

OVERVIEW Bible Study Curriculum, Volume 1 Ministry To Youth

Joy No Matter What: 5-week Bible study on the book of Philippians helping students find joy no matter what.

Job: A 4-week small group series on blessings through suffering

Galatians: A 4-week small group series on Galatians focusing on finding freedom

1 Corinthians: A 4-week small group series on love and forgiveness

2 Corinthians: A 4-week small group series on God's strength in our weakness

John: A 4-week Easter small group series on the life, death, and resurrection of Christ

Acts: A 4-week small group series on the book of Acts – God's story continued

Colossians: A 4-week small group series helping students be rooted and built up in their faith in Jesus

1, 2, and 3 John: A 4-week small group series teaching students how to have fellowship with God and each other

Proverbs: A 4-week small group series on practical wisdom

Esther: A 4-week small group series on how God is always working behind the scenes

Titus and Philemon: A 4-week small group series on faith, self-control, and forgiveness

Romans: A 4-week Thanksgiving small group series on unending hope.

Luke: A 4-week small group series on the birth of Christ

JOY NO MATTER WHAT; PHILIPPIANS - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: Joy... In Every Circumstance

Bible: Philippians 1:9-11; 1:12-14; 1:18b-21

Bottom Line: Because of Jesus, we can experience joy in every circumstance – in good times and in difficult situations.

Lesson 2: Joy... In Unity With Others

Bible: Philippians 2:1-2; 2:3-11

Bottom Line: There is joy when people are unified together in peace and love

Lesson 3: Joy... That Is Never-Ending

Bible: Philippians 3:1; 3:3-9; 3:10

Bottom Line: Never-ending joy is produced in our lives when we have a relationship with God

Lesson 4: Joy... In Pursuing Jesus

Bible: Philippians 3:12-16; 3:17; 4:4; 4:6-7

Bottom Line: As we pursue Jesus, we find joy and contentment that can only be found in Him

Lesson 5: Joy... In Contentment

Bible: Philippians 4:8-9; 4:11-13; 4:14-18; 4:19-20; 4:21-23

Bottom Line: No matter what we face, we can be content, knowing that God takes care of our needs

JOB - OVERVIEW

Central Theme: What to do when life gets hard and you can't figure out what God is doing

Lesson 1

Bible: Job 1:1-19; Job 1:20-22; Job 2:7-10; and Job 2:11-13

Topics: Faithfulness to God when life gets hard

Lesson 2

Bible: Job 3:1-4, Job 3:11, Job 4:7-8, Job 8:3-7

Themes: Wrestling with hopelessness: trusting God rather than listening to our friends; speaking to God in the midst of our doubt and leaning on His understanding, not our own

Lesson 3

Bible: Job 19:25, Job 22:12, Job 26: 7-14, Job 29: 3-10

Themes: We can praise God and rely on Him in tough times, those who seek the Lord in good times and in bad times show much fruit to others around them

Lesson 4

Bible: Job 38:4-7; Job 42:1-6; Job 42:7-8 Job 42:10

Themes: God is a loving father who forgives, teaches, and trains his children through all seasons of their lives

GALATIANS - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: Paul's Calling And The Gospel

Bible: Galatians 1:4

Bottom Line: We can experience true freedom through a restored relationship with God

Lesson 2: Our Identity In Christ

Bible: Galatians 2:20

Bottom Line: Those who belong to Christ are free from the guilt of sin

Lesson 3: We Were Chosen To Be Free

Bible: Galatians 5:1

Bottom Line: Freedom is found in surrender, not self-dependence

Lesson 4: Do Good To All People

Bible: Galatians 6:10

Bottom Line: Do not grow weary in doing good and living a life of faith

1 CORINTHIANS - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: The Apostle Paul and the Church

Bible: 1 Corinthians 1:13

Bottom Line: True humility takes the focus of you and, instead, points to Jesus

Lesson 2: Followers of Jesus are Called to Holy Living

Bible: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Bottom Line: Whatever you do, and wherever you go, God is in you and with you

Lesson 3: God is Always Faithful

Bible: 1 Corinthians 10:13

Bottom Line: No matter what, God is faithful and you can trust Him

Lesson 4: God's Love Conquers All

Bible: 1 Corinthians 16:13

Bottom Line: God's love enables you to love others, even when it is difficult

2 CORINTHIANS - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1

Bible: 2 Corinthians 1-3

Big Ideas: Grace & Peace; God's Comfort In Times Of Trouble; Being Strong In Christ; Forgiveness; And The New Covenant

Lesson 2

Bible: 2 Corinthians 4-7

Big Ideas: God's Power In Difficult Times; Being Friends With God; Jesus' Love; New Creations In Christ; Living Like Jesus; Joy

Lesson 3

Bible: 2 Corinthians 8-9; 10:3-5

Big Ideas: Generosity; Living Differently Than Everyone Else

Lesson 4

Bible: 2 Corinthians 10-13

Big Ideas: Encouragement; Being Faithful In Suffering; Representing Jesus; God's Power; Weakness Is True Strength

JOHN - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1

Bible: John 3 (Nicodemus); John 10; John 15

Topic/Theme: Jesus is the way to eternal life; Jesus is our shepherd; Jesus is like a vine

