

THE BIBLE STORY

BIBLE STUDY - YOUNGER



Hey hey MACs and WOGs!

WELCOME TO TRAIL GUIDE time! Each day together we will give God the first fruits of our morning by spending time in His word. Our desire is to not only walk through a week of Bible Study with you, but to teach you HOW to study. We want you to be able to return home after a week of Christ-centered adventure and keep up the valuable practice of studying and reading Scripture daily.

God Creates: God created all things GOOD.

Man Sins: We live in a broken, sinful world.

Jesus Saves: Jesus died for our sins and offers us eternal life.

Spirit Leads: The Holy Spirit leads us to walk in hope in light of what Christ has done.

We Hope: Because of our hope in Christ, we can RISE UP.

God is the creator of all things GOOD. He is not the reason we experience pain, suffering, sadness, anxiety, etc. Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the garden of Eden, sin entered the world and separated us from God. Jesus is the Savior of the world who came to rescue and redeem us from the bondage of sin. When we place our trust in Jesus, He makes us a new creation. He assures us of an eternity spent forever with Him in Heaven. In Heaven, there will be no pain, suffering, sadness, or tears. It will be perfect. Because we have hope in Christ and our future in Heaven with Him, we can RISE UP with confidence and assurance that our pain and suffering on earth is temporary.

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ISAIAH 40:28-31

HOW TO READ SCRIPTURE



PRAY: pray that God would work

Praise: glorify God for who He is

Admit: confess your sins to God

Request: ask God to forgive your sin

Thank: thank God for who He is

READ: read the passage in full

OBSERVE: what does it say?

5 W's and 1 H

Who said what? Who did what?

What are the main things that happened?

Where did this event happen?

Why did he say or do that?

How did or should people respond?

INTERPRET: what does it mean?

What does this story show us about God?

What does this story show us about people?

What was the author trying to communicate?

How would the original recipients have felt about this passage?

APPLY: how does it apply to me?

What will I do differently because of what I've learned?

How am I going to obey what this says?

PRAY: pray that God would work

DAY 1

God Creates: God created all things GOOD

Pre read: God created everything out of nothing! Today we are going to look at the creation story in the very first chapter of the Bible.

Circle all the things that God created. Draw a cross every time you see "God".

2 **Observation:**

Who created all things?

Did anything exist before God created the world?

Note that "Spirit of God" is mentioned in the second verse of the Bible. The Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us, believers, was present at the creation of the world.

GENESIS 1:1-31

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.

8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so.

12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,

15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.

16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens."

21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so.

25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

24 **Interpretation:**

Note the order of God's creation - Why is it important?

25 **Observation:**

What does God say at the end of every day?

What does God say at the end of the day that he made people?

26 **Observation:**

Who is "us"?

27 **Observation:**
Whose image are we created in?

Interpretation:
Why is this important?

31 **Observation:**
How is God's creation of man and woman different than all of His other creation?

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.


28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Additional Reading: John 1:1-5, Colossians 1:15-17

 **OBSERVE:** In just 6 days, God created light, the stars, fish, animals, trees, flowers, and so much more. Draw these things below.



INTERPRET: What does this story show us about God? & men?



APPLICATION: What will I do differently because of what I've learned?



PRAYERS:

DAY 2

Man Sins: We live in a broken, sinful world.

Pre read: Like we read yesterday, God created all things out of nothing! The goal of today's reading is to show that God is not the cause of the suffering, anxiety, depression, and hopelessness that we experience in this world. Sin is the reason that we experience those things, not God. The penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23). Thankfully, those who are in Christ, have assurance of faith that our suffering on this earth is only temporary.

Draw a cross every time you see "God" or "Jesus".
Circle every time you see "sin".

Observation:

Where did sin come from?

GENESIS 2:16-17

16 "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

GENESIS 3:6-7

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate .

7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

6 Observation:

Who committed the first sin?

Observation:

Why is sin a problem?

23 Interpretation:

What does it mean that "the wages of sin is death"? Is this a literal death?

