

sessions at a glance

a study of Philippians

UNIT 1: learning Bible truths and study skills

	Scripture	Question	Answer
1	Acts 16 Various passages in Philippians <i>Partnership in the Gospel</i>	Who were these people in Philippi anyway? <i>Skill: Historical Context</i>	They were a diverse mix of people including a businesswoman, a slave girl, and a jailer—all who became believers in Jesus through Paul’s ministry.
2	Philippians 1 <i>Praying Scripture</i>	How does observation help me understand Scripture? <i>Skill: Observation through Outline</i>	Outlining a chapter of the Bible gives greater understanding of an author’s meaning, which leads to deeper discovery of God’s truth.
3	Philippians 1:12–30 <i>“To live is Christ; to die is gain”</i>	How does exploring the life of Paul give more insight into his letter? <i>Skill: Author Background</i>	Learning more about an author’s background gives weight and context to his message.
4	Various passages in Philippians <i>Joy in All Circumstances</i>	A concordance—huh, what’s that? <i>Skill: Word Study Using Concordance</i>	A concordance lists words and Scripture references, enabling me to do a word study, which enhances my understanding of the Bible.
5	Philippians 2:1–11 <i>Person and Work of Christ</i>	What’s the main point of studying the Bible? <i>Skill: Discovering Main Theme</i>	The Bible helps me understand and believe that God saves his people from sin through the life, death, resurrection, and exaltation of Jesus.
6	Philippians 2:12–30 <i>Shine as Lights</i>	How can I interpret unusual phrases and figurative speech in the Bible? <i>Skill: Comparing Scripture with Scripture</i>	Interpreting the Bible includes comparing Scripture with Scripture and analyzing its language styles.

UNIT 2: applying Bible truths and study skills

7	Philippians 3:1–11 <i>Justification by Faith</i>	Can our good works make us right with God?	No, righteousness—right standing with God—is a gift from God and is received only through faith in Christ, not through any of our good works.
8	Philippians 3:7–4:1 <i>Union with Christ</i>	How is my Christian life like a race?	It requires perseverance to the finish line. Don’t quit; keep running to the end, drawing on your power source—Christ in you—and growing in spiritual maturity.
9	Philippians 3:3–21 <i>Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification</i>	Justification, sanctification, glorification—what difference do these make?	These big truths help me persevere: I know that my salvation depends on Christ alone, my growth is powered by the Holy Spirit, and my body will be raised from the dead.
10	Philippians 4:1–9 <i>Standing Firm in Christ</i>	Why is it important to stand firm in Christ?	So we can grow in resolving conflicts, experiencing joy, replacing anxiety with prayer and thanksgiving, and controlling our thought life.
11	Philippians 4:10–13 <i>Contentment</i>	How can I learn to be content in both good and bad times?	By understanding that God is in control and uses both my strengths and weaknesses, I can learn to be satisfied with what he’s doing in my life.
12	Philippians 4:14–23 <i>Generosity and God’s Provision</i>	Can I really afford to give generously to others?	Yes, I can give freely and abundantly because I trust God as my Provider.
13	Various passages in Philippians <i>Review</i>	What is Paul’s letter to the Philippians all about?	Paul wrote to encourage us to grow in Christ and follow Christ’s example of joyful, humble service to God and others.

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a study of
John 1-10

UNIT 1: John 1-2

	Question	Answer	Scripture
1	Who is Jesus?	Jesus is the Word, the True Light, God in the flesh, full of grace and truth.	John 1:1-18
2	Who was this wild man?	John the Baptist was God's appointed witness to prepare people for the Messiah by proclaiming the identity of Jesus.	John 1:19-34 selected passages
3	Who were the first five?	Andrew, Simon Peter, Philip, Nathanael, and probably the author of John became Jesus' disciples, recognizing him as the promised Messiah.	John 1:35-51
4	How did Jesus begin to demonstrate his divine authority?	Jesus miraculously changed water to wine and ran the merchants out of the temple.	John 2 Psalm 139:23-24

UNIT 2: John 3-5

5	"I'm spiritual but not religious"—is that enough?	No, you must be born again.	John 3:1-21; Ezekiel 36:25-27
6	How did the wild man answer questions about Jesus?	John the Baptist confirmed that Jesus is the Christ. Those who believe in Jesus Christ have eternal life.	John 3:22-36; John 1:20-23; Isaiah 61:10, 62:5; Ephesians 5:25b-27
7	How does Jesus' food satisfy thirst?	Jesus described his food as doing his Father's will. He offers living water to all who thirst.	John 4
8	Why would the Jewish leaders want to kill Jesus?	Because Jesus claimed to be equal with God the Father.	John 5

