

OVERVIEW Bible Study Curriculum, Volume 3

Ministry To Youth

Foundations: A 4-week small group Bible study on the basics of faith that are found in Romans 3:21-30.

Daniel: A 4-week small group Bible study on the book of Daniel.

Jesus, Worthy of Worship: A 4-week small group Bible study that looks in-depth Colossians 1:15-23 to show students why Jesus is worthy of worship.

The Suffering Servant: A 4-week small group Bible study teaching students how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies found in Isaiah 65.

Joshua: A 4-week small group Bible study on Joshua.

Fruit of the Spirit: A 4-week summer small group Bible study that looks in-depth at the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23.

Joseph: A new 4-week small group Bible study on the life of Joseph.

Jonah: A 4-week small group Bible study on the book of Jonah.

Jesus Is: A 4-week small group Bible study on the seven "I Am" statements from the book of John.

Ecclesiastes: A 4-week small group Bible study teaching students that God is better than anything our world has to offer.

Fresh Start: A 4-week Bible study on new beginnings and transformation.

FOUNDATIONS - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: What is God doing?

Bible Verses: Romans 3:21, Genesis 12:1-4a, Deuteronomy 4:5-9

Bottom Line: God is keeping an ancient promise to bless the world, and anyone can be included.

Lesson 2: How do I join God's family?

Bible Verses: Romans 3:21-24, Mark 5:24b-34

Bottom Line: There is nothing we can do to be justified before God.

Lesson 3: How does this work?

Bible Verses: Romans 3:23-26, Leviticus 16:15-16, 29-30

Bottom Line: Through the sacrifice of Jesus, God pardons us while keeping His justice intact.

Lesson 4: So what?

Bible Verses: Romans 3:27-30, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 John 4:9-10

Bottom Line: The gospel changes how we view ourselves and how we view others.

DANIEL - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: But Daniel was Determined

Bible Verses: Daniel 1

Bottom Line: Daniel was determined to be faithful.

Topic: Adversity, Determination, Risk, Faithfulness

Lesson 2: Living the Dream(s)

Bible Verses: Daniel 2, Daniel 7

Bottom Line: Daniel was determined to be hopeful.

Topic: Hope, Hopelessness, Community, Promises

Lesson 3: Inside Out

Bible Verses: Daniel 3, Daniel 6

Bottom Line: Daniel was determined to be consistent.

Topic: Faithfulness, Integrity, Risk, Consistency

Lesson 4: Daniel's Prayer Journal

Bible Verses: Daniel 9:1-19, Daniel 12:13, Hebrews 12:1

Bottom Line: Daniel was determined to make the world a better place.

Topic: Prayer, Repentance, Hope, Mission

JESUS, WORTHY OF WORSHIP - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: Jesus, the Creator

Bible Verses: Colossians 1:15-17, Genesis 1:27-18, John 1:1-5

Bottom Line: Jesus is worthy of worship because the world was created through him, and he continues to hold the world together.

Topic: Worship, Creation, Joy, Jesus

Lesson 2: Jesus, the Teacher

Bible Verses: Colossians 1:18, 1 Corinthians 12:12-20, Mark 12:28-31, 41-44

Bottom Line: Jesus is worthy of worship because, through his example, he teaches us how to live the lives we were made to live.

Topic: Calling, Mission, Purpose, Direction, Confusion, Love

Lesson 3: Jesus, the Peacemaker

Bible Verses: John 10:10, Colossians 1:19-22, 1 Peter 2:22-24, Revelation 21:3-4

Bottom Line: Jesus is worthy of worship because he made peace between God and humanity.

Topic: Sin, Salvation, Brokenness, Reconciliation, Redemption

Lesson 4: Now What?

Bible Verses: Colossians 1:15-23, 1 Peter 1:3-5, Matthew 18:12-14, Romans 8:38-39

Bottom Line: Because of the work of Jesus, all we need to do is believe what He has done for us is true, and God helps us do that.

Topic: Doubt, Insecurity, Love, Faith

SUFFERING SERVANT - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: The Man of Sorrows

Bible Verses: Lamentations 1:1-3, Isaiah 53:1-4a, John 1:10-14, Hebrews 4:14-16

Bottom Line: Because he came to earth as a human, Jesus understands us in our struggles. Topic: Hope, Isolation, Struggle, Belonging

Lesson 2: Jesus' Response to Brokenness

Bible Verses: Isaiah 53:4b-7, Matthew 5:39, Matthew 27:12-14, 26b-31, Matthew 16:24-25 Bottom Line: Jesus teaches us how to stop the cycle of brokenness.

Topic: Brokenness, Healing, Hurt, Resistance, Justice, Sin

Lesson 3: The Power of the Cross

Bible Verses: Isaiah 53:8-12, Luke 23:44-53, Galatians 2:20

Bottom Line: Jesus redeemed his people when he took their sins upon himself on the cross. Topic: Sin, Redemption, Forgiveness, Sacrifice

Lesson 4: New Creations

Bible Verses: Isaiah 65:17-25, John 20:1-2, 11-16, 2 Corinthians 5:15-19,

Revelation 21:1-7 Bottom Line: Because Jesus rose from the grave, we too can be raised into a new life in him. Topic: Redemption, Creation, Resurrection

JOSHUA - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: God is a Keeper of Promises

Bible: Joshua 1:1-6; Joshua 4:21-24 and more

Bottom Line: When God makes a promise, He is always faithful to keep it.

Topics: Faithfulness of God, God's Promises, Trusting God.

Lesson 2: God's Unlikely Heroes

Bible: Joshua 2:1-7, 2:8-11, 6:22-23, and more.

Bottom Line: God uses unlikely people to accomplish His will.