8-11 Observation:

What does Jesus offer for all sinners?

ROMANS 6:23

23 "For the wages of sin is death , but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord ."

ROMANS 5:8-11

8 "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."

Fill in the blank:


1. _____ is the reason that we experience pain and sadness.
2. God's creation of people was _____.
3. For the wages of ____ is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
4. _____ and _____ brought sin into the world.
5. We will experience trouble in this world, but _____ has overcome the world.

Word box:

sin Adam & Eve Jesus very good

Recap: The first people, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God in the garden and as a result, sin entered to world and people were separated from God. **Why is it a problem?** Sin still separates us from God. Sin caused Adam and Eve to feel shame and hide from God and it makes us do the same thing today. Every human has been born with a sinful nature and is in need of a Savior. JESUS is the Savior of the world. We will learn more about Him tomorrow!

 **OBSERVE:** Answer the 5 W's & 1 H for this passage:

 **INTERPRET:** What does this story show us about God? & men?

 **APPLICATION:** What will I do differently because of what I've learned?

 **PRAYERS:**

DAY 3

Jesus Saves: Jesus died for our sins and offers us eternal life.

Pre read: Yesterday, we learned that God is not the cause of evil, pain, fear, and suffering. Today, we are going to talk about how God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins so that we may have eternal life with God forever, set free from sin! Jesus was a human, just like you and me, but He was also fully God. Jesus' ministry lasted about 3 years proclaiming Himself as the Son of God. The Jewish leaders ordered him to die on a cross as a punishment.

Draw a cross every time you see "God" or "Jesus".

MARK 15:33-39

33 And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

35 And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah."

36 And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.

38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom .

39 And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

MATTHEW 28:1-10

1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

37 Interpretation:

Whose sins is Jesus dying for?

6 Observation:

Who has risen?

Interpretation:

Why is it significant that Jesus rose from the dead?

16 Application:

Have you responded to the invitation to invite Christ Jesus into your heart?

4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you."

8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

JOHN 3:16

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.


Additional Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9, Hebrews 10:19-25, 1 Corinthians 15:12-19


Fill in the blank:

- _____ is the Son of God.
- Jesus rose from the dead _____ days later.
- For _____ so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever _____ in him should not perish but have eternal life(John 3:16)
- The _____ was torn in two from top to bottom.
- When Mary and Mary went to the tomb, the _____ was rolled away and Jesus' body was not there.

Word box:

believes Jesus curtain stone 3 God

 OBSERVE: Answer the 5 W's & 1 H for this passage:

 INTERPRET: What does this story show us about God? & men?

 APPLICATION: What will I do differently because of what I've learned?

 PRAYERS:

DAY 4

Spirit Leads: The Holy Spirit leads us to walk in hope in light of what Christ has done.

Pre read: Hope is not defined by things that we hope to happen. Hope is the assured faith and confidence of the things to come, promised by God. Because of Christ, we have hope that our current pain cannot be compared to the glories ahead (Romans 8:18). We have hope that we are not alone in this world - we have God through the Holy Spirit that lives within us if we are believers in Christ Jesus. We have hope that our suffering is temporary and eternity with God is forever.

Only those who believe in Christ Jesus can walk in this HOPE.

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ROMANS 8:18-21, 24-28

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us .

19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope

21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience .

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

27 And he who searches hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

26 Observation:

Who helps us in our weakness?

When we don't know what to pray, who can help us?

Application:

When we are weak, how can we call upon God to help us?

ROMANS 8:31-32, 35, 38-39

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble, or hardship, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord .

39 Interpretation:

Can anything separate us from the love of God?


Additional Reading: Colossians 5:1-11, Colossians 3:1-17, Philippians 2:1-11, Ephesians 2


Fill in the blank:

1. _____ can separate us from the love of God.
2. Our current sufferings are not worth comparing with the _____ that is to be revealed to us.
3. The _____ helps us in our weakness.
4. When we don't know what to pray for, the _____ intercedes for us.
5. If _____ is for us, who can be against us?
6. For those who love God all things work together for _____, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Word box:

God Holy Spirit nothing good glory

 OBSERVE: Answer the 5 W's & 1 H for this passage:

 INTERPRET: What does this story show us about God? & men?