UNIT 3: John 6-8

9	Why are Jesus' words of eternal life confusing—or even offensive—to many people?	Because Jesus says "I am the bread of life," declaring that only he can give eternal life.	John 6
10	What did people think of Jesus?	Some said Jesus was a good man or even a prophet, others thought he was a deceiver or worse, while still others rightly acknowledged that he was the Christ.	John 7
11	What does Jesus do that only God can do?	Jesus brings freedom from the enslaving power of sin, reveals truth, and gives eternal life.	John 8

UNIT 4: John 9-10

12	How is Jesus the Light of the World?	Jesus is the light of salvation to everyone who believes. Those who reject him remain spiritually blind.	John 9
13	How is Jesus our Good Shepherd?	Jesus laid down his life for his sheep. He knows, leads, and protects us.	John 10

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a study of
John 11-21

UNIT 1: John 11-12

	Question	Answer	Scripture
1	Who is Jesus?	Jesus is the eternal I AM, the promised Messiah, full of grace and truth. Those who put their trust in him alone for salvation have eternal life.	Overview of John
2	How is Jesus the Resurrection and the Life?	Jesus embodies life as God the Son, the promised Messiah, and therefore has authority over death and the ability to give eternal life.	John 11
3	Why were there confusion and conflict about Jesus the week before the Cross?	Because Jesus announced he was the promised Messiah and the time had come for his death, which would defeat Satan and draw both Jews and Gentiles to the crucified Savior.	John 12

UNIT 2: John 13-16

4	When his hour had come, what did Jesus do to prepare his disciples?	Jesus washed his disciples' feet, teaching them about humbly serving and loving others.	John 13
5	Why did Jesus say, "Don't be afraid"?	Because he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and he promised to send the Holy Spirit.	John 14
6	Why is it essential to abide in Christ?	Because without Christ we can do nothing. Abiding in Christ produces spiritual fruit and love for one another.	John 15
7	What's the good and bad news—for the disciples and us?	Christians will suffer trials and hatred of the world, but Jesus has overcome the world and sent the Holy Spirit to comfort and strengthen us.	John 15:18-16:33

UNIT 3: John 17-19

8	What was on Jesus' heart before he went to the Cross?	In Jesus' intimate prayer, he communicated his deepest longings to his Father for his disciples and all believers.	John 17
9	What did Jesus endure before his crucifixion that revealed both his humility and humiliation?	The perfect Son of God was betrayed by Judas, wrongly arrested, abandoned by his friends, and tried by both his countrymen and conquerors.	John 18
10	What does the Greek word <i>tetelestai</i> mean?	It means "It is finished." Jesus' cry signaled the full payment for sin, fulfilling the prophecies regarding the Messiah.	John 19

UNIT 4: John 20-21

11	From despair and confusion to joyful belief—how?	Jesus' followers saw the empty tomb and Jesus himself, who reassured them with his presence and peace.	John 20
12	Why did the risen Christ appear to the disciples a third time?	To reaffirm his miraculous power, to fellowship with them, and to confirm Peter's ministry to shepherd Jesus' followers.	John 21
13	How does John persuade his readers to believe in Jesus?	John records historic events and teachings that show Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.	John 1:1-18 and review

sessions at a glance: knowing the God who is

UNIT 1: problems in knowing God (3 weeks)

	Question	Answer	Scripture
1	How do we know God exists?	God exists and reveals his invisible attributes—his eternal power and divine nature—in creation.	Rom. 1:16–32
2	Creating idols—who, me?	People create false idols rather than believe in the true God who reveals himself in the Bible.	Isa. 44:9–23; 45:18–22
3	Is being a Christian worth it?	Yes, nothing is more desirable than knowing God and being secure in him.	Ps. 73

UNIT 2: getting to know God (3 weeks)

4	Why are people separated from God?	Sin separates people from God.	Isa. 59:1–21
5	Who makes the first move?	People cannot be redeemed unless God makes the first move in their salvation.	Rom. 3:10–11; John 6:35–44; Matt. 11:20–27; 1 Cor. 1:23; 2:6–16; Rom. 5:8–9; Eph. 1:3–10
6	What is a Christian?	A Christian is a person who is born again by the Holy Spirit, repents of his sin, and believes in Jesus as Savior.	John 3:1–8, 16–21; Eph. 2:1–10; Matt. 11:28–30