Topics: God's Will, Heroes of the Bible, God's Plan

Lesson 3: Disobedience, Grace & Forgiveness

Bible: Joshua 6:17-24, 27, 7:1, 7-9, 11-12, 20-21

Bottom Line: It's important that God's people obey His instructions and commandments because God takes disobedience seriously. God offers us grace and forgiveness when we turn away from our sin and towards Him.

Topics: Obedience, Disobedience, Grace, Forgiveness

Lesson 4: God Gives the Victory

Bible: Joshua 6:1-5, Joshua 6:20, and more.

Bottom Line: God gives us victory over enemies and sin, but we must be willing to take it.

Topics: Victory, Redemption, Mercy

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Big Ideas: The Holy Spirit is God living inside of us and is our advocate, helper, and counselor. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, produces good fruit in our lives, and helps us spread the good news of Jesus.

Bible: Galatians 5:22-23, Acts 1:8, John 16:5-7, John 16:8, John 14:26, Romans 8:26-27, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Ephesians 4:21-24

Lesson 2: Jesus, the True Vine

Big Ideas: Being a Christian is about staying in a close love relationship with Jesus. Without Jesus, we can't produce good fruit in our lives.

Bible: Galatians, 5:22-23, John 15:1-5, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Hebrews 10:25, Mark 10:45, 2 Timothy 3:16

Lesson 3: Good Fruit, Bad Fruit

Big Ideas: The Holy Spirit points out the sin that produces bad fruit in our lives. He guides us to Jesus, who removes the sin when we turn towards him. As we walk with Jesus, the bad fruit in our lives is removed, and good fruit grows in its place.

Bible: Galatians 5:19-26, John 15:13, Psalm 32:11

Lesson 4: The Fruit

Big Ideas: This lesson takes a look at each fruit of the spirit individually: Love, peace, patience, joy, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

Bible: Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Romans 5:1,3-5, Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:12, Galatians 6:10, 2 Corinthians 5:7, 1 Corinthians 9:25, Hebrews 11:1

JOSEPH - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: From Dreams to a Nightmare

Bible: Genesis 37:1-36; 39:1-6

Bottom Line: God doesn't always work the way we expect, but He can be trusted.

Lesson 2: Honor in the Face of Trials

Bible: Genesis 39:7-23; 40:1-23

Bottom Line: We don't always get rewarded for making the wise or honorable choice.

Lesson 3: From Prison to Power

Bible: Genesis 41:1-57

Bottom Line: Speaking the truth boldly is a risk that can create opportunities.

Lesson 4: All for Good

Bible: Genesis 42:1-26; 45:1-15

Bottom Line: Redemption is more powerful than revenge.

JONAH - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: A Prophet, a Storm, and a Giant Fish

Bible: Jonah 1:1-17

Bottom Line: Sometimes, the people who know God best aren't the ones acting like it.

Lesson 2: A Prayer from Inside...a Giant Fish?!

Bible: Jonah 2:1 - 3:3

Bottom Line: Nothing helps us focus on God like difficult circumstances!

Lesson 3: From Obedience to Anger

Bible: Jonah 3:1 - 4:3

Bottom Line: God's mercy and love are available to ALL people.

Lesson 4: Jonah's Anger vs. God's Compassion

Bible: Jonah 4:1-11

Bottom Line: If we want to live like Jesus, we need to love everyone—especially our enemies.

JESUS IS - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

Bible Verses: John 10:1-18, Romans 1:16

Bottom Line: Jesus knows us, loves us, and guides us.

Lesson 2: Jesus is the light of the world and the true vine.

Bible Verses: John 8:12-20, John 15:1-17, Isaiah 9:2, Deuteronomy 19:15

Bottom Line: Jesus is our hope in the darkness, and we are called to love others and bear fruit.

Lesson 3: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Bible Verses: John 14:1-14, John 11:4-44

Bottom Line: We stand strong on the truth of Jesus – that he is the only way to eternal life and has ultimate power over death.

Lesson 4: Jesus is the Bread of Life.

Bible Verses: John 6:25-58

Bottom Line: Because Jesus provides us with life, pursue him!

ECCLESIASTES - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: Life is a vapor, but we can trust ours to God!

Bible Verses: Ecclesiastes 1:1-2:11

Bottom Line: Life is frustrating, but Jesus offers hope.

Lesson 2: Focus on the “gifts” in your life.

Bible Verses: Ecclesiastes 3:1 - 5:19

Bottom Line: Being fully present and content in this life brings more rewards than wealth and the race for success.

Lesson 3: Life is unpredictable.

Bible Verses: Ecclesiastes 6:7 - 9:11

Bottom Line: You can't predict the quality nor the length of your life.

Lesson 4: The final word.

Bible Verses: Ecclesiastes 10:5 - 12:14

Bottom Line: Live wise—honor and obey God!

FRESH START - OVERVIEW

Lesson 1: Don't Despair – Be Loyal and Bold!

Bible Verses: Ruth 1:6-22, Ruth 2:8-23, Ruth 3:1-13

Bottom Line: When faced with a new start, don't give in to despair. Instead, show loyalty and love.

Lesson 2: Promises of a Fresh Start

Bible Verses: Nehemiah 4:1-20, Nehemiah 9:19-33, Nehemiah 10:28-39

Bottom Line: When we face obstacles in our fresh starts, we must trust in God and make an honest change in our lives.

Lesson 3: Keep Pressing Forward

Bible Verses: John 4:4-10, John 4:11-26, John 4:27-20, 39-42

Bottom Line: Don't let shame prevent you from having a fresh start.

Lesson 4: Life after Mistakes

Bible Verses: Luke 5:5-11, Luke 22:54-62, John 21:4-19

Bottom Line: Our mistakes don't prevent God from giving us His mercy.