

SESSION 6 FAMILY GUIDE

WHAT IS THE BIBLE ALL ABOUT?

The Bible is God's message about Himself and His salvation plan through Jesus. The Bible is the story of God. It provides us with truth about who God is, what He has done, and what He is doing. From Genesis to Revelation, we read of one narrative story where God is the Creator, Redeemer, and Restorer. Ultimately, the Bible points to Jesus as the One to whom and through whom all of God's story find its purpose. The Bible helps us know and be a part of what God is doing in and through His creation.

Key Verse: *Romans 3:23-24*

Key Passages: *Genesis 1:31;*

Genesis 3; Genesis 15; Romans 3:21-26;

Acts 3:19-21; Revelation 21:1-5

STUDY

Where does the story start?

- The start of God's story in the world began at creation. God has eternally existed, but what was created had a beginning. The whole world and every living thing was created in six days. Everything God created was good and for God's glory. (See Isa. 43:7.) There was no sin, no death, no evil. God made a perfect world that was in perfect harmony with Him. However, sin entered God's good creation when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God's command. We call this part of the story *the fall*.

What has God done in the story?

- After Adam and Eve sinned, death and wickedness entered the world. God's good creation was broken. But God had a plan. God would send a Savior to redeem the broken and sinful creation. In Genesis 3:15, we read the first promise God made to send Jesus into the world! Jesus is the only hope for a sinful world. Apart from Him, there would be no redemption.

Where is the story headed?

- God's story isn't finished. He has done great things, but He is still working to make things new. We call this restoration. God is restoring what was lost and broken. Restoring doesn't just mean that we will go back to the way things were in Eden before the fall. God's act of restoration is leading the story to something even better. There will be a new heaven and a new earth where we will dwell with God forever.

DISCUSS

- Why is knowing the Bible's big story important for our faith? What hope does it give us?
- Why is it important to read and know the smaller stories of the Bible? How do they remind us God is faithful? How do they point us to Jesus?
- What acts of redemption and restoration has God done in your own life?

PRAY

Take a few moments as a family to thank God for the acts of redemption and restoration He has already done in your own lives and in the world around us. Ask God to help you trust in Him as He finishes the story He began. Ask Him to lead you in truth, running to Jesus—the author and perfecter of your faith.

THE BIG PICTURE GOSPEL STORY

Pretend you are sharing the gospel with an unbeliever. Practice sharing the gospel using the four parts of the Biblical narrative: creation, fall, redemption, restoration.