UNIT 3: loving God (3 weeks)

7	How is marriage like Christ's relationship to the church?	Christ loves the church and gave himself up for her. Marriage is designed to reflect that relationship.	Eph. 5:22–33
8	How do believers demonstrate their love for God?	Believers respond to God's love by trusting him and obeying his commands.	1 John 5:1–5; Matt. 22:34–40; Deut. 4:1–14; 5:6–21
9	How do we honor God's name?	We show our love for God by reverently treating his name with awe through worship, trust, and obedience.	Ex. 20:7; Ja. 1:22–26

UNIT 4: knowing God's character (4 weeks)

10	Why are God's omniscience and omnipresence important to us?	Because God's dependable character helps us trust him more and changes how we think and live.	Ps. 139
11	What is God like? (Part 1)	There is only one God. He is triune, self-sufficient, eternal, and unchanging.	selected topical passages (printed in <i>Examine</i>)
12	What is God like? (Part 2)	The one true God is wise, good, loving, holy, righteous, and sovereign.	selected topical passages (printed in <i>Examine</i>)
13	God is with us ... so why do we suffer?	God's ways cannot always be understood, but he can be trusted because he is always wise, good, and sovereign.	Job (selected passages)

sessions at a glance: a study of Romans

UNIT 1: *sin* (3 weeks)

	Question	Answer	Scripture
1	Does the gospel matter?	Yes, the gospel matters because it is God's powerful plan to save all who put their trust in Christ.	Romans 1:1–17
2	Why is the world so messed up?	Rebellion against God is the root cause of the world's problems. God's wrath is revealed against the wicked, including the self-righteous.	Romans 1:16–2:29
3	Just as if I never sinned ... really?	Yes, because Christ died as my substitute and God declares me not guilty.	Romans 3

UNIT 2: *salvation* (2 weeks)

4	Can't I earn my salvation by doing good works?	No, God justifies me by his grace through faith in Christ alone.	Romans 4
5	But wait! There's more?	Since God has justified us, we have peace with God and much, much more.	Romans 5

UNIT 3: *sanctification* (4 weeks)

6	Wanted: dead <i>and</i> alive?	Yes! Because of my union with Christ, I should consider myself dead to sin and alive to Christ, presenting every part of my being to him as an instrument of righteousness.	Romans 6
7	Why do I still struggle with sin?	There is a war between the remnant of my old self and the new nature that the Spirit has given me.	Romans 7
8	Where can believers find help?	The Holy Spirit is the power source to live as a Christian.	Romans 8:1–27
9	If God is for us, who can be against us?	God works everything together for good in our lives. No one can be against us or separate us from God's love.	Romans 8:28–39

UNIT 4: *sovereignty* (1 week)

10	How can I know if God has chosen me?	If I am trusting in Christ alone for salvation, then I can know that God has chosen me—not because of anything I have done—but because he has shown me mercy.	Romans 9–11
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UNIT 5: *service* (3 weeks)

11	Who, me—a living sacrifice?	Because of God's mercies, it is reasonable to give myself to him as a living sacrifice. God's Word renews my mind and the Holy Spirit transforms me to grow in Christ-likeness.	Romans 12
12	How am I to relate to government, and what do I owe to Christ and others?	I am to submit to the government because it is under God's authority, and I owe love to others. I am to put on Christ and avoid those things that tempt me to sin.	Romans 13
13	How should I treat believers who are different from me?	Don't despise or judge other Christians or tempt them to sin. Do love them by following the example of Christ.	Romans 14–16

sessions at a glance

growing in
Christ's church

UNIT 1: the church

	Question	Answer	Scripture
1	What is the church?	The church is people: chosen, redeemed, and sealed for the praise and glory of God.	Ephesians 1:1–14
2	How does God describe his church?	Through word pictures, God describes many facets of the church and her union to Christ.	1 Pet. 2:9–10; Eph. 2:19–22; Ex. 19:5 (Deut. 7:6); Matt. 5:13–16; 1 Cor. 12:12–18, 27; 2 Cor. 5:17; John 15:1–5; Rom. 8:14–17; 1 Tim. 3:15; Phil. 2:5–8; Rev. 19:6–9

