

# Essentials

## OF FAITH



# REVIEW



**What were some key things you learned last week?**



**What did you learn about the Word of God?**



**What is the Bible?**

# WHAT IS THE MORAL STATE OF MAN?

- **ALL GOOD?**
- **MOSTLY GOOD?**
- **NEUTRAL?**
- **MOSTLY BAD?**
- **ALL BAD?**

**THE BIBLE IS A STORY**



# GENESIS 1:1-5

**IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. <sup>2</sup>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.**

**<sup>3</sup>AND GOD SAID, “LET THERE BE LIGHT,” AND THERE WAS LIGHT. <sup>4</sup>AND GOD SAW THAT THE LIGHT WAS GOOD. AND GOD SEPARATED THE LIGHT FROM THE DARKNESS. <sup>5</sup>GOD CALLED THE LIGHT DAY, AND THE DARKNESS HE CALLED NIGHT. AND THERE WAS EVENING AND THERE WAS MORNING, THE FIRST DAY.**



# GENESIS 1:26-31

**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.”**

**SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.**

**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.” 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. 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. 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.”**

# BASIC STRUCTURE OF STORY (PIXAR)

- 1. ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS \_\_\_\_\_.**
- 2. EVERY DAY \_\_\_\_\_**
- 3. UNTIL ONE DAY \_\_\_\_\_ (THIS IS WHAT WE CALL THE INCITING INCIDENT)**
- 4. BECAUSE OF THAT \_\_\_\_\_**
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# THE EDEN NARRATIVE

God invites a Person or People into  
Something Glorious

We Choose to pursue that glory, but not  
God's way

Because we do things on our own terms,  
Pain and Sorrow Increase and we lose  
the glory we tried to attain

The Search for the one who shall bruise  
the head of the serpent begins (again)

Until One Day...



# THE EDEN NARRATIVE



**Cain and Abel - Genesis 4**



**Abraham – Genesis 12-25**



**Samson – Judges 13-16**



**Solomon – 1 Kings 3-12**



# ROMANS 1:18-2:1



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- 5. BECAUSE OF THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS RUINED**
- 6. BECAUSE OF THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER IS RUINED**
- 7. UNTIL FINALLY \_\_\_\_\_**
- 8. AND EVER SINCE THEN \_\_\_\_\_**

# **GROUP DISCUSSION: MATTHEW 4:1-11**

- **HOW IS THIS STORY SIMILAR TO THE GARDEN OF EDEN?**
- **HOW IS IT DIFFERENT?**

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- 4. BECAUSE OF THAT THEY AND THEIR DOMINION WERE CURSED – “WE LOST IT ALL”**
- 5. BECAUSE OF THAT WE REBEL AGAINST GOD**
- 6. BECAUSE OF THAT WE ARE ENEMIES OF GOD (OVER AND OVER AGAIN)**
- 7. UNTIL FINALLY JESUS “DID IT ALL”**
- 8. AND EVER SINCE THEN, “WE GET IT ALL”**



# **THE STORY OF THE BIBLE**

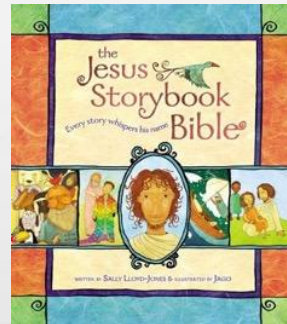
***“YOU ARE MORE WICKED THAN YOU EVER BELIEVED, BUT AT THE SAME TIME MORE LOVED AND ACCEPTED THAN YOU EVER DARED TO HOPE.”***

***- TIM KELLER***

# RESOURCES



**The Bible Project**



**Jesus StoryBook Bible**



**Story of the Bible Course**