

Explore God 1

1 God Creates

God Creates All Things
Genesis 1:1-25
God Creates People
Genesis 2:4-24

2 Man Rebels

People Disobey God
Genesis 3:1-13
God Responds to People's Disobedience
Genesis 3:14-24

3 God Makes A Way Back

God Judges Creation
Genesis 6:5-22;
7:6-24; 8:18-22
God Makes Promises to All Creation
Genesis 9:1-19
God's Makes Promise to Abraham
Genesis 12:1-8;
15:1-6; 17:1-8

3 God Makes A Way Back Continued

God Promises a Suffering Servant
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Jesus is Born
Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20

3 God Makes A Way Back Continued

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man
Luke 5:17-26
Jesus Calms a Storm
Mark 4:35-41
Jesus Shares a Last Meal
Matthew 26:17-30

3 God Makes A Way Back Continued

Jesus Dies on a Cross
Luke 23:32-49
Jesus Rises From the Dead
Luke 23:50-24:12
Becoming a Child of God
John 1:1-18

Move on to EXPLORE GOD 2 (below) after completing all lessons in EXPLORE GOD 1

Explore God 2

Creation Testifies to God
Psalm 19
God Has Special Relationship With Man
Psalm 139:1-18

All Have Turned Away From God
Psalm 14
No One Seeks God
Psalm 53

God Makes 10 Commandments
Deuteronomy 5:1-21;
5:32-6:2
God Provides Sacrifices for Sin
Leviticus 4:13-31

God Forgives
Psalm 32
God Has Power Over the Nations
Psalm 2
Jesus is Baptized
John 1:19-34
Jesus is Tested
Matthew 4:1-22
Jesus Meets the Samaritan Woman
John 4:1-26, 39-42

Jesus Has Authority Over Spirits
Mark 5:1-20
Jesus Has Authority Over Death
John 11:1-44
How People Can Know God
John 14:1-14

Jesus Dies and is Buried
John 19:28-42
Jesus Meets Disciples After His Resurrection
Luke 24:13-35
Becoming a Child of God
John 1:1-18

5 Group Rules

1. Everyone shares in sentences, not paragraphs.
2. Focus only on what this passage is saying, not other passages.
3. Focus only on what this group is seeing.
4. Give people time to respond, silence is okay.
5. Facilitator should facilitate discussion, not teach.

5 Facilitator Rules

1. Keep the session on schedule and complete all four sections — though not necessarily all questions.
2. Prepare before by studying passage, looking for main idea, and think of some examples/stories/applications from your own life.
3. Respond to questions by asking group, "What in the passage helps us answer that question?"
4. Respond to distracting comments by asking, "Where is that found in this passage?"
5. Respond to "strange" answers by asking, "Help us understand what you are thinking."

1.

Connect & Review

(Spend first 5-10 minutes on some of these questions.)

What are you thankful for this week?
What difficulties have you faced this week?

How did you apply what we learned last week?
Did you share what you learned with anyone?

How did you experience God this past week?
How can we pray for each other?

2.

Read The Passage

(Have everyone use the same, clear translation.)

Have someone read the Bible passage out loud.

Ask if there are any words they do not understand.

Define confusing words.

Have one person read passage out loud while everyone else has their Bible closed.

Have a different person re-tell what happens in the passage.

3.

Discover God's Word

In this passage...
...what did you like?
... what surprised you?
... what confused you? Why?

What does this passage tell us about...
... God?
... people?
... relationship between God and people?

4.

Obey God's Word

How does this passage change how you view...

... God?
... yourself?
... other people?

How should this passage change how you live?

What specifically will you do differently this coming week?

Who can you tell what you learned?