UNIT 2: the people of God

3	Why are there hypocrites in the church?	Sin is a reality in the church, but God is at work sanctifying his people.	Selections from 1 Corinthians: 1:1–16; 5; 6:1–8; 10:1–13; 11:17–22, 27–34; 15:12–22
4	How should we respond to sin in the church?	Jesus gave the church a process to deal with sin.	Matt. 18:12–17; Deut. 19:15–16; Gal. 6:1–2; Matt. 7:3–5
5	What should we do when we're tempted to leave the church?	Listen to God's Word. Jesus doesn't give up on the church, and neither should we.	Revelation 2–3

UNIT 3: the body of Christ

6	I'm not the pastor, so am I important in the church?	Yes, God placed me and each believer as an important and necessary member in Christ's body, the church.	1 Corinthians 12:12–27; John 14:15–21
7	"One-anothering"—what's that?	It's caring for "one another" in the church like Christ has shown care for me.	Various "one another" passages

UNIT 4: the fellowship of the Spirit

8	How can I put the U back in Unity?	As believers, we continue to grow closer to Christ and to each other as we walk by the Spirit and display the fruit of the Spirit.	Ephesians 4:1–6; Acts 15:1–35; Galatians 5:16–26
9	Do I have a spiritual gift? Am I gifted?	The Holy Spirit gives a gift to every believer and empowers him or her to use it to serve and build up the church.	1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:7–16; Romans 12:3–8; 1 Peter 4:9–11

UNIT 5: disciples in the making

10	What are Christ's three C's?	In the Great Commission, Christ makes a CLAIM, gives a COMMAND, and COMFORTS his disciples.	Matthew 28:18–20; Matthew 4:18–22
11	What is God's welfare plan for the body of Christ?	God has given us the best gift, the indescribable gift of his Son, Jesus. In gratitude, we are to give generously and cheerfully to meet the needs of other Christians.	2 Corinthians 8:1–15; 2 Corinthians 9; Romans 15:25–28
12	We're in a war? Who is our enemy and how do we fight him?	Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are to fight against the temptations of our enemy, Satan, by putting on the whole armor of God, praying, and persevering.	Ephesians 6:10–20 and selected passages
13	How do our stories fit into God's bigger story and plan?	Stories such as Paul's from the Bible, and mine, fit into God's bigger story to save a people for himself—the church—through Christ our Redeemer.	Acts 9:1–31 (7:58–59; 8:1)

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identity & purpose

UNIT 1: in the beginning

	Question	Answer	Scripture
1	Who am I and why am I here?	Since God is the Creator and I am his creation, the only way to understand my identity and purpose is to live in dependence upon him.	Ps. 139:1–18; Eph. 1:3–6; Ps. 104; Ps. 136:1–9
2	Why is knowing who God is so important to my identity and purpose?	Because knowing that God is our good, wise, all-powerful Creator assures me that I am not here by chance and that I have value.	Genesis 1
3	Do I have worth and value?	I am a person of great worth because God created me in his own image, after his likeness.	Genesis 1:1–2:1–9
4	What role did God give his image-bearers?	God made people to glorify him by wisely managing, developing, and caring for his creation.	Gen. 1:26–31; Ps. 8; 1 Cor. 10:31; Rev. 4:11

UNIT 2: living with purpose

5	Who, me—work?	Yes, God intended work to be a blessing and privilege for people.	Genesis 1:28; 2:1–22; selected passages
6	Is marriage still relevant?	Yes, God designed marriage for our good and his glory.	Gen. 1:27–28; 2:18–25; Matt 19:3–6; 1 Cor. 10:31; Eph. 5:31–32
7	Sex only within marriage—is that realistic?	Yes, sex is a God-created gift for marriage and is intended to glorify him.	Gen. 1:27; 2:24–25; Heb. 13:4; Ex. 20:14; Matt. 5:27–30; 1 Cor. 6:12–20; Prov. 5:1–14
8	Why set aside one day?	God created the Sabbath for rest and worship, which points us to the ultimate redemption of creation.	Gen. 2:1–3; Ex. 20:1–2, 8–11; Heb. 3:16–4:4, 8–10; Matt. 11:28–29

UNIT 3: matter of life and death

9	What does the Garden of Eden have to do with us?	It teaches us about God's good and generous character and our place in the story he created for us.	Genesis 1:28–31; 2:8–17; Revelation 22:1–3, 14
10	Bait and switch?	As God's and our enemy, Satan uses doubt, deception, and lies to entice us to distrust and disobey God.	Gen. 3:1–6; Rev. 12:9, 20:2; John 8:44; James 1:13–15; Matt. 4:1–11; Eph. 6:10–18; 1 John 1:9; Heb. 4:15–16; 1 Cor. 10:13
11	What is the true source of the brokenness around us?	The rebellion of Adam and Eve resulted in spiritual and physical death for everyone—alienation from God, from each other, and from creation.	Genesis 3:1–19

UNIT 4: God's word of hope

12	Is there hope?	Yes, God promised and sent a Deliverer who defeated Satan, sin, and death.	Genesis 3:8–19; Ephesians 6:10–12; selected passages
13	Will things ever get better?	God promises that our struggles with sin, suffering, and death will end when all of creation is restored in the new heaven and earth.	Genesis 3:20–24; selected passages

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the Christian mind

UNIT 1: what is the Christian mind?

