



BRING IT HOME

Conversation starts to continue at home what began at Immanuel.
Our desire is to see families use this resource
as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19.

UNITS 13-15 | Fall 2025

the **GOSPEL** **GOD'S PLAN FOR ME**

gos-pel – *noun*. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10,13*

AUGUST BONUS UNIT:

GOD'S REVELATION AND OUR RESPONSE

We are taking a couple of weeks off from our systematic march through scripture to look at why we do all of this in the first place. We were created to worship God and while God's glorious creation should cause us to worship Him, we often worship the creation instead of the Creator. We need to know God's Word because His Word changes hearts. His Word gives us all that we need for life and godliness; it teaches us how to live and how to love God; it teaches us who God is and why He deserves our worship.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

How does God reveal Himself to His people?

God reveals Himself to His people through His creation and through His Word.

KEY PASSAGE:

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.



AT HOME RESOURCES

August 24 | Session 1

GOD'S REVELATION AND OUR WORSHIP | PSALM 19; ROMANS 1:19-23



STORY POINT:

God reveals Himself through His creation but we need to know His Word.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God reveals Himself through His creation but knowledge of creation cannot save us. His Word changes hearts so that we can be in right relationship with our Creator, know Christ as our Savior and worship Him as He deserves.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How should we respond to God's glory revealed in creation?
- Why doesn't creation cause us to worship our Creator as we should?
- What does God's special revelation, His Word, do that His general revelation, His creation, cannot?

August 24




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August 31 | Session 2

HOW DO WE STUDY THE BIBLE | NEHEMIAH 8:1-12; JAMES 1:22-25



STORY POINT:

To know God, we must study the Word by looking at it, learning it, loving it and living it out.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God's Word gives us all that we need for life and godliness. For us to know how to live and how to worship God, we must intentionally study the Word of God. It is through the Word that we learn who Christ is, why He was sent, and what He accomplished on behalf of His people.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did the people respond to hearing Ezra read God's Word?
- How are you responding to hearing to God's Word?

August 31




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UNIT 13:

A TROUBLED KINGDOM

Solomon's unfaithfulness to God led to a divided and troubled kingdom. Rather than seek the Lord wholeheartedly, the people of Israel and Judah turned to worship worthless idols. Yet, God did not forsake His people. Through the prophet Elijah, God demonstrated His presence, power, and preeminence as the one true God.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

How many gods are there?

There is one true God who alone deserves worship.

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Kings 8:60

that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other.



AT HOME RESOURCES

September 7 | Session 1

THE KINGDOM DIVIDED | 1 KINGS 11-13



STORY POINT:
Rehoboam's foolish sin divided the kingdom.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Rehoboam rejected good advice, and his foolish pride led to a divided kingdom. Jesus, the truly wise King, unites all who trust in Him and brings them into His kingdom forever.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why didn't Rehoboam listen to the wise men?
- Sin causes division and separates people from God. How does Jesus bring people back to God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Tear newspaper, magazines, or colored paper into small pieces. Retell the story of Rehoboam and discuss the ways his decisions split the kingdom into two parts. Then, glue pieces of torn paper to a sheet of poster board or cardboard to create a mosaic or similar work of art. Talk about how Jesus offers new life to all who believe in Him and brings them into His forever kingdom.

TO SERVE :

Choose a stretch of sidewalk near your home and create a cheerful art walk by drawing pictures and writing encouraging messages and Scripture verses. If possible, encourage neighbors to continue the art walk in the area in front of their homes.

September 14 | Session 2

ISRAEL'S EVIL KINGS | 1 KINGS 14-15; 2 CHRONICLES 12-13



STORY POINT:
Israel's kings did evil in God's sight and worshiped idols.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The first kings of Israel led the people to disobey God and to worship idols. Israel's kings suffered the consequences of their sin. We all sin when we disobey God and worship other things. Jesus died and rose again to pay for our sin and bring us back to God.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why were the kings of Israel considered evil?
- What might you be tempted to turn to instead of God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Take the family for a drive to get ice cream or a special treat. On the way, ask kids to point out various road signs as you pass them. Discuss the message each sign gives to drivers and how that message keeps us safe. Remind kids that God's Word points us toward worship of the One True God, and ultimately it points us to Jesus as the Savior we all need.

TO SERVE :

Choose a stretch of road in your community and spend an afternoon collecting trash and litter along the roadside. Be sure that young kids are a safe distance from the road. Talk about how the trash reminds us of sin and how sin ruins the relationship we were created to have with God. Remind kids that Jesus is the sacrifice who brings forgiveness to all who believe in Him.