 APPLICATION: What will I do differently because of what I've learned?

 PRAYERS:

DAY 5

We Hope: Because we have hope in Christ, we can **RISE UP**.

Pre read: Because of the hope we have in Christ, we know that our pain is temporary and eternity with God is forever.... we can RISE UP with the strength and courage that God gives us. It is not by our own strength or power, but it is only by the strength and power of God! Isaiah 40 states that those who hope in the Lord will FIND renewed strength. We can RISE UP in faith and trust that God is exactly who He says that He is. **God strengthens us as we rely on Him.**

Draw a cross every time you see "God" or "Jesus" or "the Spirit"

28 **Observation:**
Who created the world? (Remember Day 1 of our study from this week.)

Look at verse 28. Is it possible for God to get tired?

29 **Observation:**
When we are tired, who can we call upon for help?

31 **Observation:**
"Wait for the Lord" = the essence of confident, expectant faith in the Lord's return. This is day 4 and 5, the Holy Spirit leads us and we get to hope in the Lord's return!

Interpretation:
What does it mean to RISE UP?
Who gives us the strength to RISE UP?
Are we able to RISE UP by our own strength?

God promises that those who live their life in light of the hope of Jesus' return will be given renewed strength in the difficult challenges of life ahead.

ISAIAH 40:28-31(NET)

28 Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Lord is an eternal God,
the Creator of the whole earth.
He does not get tired or weary;
there is no limit to his wisdom.

29 He gives strength to those who are tired;
to the ones who lack power, he gives renewed energy.

30 Even youths get tired and weary;
even strong young men clumsily stumble.

31 But those who wait for the Lord's help find renewed strength;
they RISE UP as if they had eagles' wings,
they run without growing weary,
they walk without getting tired.

REVELATION 21: 3-4

3 Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

God will one day wipe away every tear from our eyes. In Heaven, there will be no more pain, suffering, sadness, anxiety, or tears. Until we get there, we will experience trouble on this earth. We need comfort and hope! Because of what Christ has done, we can **RISE UP** walking in hope, in confidence, and in strength in our everyday life when we call upon Him.

Fill in the blank:

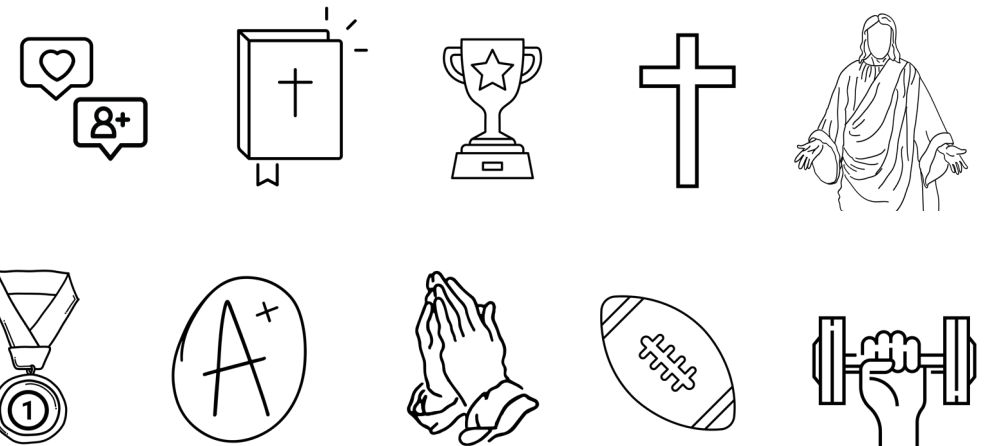
- _____ gives strength to those who are tired.
- The Lord is an eternal God, the Creator of the whole _____.
- Those who wait for the Lord's help will find renewed _____;
they _____ as if they had eagles' wings.
- God will wipe every _____ from their eyes.