	Question	Answer	Scripture
1	What in the world are you thinking?	I see the world and life in one of two ways, which affects how I think and act.	2 Corinthians 10:1–5 Romans 12:1–2
2	Who in the world is in charge?	Christ is in charge and rules over all the world—including me!	Colossians 1:1–23
3	How in the world do we fit?	Jesus prayed for believers to be in the world but not of it.	John 17

UNIT 2: how do we develop a Christian mind?

4	How are we to think like Christ?	We are to think sacrificially and humbly.	Philippians 2:1–11; 3:1–21; 4:4–8
5	How in the world do we prepare our minds?	We read, study, listen to, and think about truths in God’s Word to be ready to face all kinds of situations.	1 Peter 1
6	How in the world do we stay on track?	By following good teaching, being content with what we have, and using material possessions properly.	1 Timothy 6:2b–21

UNIT 3: how do we love God with all our mind?

7	Does being a Christian mean I turn off my brain?	No, Jesus commands me to love God with all my mind.	Deuteronomy 6:4–9 Matthew 22:34–40 Mark 12:28–34
8	How does God change my thinking?	God renews my mind through his Word and helps me think and act like Christ—in ways that please him.	Ephesians 4:17–5:7
9	Do we have to test <i>everything</i> ?	Yes, because God’s Word instructs us about what is good and warns us about what is evil.	1 Thessalonians 5:12–24
10	How can I become wise and persevere in life?	I should think about and respond to my trials, temptations, and place in life from God’s point of view.	James 1

UNIT 4: how do we relate to the world?

11	What do the Beatitudes have to do with the Christian mind?	The Beatitudes describe the attitudes, values, thinking, and priorities of the citizens of the kingdom of heaven.	Matthew 5:1–12
12	How are Christians like salt and light?	Believers are to influence the world for good, be a restraining effect on sin in society, and point others to Christ.	Matthew 5:13–48
13	What is the Christian mind?	It is a way of thinking that delights in Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, and meditates on God’s Word more and more.	Psalms 1; Hebrews 12:1–3

sessions at a glance worshiping God

UNIT 1: the why of worship (4 weeks)

	Question	Answer	Scripture
1	What happens when believers worship?	God meets with his people, and we respond with awe, trust, and thankfulness.	Genesis 28:10–22; John 1:51; Matthew 28:20
2	What do God's visual aids in the Old Testament teach us about worship?	They teach us that God lives among his people and provides a way for us to approach him.	Exodus 40:16–38; Leviticus 16:15–16, 33–34; 1 Kings 8:27–29; John 1:14
3	How does Jesus fulfill what the Old Testament temple worship represented?	Jesus is the true temple, the immortal priest, and the final sacrifice for sin.	Heb. 4–5, 7, 10; John 1:1–2, 14; John 2:11, 18–22; Matt. 17:1–7; Col. 2:9; 2 Chron. 6:18; Ex. 33:18–23
4	Why is it so important that we worship together?	Because God calls us to it, promises his presence, and lets us worship with the angels and saints in heaven.	Heb. 10:19–25; 12:22–24; John 2:18–22; 1 Cor. 3:16–17; 1 Cor. 6:19–20; Eph. 2:19–22

UNIT 2: the how and what of worship (2 weeks)

5	Does it matter how we worship?	Yes, Jesus said we must worship in spirit and truth.	John 4:1–26; John 2:18–22; John 7:37–39; 14:6, 16–17, 26; Philippians 3:3
6	Does it matter to God what we do when we worship?	Yes, God tells us in his Word what to do and not to do in worship.	Exodus 20:1–20; 1 Timothy 2:1; 1 Timothy 4:13; Colossians 3:16; Matthew 28:19; Acts 20:7

UNIT 3: the elements of worship (5 weeks)