September 21 | Session 3

ELIJAH CONFRONTED AHAB | 1 KINGS 18-19



STORY POINT:
God proved He is the one true God by answering Elijah's prayers.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God sent fire down from heaven to prove that He alone is Lord. God sent the Holy Spirit like flames of fire on Jesus' disciples to empower them to tell others that Jesus is God's Son who saves people from sin.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How do we know God hears us when we pray?
- Why does God alone deserve our worship?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Set up a juice challenge for your family. Serve each family member two small cups of different flavors of juice, but don't tell them which juice is in each cup. Share the taste test results with the family and talk about how Psalm 34:8 tells us to taste and see that the Lord is good. Remind kids that the God of the Bible is the One True God and there is no one like Him!

TO SERVE :

Pick a morning to serve water, lemonade, or other drinks at a local park. Offer the drinks for free to people who may be passing by. Print Psalm 34:8 onto small cards and pass them out with the drinks. Ask God to give your family opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with others.

September 28 | Session 4

THE REIGN OF AHAB | 1 KINGS 20-22; 2 KINGS 1



STORY POINT:
Ahab was an evil king, and God brought judgment on him.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Ahab was a disobedient, greedy, and stubborn king who refused to lead Israel in the ways of the Lord. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, always obeyed God and laid down His life for us. Anyone who follows Him will dwell with God forever.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How was Ahab disobedient, stubborn, and greedy?
- Ahab died because of his sin. How did Jesus pay for our sin? How can we escape judgment for our sin?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Set up an obstacle course where one person is the shepherd, and the other is the sheep. The sheep wears a blindfold, and the shepherd must guide them through an obstacle course using only their voice. Talk with kids about how we can trust Jesus to guide and protect us, even when we can't see the way clearly, because He is the Good Shepherd.

TO SERVE :

Go through your closets and storage to collect clothing to donate to a local charity organization. Encourage kids to think of other items that can be donated like books, toys, or canned goods. Retell the story of Ahab's greed and how it led him to disobey God. Talk with kids about how Jesus gave of Himself to save sinners. Remind kids that Jesus' sacrificial love is both the example and motivation we need to love and serve others.

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UNIT 14:

THE NORTHERN KINGDOM

Although the Northern Kingdom continued to worship idols, God provided prophets to warn His people—and even foreign nations—to turn away from their sin. While Nineveh repented and was spared God’s judgment, the nation of Israel refused to worship God alone. As a result, God judged Israel’s idolatrous sin by allowing the nation of Assyria to destroy the Northern Kingdom.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Why do Christians continue to sin?

Christians continue to sin because we still have a sin nature, but when Jesus returns, He will make us sinless like Him.

KEY PASSAGE:

Deuteronomy 13:4

You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.



AT HOME RESOURCES

October 5 | Session 1

ELISHA THE PROPHET | 2 KINGS 2; 4-5



STORY POINT:
God spoke through the prophet Elisha and gave him power to perform miracles.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Elisha spoke the truth of God and performed miracles. Jesus taught with the authority of God and performed miracles as well. Elisha was a prophet, but Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did Elisha display God's power?
- Elisha wanted to be a prophet like Elijah. Why do Christians want to become more and more like Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Take your family to a local track for a fun run. Time each family member running a lap around the track or practice passing a baton while running. Retell the story of Elijah and Elisha. Remind kids that Jesus as passed on the mission of making disciples to all His followers, and He has promised the Holy Spirit to help believers complete that mission.

TO SERVE :

Sit down as a family and talk over the Bible story. Explain to your kids that Elisha needed God's Spirit to help him do the work God called him to do. Take some time and write a short list of ways your family can share God's love this week: invite some neighbors to church, make a sick friend a meal, invite the new neighbors on the street to play, share the gospel with a friend at school, etc. Pray together and ask God to help you live these things out with the help of the Holy Spirit.

October 12 | Session 2

JONAH, PROPHET TO NINEVEH | JONAH



STORY POINT:

God sent Jonah to Nineveh to tell the people to turn from their sinful ways.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jonah spent three days in a fish so that the people of Nineveh could hear God's message, turn from sin, and be saved. Jesus was in the tomb for three days so that we could hear and trust the gospel, turn from sin, and be saved.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did God show mercy to Jonah and the Ninevites?
- How has God shown mercy to us through Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Take your family fishing or simulate fishing using sticks, string, magnets, and paper clips. See who can catch the biggest fish. If you catch a fish, release it back into the water to lead into a discussion on mercy, emphasizing that, while a fish doesn't deserve to die, all sinners do deserve death, but—through Jesus—God doesn't give believers what they deserve. Ask kids to retell what they remember from the story of Jonah. Discuss how Jonah did not want God to show mercy to the people of Nineveh, but God's mercy is greater than anything we can imagine. Talk as a family about ways God has shown mercy to you.

