



God's BIG Story

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TO THE PARENT AND TEACHER

Welcome to *God's Big Story*! It is our joy to partner with you in the glorious task of introducing young minds to the eternal truths contained in the Word of our gracious and loving God.

This coursework is intended to serve as an aid to parents who are looking for a Christian Family Discipleship approach to the education of their children. Christian education is always parent integrated, Bible integrated, and life integrated. This is the clear philosophy of education visible in Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Ephesians 6:4, and the book of Proverbs. *God's Big Story* seeks to follow this biblical mandate by introducing children to Scripture and to the faith and life lessons to be gleaned from it. This curriculum focuses on nurturing children in the faith, in Christ, and in Christian character. Every chapter of this reading course will familiarize students with a new historical passage from Scripture and will teach the child how to learn from and apply the truths contained in each biblical account.

Best Book Approach

Nowadays it's fashionable to introduce "great books" to our children in their Christian paideia or educational training. We, however, recommend the best Book—the Bible. If our children want to learn to read and think, the first and core content of their study must be the Bible. These are God's stories, and our children should know all the stories of Scripture by the time they are reading on a fifth grade level.

Avoiding the piecemeal approach to Bible stories, the authors of this course instead present the whole story, the unity of Scripture, the true message intended by God. It is a redemptive story. While there may be moral lessons to glean here and there, the core message of Scripture is the work of God in redemption. This is the story the Bible presents from cover to cover and is the story focused on in this reading course. If our children learn a thousand other stories but miss this one, we have neglected our duty in their education.

The key objectives of this program are:

1. To provide the child with a clear understanding of biblical vocabulary to prepare them to read a substantive English translation of the Bible on their own.
2. To grant the child a familiarity with the full scope of biblical stories, the historical narrative of God's revelation.

3. To master the entire theme of the Bible, the Christ-focus of Scripture, and the fulfillment of the Old Testament in the New Testament.
4. To believe the Gospel.
5. To worship God, to fear God, and to obey His Word.

Our authors have been careful to present the wide range of scriptural stories without censorship. However, care has been taken to present stories on a level of understanding appropriate for six-year-olds.

Scriptural quotations at the end of each chapter are taken from the New King James Version of the Bible. This version has also been used where narratives and conversations in the text include word-for-word scriptural quotations.

God's Big Story Level 1 has been designed to be used as a reading book during the second semester of first grade, after the child has already begun a basic phonics curriculum and has learned the elementary principles of pronunciation. This book is intended to be used in conjunction with the selection of read-aloud books that form a part of the Generations first grade reading curriculum.

May the Spirit of our God anoint these readings and studies to the spiritual enlightenment, the spiritual life, and the spiritual growth of the students.

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CHAPTER 1

God Makes a Good World

God made all things. He has a plan. It is a **good** plan.

God said, “I will make **light**.” God makes the **light**. The **light** is **good**. God makes all things **good**. This is Day One.

On Day Two, God makes the sky. God sees the sky. It is **good**.

On Day Three, God makes the sea. He makes the dry land. He said, “Let grass **grow** on the land. Let trees and plants **grow**.” The land **obeys** God. The





grass **grows**. The trees and plants **grow**. God sees His work. It is **good**.

On Day Four, God makes the sun and the moon. He makes the stars, too. The sun shines on the land. It shines on the grass and the trees. God sees the sun and moon and stars. His work is **good**. Will God make man yet? No, not yet.

On Day Five, God makes the fish. He makes the birds. God will bless the fish and the birds. He will tell them to **grow** and fill the land and sea. Will the fish and birds **obey** God? Yes, they will **obey**. God sees His work. It is **good**.

On Day Six, God makes the **creatures** that live on the land. He makes pigs. He makes dogs. He makes bugs. He makes all **creatures** on the land. God sees that this is **good**.

Next, God said, “Let Us make man in Our **image**. Let them rule the fish and the birds and all things.

Let them rule the land I made.” God makes man. He makes **Adam** and Eve. He will bless them. He tells **Adam** and Eve, “Fill the land. Rule the fish and the birds and the cows. Rule all the **creatures**.” Will man **obey** God?

God sees His **world**. He sees all He made. It is **good**.

On Day Seven, God will rest. He has made the land. He has made the sea. He has made the fish and the birds. He has made the cows and the bugs. He has made man. He will end His work. God will bless this day. He will rest on this day, and we will rest, too.

God makes His **world**. His **world** is **good**.

*Then God said, “Let there be light”;
and there was light. (Genesis 1:3)*

Faith Lessons

God has a plan — God makes all things. He has a plan for the **world**. He has a plan for man.

God is a wise and good God — God made the **world**. He is a **wise** God. He is **good**. He sees all things and makes them **good**.

God rests on Day Seven — God rests on this day. We will rest on this day, too. God makes a day for His **world** to rest.

