it?
2. Describe the sin cycle in Judges. If you are stuck in the sin cycle, what can you do to break out of it?
3. God warned his people about the danger of their sin in the Old Testament through the prophets. How does God warn us about the problem of our sins today?
4. Read [1 Chronicles 17:11-14](#). How do you know that God isn't just talking about a normal human king in these verses?
5. What would you tell a friend who feels like God can't possibly love them anymore because of the bad things they have done?

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Step 3: Apply it to life.

- Read [Storyline Reading Plan](#) for Week 2 and write your questions, comments, or insights.
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Step 1: Watch the lesson video and fill in the blanks.

The life of Jesus is recorded in the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

God fulfilled his promise of a _____ through Jesus. (Luke 1:30-33)

Jesus explained what _____ to God. (Matthew 22:36-40)

Jesus died and rose again to give us a _____ with God. (Matthew 26:27-28)

You must _____ to put your _____ in Christ. (John 5:24)

2

Step 2: Talk about it with your group or mentor.

1. If you could ask Jesus just one question about His life on earth, what would it be?
2. How did Jesus fulfill God's promise to Abraham that he would be a blessing to the whole world (see [Genesis 12:1-3](#))?
3. Read [Matthew 22:36-40](#). How did Jesus simplify what it means to honor God?
4. How do you define "trust"? Why is trusting Jesus necessary to enter into a relationship with God?
5. How would you explain to someone unfamiliar with the Bible what the Bible's storyline is all about?

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The books from Acts to Revelation give us a glimpse of the church and the future.

Jesus told his disciples to _____ (Matthew 28:18-20)

The third promise to Abraham culminated in the _____ (Ezekiel 36:25-27)

God _____ the church as an _____ force. (Mt 16:18)

The end of history is already decided and _____. (Revelation 21)

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Step 2: Talk about it with your group or mentor.

1. What do you think your life will be like in 4 years? How about 8 years from now?
2. Read [Matthew 28:18-20](#). Do you think Jesus' words are for students like you? Why or why not?
3. How can you start making disciples today?
4. How does the Holy Spirit help us to honor God? (See [Ezekiel 36:25-27](#).)
5. Read [Revelation 21:5-7](#). How does knowing the end of history affect the way you live your life?

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