TO SERVE :

Gather some items for care packages that can be shared with those in need. You can create simple care packages for homeless shelters, nursing homes, or even families in your community. Talk with kids about ways you can show God's compassion found in the story of Jonah by serving others in the community. Just as God showed compassion to Jonah, the people of Nineveh, and us, we are called to extend kindness to others.

October 19 | Session 3

HOSEA, PROPHET TO ISRAEL | HOSEA



STORY POINT:
God warned and showed His love to Israel through the prophet Hosea.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Israel was not faithful to God, but God was faithful to Israel, just as Hosea loved his wife even when she didn't love him. God is faithful to save all sinners who repent and trust in Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did Hosea's marriage to Gomer show God's love?
- What does it mean that God is faithful?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Talk about or show photographs from a wedding—yours or the wedding of a family member or friend. Talk about the ceremony, the vows, and the love expressed on that day. Talk with kids about how God's love for us is the greatest love of all and how His love lasts forever.

TO SERVE :

Host a meal or dessert party for the people in your neighborhood. Invite everyone to come and eat for free. Give each family member a job to help make the night a wonderful experience for others. After the party, talk about the hard work, sacrifice, and time it took to love others, but how it was worth it because of the relationships you made. Remind kids that God often calls us into hard things but it always worth it to serve God.

October 26 | Session 4

THE NORTHERN KINGDOM WAS DESTROYED | 2 KINGS 17



STORY POINT:
God judged Israel's sin, and Assyria destroyed the Northern Kingdom.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The kingdom of Israel was destroyed because of their sin. We all sin against God and deserve death, but God sent Jesus to die in our place. Because of Jesus, those who trust in Him will never be removed from God's presence.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did God show patience toward His people, even though they continued to sin against Him?
- Why does God take sin so seriously?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Play "Simon Says" as a family. However, when "Simon" says to do something, everyone should do the opposite. Make the motions easy for smaller kids but work to harder actions as the game progresses. Talk about how the Israelites faced consequences when they didn't listen to God. End the discussion by reminding kids that Jesus took our punishment and provided us a way to be brought back to God's presence!

TO SERVE :

Have family members take turns serving the rest of the family during dinner time. The chosen servant should prepare the table, serve the food, take drink orders, refill cups when needed, and clean up for the family after the meal. Discuss the sacrifices the chosen family member had to make to serve the family. Take time to talk about the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus to serve us and save us from sin.

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UNIT 15:

THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM

The Southern Kingdom of Judah experienced the reign of both good and evil kings. Yet, the people's allegiance was divided between the worship of God and the idols of foreign nations. God sent prophets to warn the people to turn back to Him, but they did not listen. God disciplined His people by sending them into captivity in Babylon but promised they would one day return home.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is God like?
God is holy, good, and loving.

KEY PASSAGE:

Psalm 145:9
The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.



AT HOME RESOURCES

November 2 | Session 1

JUDAH'S GOOD KINGS | 2 KINGS 18-19; 2 CHRONICLES 14-24



STORY POINT:
Judah's good kings worshiped God.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Judah's good kings led the people to God and away from sin. Yet when they died, the people returned to their sinful ways. Jesus is our good King who died and rose again, and always leads us to God and away from sin.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why were these four kings considered good?
- How can we worship God through faith in Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Play hide-and-seek as a family. After the game, talk with kids about how our sin cannot be hidden from God. The good kings helped the people follow God, but it was only temporary. In a greater way, Jesus has come to reconcile us to God. When we place our trust in Him, He forgives our sin, changes our hearts, and gives us eternal life.

TO SERVE :

Work as a family to plant evergreen shrubs in flower beds of your yard. You may also want to add seasonal plants or flowers to beautify the property. Afterward, talk as a family about the differences between plants and how evergreen shrubs will remain green throughout the year. Talk about the way our good works might make us feel better, but that is only a temporary change. Jesus is the only one who can eternally change our hearts.