Lesson 2

Bible: John 18-19

Topic/Theme: Jesus is arrested and crucified

Lesson 3

Bible: John 20

Topic/Theme: Jesus is resurrected

Lesson 4

Bible: John 21

Topic/Theme: Jesus appears to his followers

ACTS - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1

Bible: Acts 1:8

Bottom Line: Sharing the story of God's work in our lives (being witnesses) is part of our everyday lives, wherever we go, and whatever we do

Lesson 2

Bible: Acts 2:44-46

Bottom Line: When followers of Jesus live the way the Holy Spirit leads, amazing things happen: people find a new sense of identity, a place to belong, and a purpose for their lives

Lesson 3

Bible: Acts 11:19-26

Bottom Line: Even when the church is persecuted, the Holy Spirit opens people's hearts to say "yes" to Jesus, no matter where they're from or what they've done

Lesson 4

Bible: Acts 16:9-10

Bottom Line: Saying "yes" to Jesus isn't the finish line, it's the starting line

COLOSSIANS - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1

Bible: Colossians 1:15-20

Bottom Line: Everything that matters starts with Jesus

Lesson 2

Bible: Colossians 2:13-15

Bottom Line: Jesus defeated all things to give us new life

Lesson 3

Bible: Colossians 3:10-14

Bottom Line: The way we live doesn't save us, but it reveals that Jesus lives in us

Lesson 4

Bible: Colossians 4:5-6

Bottom Line: Our lives help people find their place in the Kingdom of God

1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD JOHN - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1

Bible: 1 John 1:5-10

Bottom Line: When we bring our sin to God, He helps us deal with it and gives us a fresh start

Lesson 2

Bible: 1 John 4:7-12

Bottom Line: We can show people God and His love by the way we love others

Lesson 3

Bible: 1 John 5:11-13

Bottom Line: God has given us the gift of eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus

Lesson 4

Bible: 2 John 6, 3 John 11

Bottom Line: We obey God because we love Him and trust Him.

PROVERBS - OVERVIEW

Series Verse: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10

Lesson 1: Seek Wisdom

Bible: Proverbs 1:1 - 9:18

Lesson 2: Grow In Wisdom
Bible: Proverbs 10:1 -19:29

Lesson 3: Live In Wisdom
Bible: Proverbs 20:1 - 24:34

Lesson 4: Endure In Wisdom
Bible: Proverbs 25:1 - 31:31

ESTHER - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1

Bible: Esther 1-2

Bottom Line: Even though we can't always see God at work, it doesn't mean that he isn't working – God always works on behalf of his children

Lesson 2

Bible: Esther 3-5

Bottom Line: God always has a plan, even when we do not know it or see it

Lesson 3

Bible: Esther 6-8

Bottom Line: God uses imperfect people for his work

Lesson 4

Bible: Esther 9-10

Bottom Line: God keeps his promises and wants only good for his children

TITUS AND PHILEMON - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: Titus and the Cretans

Bible: Titus 1:1 - 2:10

Topics: True vs. False Teachers; Godly Leaders; Healthy Relationships

Bottom Line: It's both what you know and how you live that matter

Lesson 2: Live like Jesus so outsiders want to know Jesus

Bible: Titus 2:11 - 3:15

Topics: Developing self-control; Being an ideal citizen; Living in a way that makes Jesus appealing to unbelievers

Bottom Line: Through our faith and self-control, unbelievers should want to know the Jesus we follow

Lesson 3: Live out your faith through generosity

Bible: Philemon 1:1-11

Topics: Forgiveness; Reconciliation; Family of Believers

Bottom Line: When we think about all that Jesus has done for us, we are moved to do the same for others

Lesson 4: Live out your faith through generosity and partnership

Bible: Philemon 1:12-25

Topics: Partnership; Fellowship; Community; World-Changing Influence

Bottom Line: Because of what Jesus has done, we find ourselves on common ground with all people and should actively share God's grace and love with them

ROMANS - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: The Gospel Of Jesus

Bible: Romans 1:16

Bottom Line: The heart of the Gospel is: Our loving God sent His Son to provide a way to restore our relationship with Him.

Lesson 2: Hope And Grace

Bible: Romans 3:23-24

Bottom Line: Salvation comes to you as a gift received by faith, not by works.

Lesson 3: Life In The Spirit

Bible: Romans 8:11

Bottom Line: When you accept Christ, God's Spirit dwells within you.

Lesson 4: Help Others And Build Them Up In Christ

Bible: Romans 15:1-2

Bottom Line: God's love in you enables you to think of others above yourself.

LUKE - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: Jesus is Born

Bible: Luke 2:9-11

Bottom Line: Jesus' birth fulfilled God's promises and brought hope to humanity.

Lesson 2: Greater Than a Prophet

Bible: Luke 7:16

Bottom Line: Jesus is more powerful and glorious than the greatest of prophets.

Lesson 3: The Journey of Jesus

Bible: Luke 19:10

Bottom Line: There is joy for those who embrace Jesus and misery for those who reject him.

Lesson 4: The Death & Resurrection of Jesus

Bible: Luke 22:42

Bottom Line: The Son of God died to save us while refusing to save himself.