Vocabulary

light
good
obey

creature
image
Adam

world
wise

CHAPTER 2

Adam and Eve Sin

God made a **garden**. He will give Adam a **law**. The **law** is good. God tells Adam, “Rule the **garden**. Rule the plants and the bugs and all things.” Adam must obey God. Will Adam obey?

God will give Adam a **helper**. He will make Eve. Eve will help Adam. Adam and Eve will work in the **garden**. They will rule the plants. They will rule the birds and the fish.

God will give Adam a **law**. God will give a good **law**. He says, “Eat the **fruit** in the **garden**. But do not



eat the **fruit** of this tree.” Adam and Eve must not eat from this tree. Will Adam and Eve obey God?

The **devil** sees Adam and Eve. The **devil** is bad. He will not obey God. He tells Eve, “God is not good. He tells you bad things. Will you eat the **fruit**? The **fruit** is good. Do not obey God.”



Eve sees the **devil**. She sees the **fruit**. Will she obey the **devil**? Yes, she will obey. She will not obey God.

Adam sees the **fruit**. He will eat the **fruit**. He will not obey God. Adam will sin. Eve will sin.

God sees Adam and Eve. He will ask, “Did you eat the **fruit**?”

Adam is sad. Eve is sad. Sin will make them sad. Sin will kill them. Can God fix this?

God will tell Adam, “You did not obey. You did sin. But I will **save** you from sin. I will send a Seed. He will stop the **devil**. The Seed will crush him. The Seed will **save** you.”

God sees His world. He sees the bad in His world. But God will make His world good. He will **save** Adam from sin. He will **save** Eve from sin. God is **strong**. God is wise. He is good. He can **save** us from sin.

*Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him,
“Where are you?” (Genesis 3:9)*

Faith Lessons

Adam did not obey — God is good. He gives a good **law**. We must trust Him. We must obey His **law**.

Sin kills — We sin if we do not obey God and His **law**. Sin is bad. It will kill you. We must run from sin. We must run to God.

God can save from sin — We sin like Adam. I am bad. You are bad. We all sin. But God can **save** us from sin. He sent a Seed. The Seed is Jesus Christ.

Vocabulary

garden

fruit

strong

law

devil

helper

save

CHAPTER 3

God Sends a Flood

God made all things. He made plants. He made fish. He made bugs. He made all things good. God sees His world. It is good.

Adam sins. Eve sins. They do not obey God. They do bad things.

God sees His world. It is not good. God sees sin.

God sees dads and moms. Dads and moms sin.

God sees boys and girls. Boys and girls sin. Do you sin?

God said, "I am sad that I made man. I will **destroy**





him. I will **destroy** the birds and the bugs and the pigs. I will **destroy** them, for man did sin.”

Will God **destroy** all men? No, He will not. God made a **promise**. He said He will send a Seed. The Seed will save **people** from sin. God will keep His **promise**.

God sees Noah. Noah is a good man. Will Noah sin? Yes, he will sin. But Noah will **fear** God.

God tells Noah, “I will **destroy** all things. I will send a **flood**. The **flood** will kill all men and all things. But I will save you. Make an **ark**. The **ark** will keep you safe.”

Noah will trust God. He will make the **ark**. His sons will help.

God will send birds to Noah. He will

send bugs. He will send cats and pigs. Noah will put them in the **ark**. He will get food for them. He will obey God.

Noah tells **people** not to sin. He says, "Obey God." But the **people** do not obey. They will sin. They do not love God.

God will send rain. He will send a **flood**. The **flood** will kill all things. All men will die. Why will they die? God hates sin.

God will keep Noah safe. He will keep his sons safe. He will keep them safe in the **ark**.

God will end the **flood**. He will stop the rain. He will stop the **flood**.

He will tell Noah, "Come out of the **ark**."

Noah will come out. He sees the land. He sees the mud. He will **fear** God. He will love God.

God sees Noah. God said, "I will keep you safe. I will make a **promise**. I will not send a **flood** again."



God will make a **rain-bow**. The **rainbow** is His **promise**. Noah sees the **rainbow**. He is glad.

God will love Noah. God will keep His **promise**.
God is good.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

(Genesis 6:8)

Faith Lessons

God hates sin — Sin is bad. God hates sin. Do you hate sin?

God will punish sin — Did God punish the world? Yes, He did. He sent a **flood**. One day He will punish all the world for sin. One day Jesus will come and punish the world for sin.

Noah will fear God — Noah will sin. But he will **fear** God. He will be sad for his sin. He will trust God. God will save him. Can you trust God?

God makes a promise — God will **promise** to save Noah from the **flood**. He will keep His **promise**. He loves Noah. He loves His world. He is a good God. He will keep His **promise**.

Vocabulary

destroy

fear

people

promise

flood

rainbow

Noah

ark