November 9 | Session 2

PROPHETS TO JUDAH | MICAH; NAHUM; HABAKKUK; ZEPHANIAH



STORY POINT:
God sent prophets to tell the people to repent of their sins.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God sent prophets to His people to warn them to repent of their sin and turn to God. Jesus gave the same message, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” When we trust in Jesus, we are restored to a right relationship with God and have the hope of eternal life.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What common message did the prophets share?
- What did Jesus tell people to do? (See Matthew 4:17.)

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Play a game of Hungry, Hungry Hippos together as a family. Play the board game or research online how to play a real-life version of the game. Remind kids that the point of the game is to get as much food for your hippo as possible. After the game, talk about how God desires all our worship for Himself. While God will one day punish those who choose to worship anything other than Him, He is patient and wants to see all people come to know Him.

TO SERVE :

Write a letter or send an email to a missionary family. Use the letter to encourage them as they share God’s message of hope to people. Make a card or piece of artwork to include with the letter that references the words of Nahum 1:7—“The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.”

November 16 | Session 3

GOD PROMISED A NEW COVENANT | JEREMIAH 17; 31



STORY POINT:
God promised His people a new covenant and forgiveness of sin forever.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Like God's people, we all have sinful hearts that do not obey God or love Him rightly. Through Jesus' death on the cross, God made a new covenant. Those who trust in Jesus have their sin forgiven and have the law written on their hearts.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What promises did the new covenant include?
- How did Jesus fulfill the new covenant?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Plan a trip to a flea market or secondhand store. Work as a family to select an item you think you can "flip" into something new and better. It could involve putting a new coat of paint on a lamp or a completely repurposing of an old coffee table. Over the next few weeks, work on the renovation project and discuss how Jesus gives the ultimate restoration and renovation by giving us new hearts when we believe in Him!

TO SERVE :

Use multicolored construction paper to cut out large hearts. Use a hole punch to place a hole at the top-center of each heart. Work as a family to write the words or phrases of Jeremiah 31:33-34 on the hearts. Weave string or yarn through the holes in each heart to make a pennant string flag. Make several sets and gift the pennant string to neighbors or church members.

November 23 | Session 4

JUDAH WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE | 2 CHRONICLES 36



STORY POINT:

The people's consequence for disobeying God was exile to Babylon.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The people of Judah continued to sin and were destroyed by Babylon. Even though God was patient, all sin deserves judgment. God's patience is meant to lead us to repentance. Those who repent and trust in Jesus will escape God's judgment.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why is God right to punish sin?
- Jesus took the punishment we deserve for our sin. How does Jesus make people right with God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Make a list of physical challenges like push-ups, sit-ups, or running in place. Compete as a family to see who can outperform others in each challenge. When a family member gets tired or fails to properly do the task, they are eliminated from the game. Play until all family members are out of the game. After a few rounds, talk about the game's consequences for not perfectly completing the challenge. Remind kids that eventually every person failed in the challenge and was eliminated. Discuss how we have all sinned and fallen short of perfection that God requires. Talk about the fact that God must punish sin as an act of his fairness and justice. Be sure to emphasize how God punished sin by sending Jesus to the cross so that we could receive forgiveness and have new life through Him!

TO SERVE :

Contact a prison chaplain or a ministry that serves incarcerated individuals in your state. Ask for a list of items that can be donated to bless inmates. Work as a family to purchase or collect the items. Make cards to remind the inmates that God has not forgotten them and His grace is always available in Jesus.

November 30 | Session 5

EZEKIEL GAVE HOPE | EZEKIEL 37



STORY POINT:

God promised to restore the land to His people and be their God forever.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God breathed life into dead bones in front of Ezekiel. The apostle Paul said that we are dead in our sins, but God gives us new life in Him when we trust in Jesus. God will forever be the God of all people who trust in Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why were the bones like a picture of God's people?
- How does Jesus give people new life?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Use play dough or modeling clay to create people or animals. Ask each family member to describe the creature they made and any details they'd like the family to know about them. After everyone has shared, discuss how these are just playdough creations and don't really have any life. Explain how the Bible calls our hearts dead in sin—lifeless and without hope—but that Jesus' death and resurrection bring new life to all who believe in Him. It is God breathing new life into dead hearts to make them come alive!

TO SERVE :

Visit a retirement home or physical rehabilitation facility. Lead in a game of bingo, sing songs, teach a craft, or just visit with residents. Talk as a family about how your visit can bring joy and hope to others. Before you leave, pray for the residents and ask God to bring hope to their days.



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