7	Why do we have a sermon every Sunday?	Because God uses preaching to proclaim who he is and what he has done to redeem us, and to increase our faith in Christ.	1 Pet. 1:23–25; Rom. 10:11–17; Acts 20:25–32; Neh. 8:1–3, 8–10; Neh. 9:1–3; Luke 4:16–22, 28; Acts 17:1–5
8	Why do we baptize?	Because Jesus gave baptism to his church to mark his people with the sign and seal of the covenant of grace.	Selected passages
9	Why do we celebrate the Lord's Supper?	Because Christ commanded us to celebrate this sacrament together with other believers to remember his death and receive spiritual nourishment.	Ex. 12:21–27; Matt. 11:27–28; Matt. 26:17–29; 1 Cor. 10:16–17; 11:17–29
10	What is the importance of prayer in public worship?	God ordained prayer in worship so that his people may communicate with him and receive his grace.	1 Chronicles 29:1–20; Daniel 9:1–19; Matthew 6:5–13
11	Why do we sing in worship?	We sing in worship to praise God and to teach and build up one another.	Eph. 5:15–21; Col. 3:16; Psalms 1, 13, 100; Phil. 2:6–11; Col. 1:15–20; 1 Tim. 3:16

UNIT 4: the sacrifices of worship (2 weeks)

12	What's the role of sacrifice in worship today?	We worship God through the sacrifice of Christ, offering all that we are, do, and have as spiritual sacrifices to him.	Heb. 10:1–4, 11–14; 1 Pet. 2:4–5; Rom. 12:1; Heb. 13:15–16; Phil. 4:14–20
13	Can we do anything to make our worship better?	Yes, we can improve our worship of God through preparation.	Ps. 15:1–5; 24:3–6; Ex. 20:8–11; Matt. 5:23–24; Heb. 10:19–22; Neh. 8:1–3; 1 Cor. 11:27–29

sessions at a glance

treasuring
God's Word

UNIT 1: what's so special about the Bible?

	Question	Answer	Scripture
1	What makes the Bible unique?	God is the author of the Bible. It was written down by men led by the Holy Spirit. In it, God gives us all we need for faith and obedience.	2 Tim. 3:14–17; Deut. 13:1–5; 18:15–22; Jer. 1:4–10; Ezek. 3:4–11; Heb. 1:1–2; 2 Pet. 1:16–21; 1 Thess. 2:13–16
2	Can I be sure the Bible is the Word of God?	Yes, because God has preserved and protected his Word through the ages.	2 Kings 22:1–23:30; 2 Chronicles 34–35
3	Can I really understand the Bible?	Yes, anyone can read and understand God's plan of salvation because God has clearly communicated it in the Bible. The Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding to respond in saving faith.	Luke 24:13–49; John 5:31–48; 2 Peter 3:15–18

UNIT 2: what's the big story of the Bible?

4	What's the big story of the Bible? (Part 1)	God created all things and established a covenant people for himself.	Selected passages from Genesis to Joshua
5	What's the big story of the Bible? (Part 2)	God repeatedly disciplined his people, called them to repentance, and delivered them.	Selected passages from Judges to Malachi
6	What's the big story of the Bible? (Part 3)	God redeemed his people through the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ, who is the focal point of all Scripture.	Matt. 3:1–6; Luke 17:20–21; John 2:18–22; Eph. 2:11–22; Matt. 24:29–31

UNIT 3: how do we interpret the Bible?

7	Does the story of David and Goliath <i>simply</i> teach me to be brave?	No, it demonstrates who God is and his power to deliver his people from their enemies.	1 Samuel 17
8	Why is there poetry in the Bible?	Biblical poetry helps us worship God, confess our sin, and express honestly all our emotions to God.	Psalms 95; Exodus 17:1–8; Hebrews 3:7–19
9	What's the point of prophecy in the Bible?	God used his prophets to warn, instruct, and encourage his people regarding the past, present, and future.	Haggai 1:1–2:9
10	Why did the apostles write letters?	The apostles wrote letters to instruct, encourage, and warn believers so they learn to live as Christ's followers.	1 Corinthians 10:1–13; Acts 18:1–11

UNIT 4: how do we use the Bible?

11	How can I benefit from studying the Bible?	When I study the Bible, I draw closer to God because he reveals himself to me through his Word.	Genesis 39; Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:5–10; 1 Peter 1:1–12
12	How can I share the good news of Christ with others?	One way is to explain the big story of the Bible.	Selected passages from Genesis 1–3; Acts 3:11–4:4
13	Is it enough to know what the Bible says?	No, we must believe God's Word and act on it.	James 1:19–25; other selected verses