Word box:

earth God Strength Tear Rise Up

 **OBSERVE:**

CIRCLE the things that can give you strength to RISE UP
MARK OUT (X) the things that cannot give you strength to RISE UP.



 **OBSERVE:** What did you learn this week?



PRAY



READ



OBSERVE



INTERPRET



APPLY



PRAY

WHAT NOW?

Camp is over ... but your time in the Word isn't. There is no doubt you learned a whole lot this week as you gathered - campers and coaches - with Bibles open. And no doubt you can have the same thing at home. You are taking home amazing tools and practice on how to study the Bible. It is as easy as the steps you have practiced each morning this week.

Pray. Read. Observe. Interpret. Apply. Pray.

It's crazy to think that at any given moment, Our God ... the Creator of YOU, the Creator of ALL ... is ready to tell you something. Something that matters, something that He wants you to know, something that gets you through the hard days and something that allows you to be glad in the good days.

Skipping Bible Study at Trail Guide time at camp would be CRAZY! So why skip it at home?

Set a time in your day when you can dig into God's Word and see what encouraging, challenging, exciting and sometimes interesting things He wants to tell you. If you miss a day or week or even month, don't worry

...the Truth in the Bible never grows old or disappears
...it is always ready for you.

We think these passages are great places to start!



ADDITIONAL PASSAGES:

GENESIS
MATTHEW
1 CORINTHIANS
EPHESIANS
JAMES

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE GOSPEL

1 GOD IS HOLY AND GOD IS PERFECT.

(Heb 11:6) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

(1 John 1:5) This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

2 MAN IS A SINNER IN NEED OF SAVING.

(Rom 3:23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

3 JESUS MADE A WAY FOR US TO BE SAVED BY THE SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH OF HIS PERFECT LIFE THAT WAS SEALED BY HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.

(1 Cor 15:3-4) For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

4 BY ACKNOWLEDGING OUR SIN AND TRUSTING IN JESUS (FAITH), OUR SIN IS REMOVED, AND WE RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE BY THE GRACE OF GOD ALONE.

(Eph 2:8-9) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

THE GOOD NEWS

1 GOD CREATES

God created the world, and He is still creating today. He is the author of life and all that is within this world. There was no one and nothing before Him. Our God is a mighty creator and all that He created He called good. Genesis 1:31 says, "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

2 MAN SINS

The serpent deceived Adam and Eve and sin entered the world. We are sinful. Romans 3:23 states, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". We are in need of help because alone, we will choose sin over and over again. Exodus 32:9 states, "And the Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.'" God does not tolerate sin. Romans 6:23a states, "For the wages of sin is death," therefore, we are completely separated from heaven and God because of our unbelief. That is the bad news!

3 JESUS SAVES

Where sin is great, God's grace is always greater. Born in a manger, Jesus came to live a perfect life, fully God and fully man, to restore our relationship with God. Jesus died and rose again from the dead (proof that He is God!) so that we may have Eternal Life. Romans 6:23b states, "but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 10:9 says, "because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." If we want to accept God's free gift of salvation, (it's a personal, individual decision), we must come to Him, admit that we are sinners, believe that Jesus died for you, ask Him to forgive you and be your Savior and Lord. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through Him. "For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" Romans 10:13

4 SPIRIT LEADS

When we choose to trust Jesus as our Lord and Savior we are forever changed. The Holy Spirit indwells us and begins to lead us as we walk through life. When we walk surrendering our life to the Lord and walk in prayer, the Spirit will lead us. Colossians 3:12 says, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." We rely on the Spirit to walk in the way of a new life.

5 WE HOPE

While we go through heartache and pain in life, we get to hold close to Jesus because there is hope now and to come! John 16:33 says "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." We get to hope because He has already overtaken and there will be a day where Jesus will return and restore this world. Revelations 21:2-5a says, "'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death'[b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

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