

GOD'S STORY

JANUARY

CHAPTER 5: *God leads us.*



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Books of the Bible for the month:

Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah,
Jonah, Micah

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I will guide you and teach you the way you should go.
I will give you good advice and watch over you with love.

Psalm 32:28



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

January is going to be a great month as we continue in God's Story! Our big idea for the month is "God leads us" and we will be continuing in the Old Testament to learn how God led His people and what that means for our lives today. Be sure to check out what is happening each week with 3Crosses Kids online including our youtube channel, instagram, and facebook for more fun activities to help your family learn more about God and grow closer to Him together! This month's theme is Pokemon and having fun with that all month long! Don't miss it!



JOURNAL

Our monthly journal is a great opportunity for you to document what you learned! After you watch the week's lesson on Youtube, take a few minutes to write down something you learned or draw a picture from the story in January's "God's Story" journal provided in your packet! As you go through the month, add to your gratitude page by writing down or drawing things you are thankful for this month! We will have a special project at the end of the school year so you'll want to hold on to each month's journal!



MEMORY VERSE

Watch this month's memory verse with the hand motions. You have all month to memorize it, but once you do, be sure to send in a video of you saying the verse to Kids@3Crosses.org for your chance to be entered into a raffle for a special prize!



CRAFT

Grab your craft supplies and watch the craft video for the week to help guide you in making something amazing to remind you all about what we are learning! We'd love to see a picture of your creations as well!



MAP

Check your November map for all your extra activities for the week! Your map is the key to keep you on track as we go all month long! Place a sticker on each activity you complete and send a picture of you with your map at the end of the month to kids@3Cross.org for a chance to win a prize!

Week 1

The Sun Stands Still

Joshua 10:1-15

God leads the way for us.



PROLOGUE:

After 40 years, the Israelites are finally done wandering and are ready to follow God into the Promised Land. Throughout their journey, there will be many trials and battles, but we have to remember that "God leads the way for His people." One of those battles along the way takes place when God does the impossible for His people – He causes the sun to stand still! If God leads us somewhere and calls us to do something, He will always provide a way for us to succeed. We might not always see how we can accomplish what God has called us to, but we have to know that when God leads us, He will provide.

WATCH the LESSON VIDEO (Elementary or Preschool)
and fill out your JOURNAL!



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What was the best part of your week?
2. What stood out to you in today's story?
3. How many years had the Israelites wandered in the wilderness? (40 years)
4. What was supposed to happen to the city of Gibeon? (it was going to be destroyed)
5. Why did the 5 kings want to destroy it? (Gibeon had made a treaty with Israel)
6. What did Joshua do when the people of Gibeon turned to him for help? (He brought the whole army to help them)
7. How did God help the army when they attacked the 5 kings and their armies? (God sent a hail storm when the armies tried to run away)
8. What did God do that showed He was with Joshua and his army? (He listened to Joshua's prayer and made the sun and moon stand still for an entire day)
9. This story shows God doing the impossible, how can you trust God to lead you through whatever He calls you to?
10. Has God ever shown Himself to you in a miraculous way?



BONUS ACTIVITY: True or False

Materials needed: list of true/false facts

- To introduce this activity, say the following:
- We are going to play "True or False"
- I'm going to call out a powerful thing.
- I'll also call out a measurement of how powerful it is.
- If you think it is true, go to this side of the room.
- If you think it is false, go to that side of the room.

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WEEK 2

David is Chosen to be the King

1 Samuel 16:1-13, 2 Samuel 7:8-16

God tells us about our King.



PROLOGUE:

God's Story continually reveals more about His plan to save us and this week we get to look at more about His plan as He reveals who He has chosen to be king. God chose to make David King, someone seemingly young, weak, and powerless to do His work; but God chose David because of his heart. And through David, God made a promise that David's descendants would reign forever. Later we learn that one of David's distant descendants was Jesus who reigns on the throne forever as king of the entire universe! Even in the Old Testament, God is telling us about our King through His promise to King David. He is always leading us and guiding us back to our

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is one thing you are thankful for this week?
2. What stood out to you in today's story?
3. Who was Samuel looking for in the story? (the person he was supposed to anoint for the Lord)
4. Who was that person in the end? (David) What was he doing when Samuel found him? (taking care of his dad's, Jesse's, sheep)
5. Was David willing to obey God? (Yes!)
6. Why did God choose David to be king? (Because of his heart)
7. After David became king, what was the big promise God made to him? (That his descendants would rule forever, long after he was gone)
8. Who was God actually talking about when He said this? (He was talking about Jesus)
9. God encouraged David by telling him about this promise, how does God encourage us in our lives?
10. What does knowing about the promise of Jesus mean for our lives?



ACTIVITY: Obstacle Course

Materials needed: Nothing specific, just household items and creativity!

- Work together as a family to create an epic obstacle course through your home (you could head outside or rock both inside and outside, it is up to you!)
- Once the course is set, have each family member take a turn to run the course while someone times them.
- Fastest time wins!
- Try multiple rounds for extra fun and enjoy getting out your energy together!

***Today is our special ZOOM party for the month with Pastor Austin at 11am!
Prizes for memory verse and more! The link will be sent out via email so be
sure to check it out! Can't wait to see you there!***

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WEEK 3

Solomon Builds God's Temple

1 Kings 8:1-30

God wants to be with His people.



PROLOGUE:

God love us and He desires to be with us. King David wanted to build a temple for God so there was a place for people to come and worship God. In the end, it wouldn't be King David, but King Solomon who would take on the task to build the temple. It took 7 years and was a beautiful temple to honor God. But, we know, just as Solomon knew, that God is everywhere. He is never contained to a building. His hope was that the temple would point people to God. Many years later, God came and lived among us as Jesus came to earth to save us. He came to earth because God wants to be with His people and Jesus is the only way to truly be with God.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What was the best part of your week?
2. What stood out to you in today's story?
3. Who wanted to build the temple? Who did God have build the temple instead? (King David wanted to build it, but it was son, Solomon, who God had build the temple)
4. What was the purpose of the temple? (To point people to God - to give them a place to come together and worship God)
5. What filled the temple after it was built? (A cloud - which was the presence of the Lord)
6. Does God live in the temple? (No, God was there at the temple, but we know that God is everywhere)
7. How did God show us that He wants to be with us? (He sent His son to earth. Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for our sin so we can have a relationship with God)

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8. We know that God is everywhere, but how can we remind ourselves of that truth in our lives?
9. Have you ever experienced a moment you knew God was with you? What happened?



ACTIVITY: God's Presence

Materials needed: cardstock, watercolor, white crayons

- Divide supplies among the students and then instruct them to use the white crayone to write on their cardstock "God is EVERYWHERE" they can then decorate the paper with designs. At the bottom, encourage them to add "God is with us"
- Once they are finished with the white crayons, have them use the water colors to create a design and reveal what they wrote/drew on the paper

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WEEK 4 The Exile

2 Kings 17:7-23

God knows what is best for us.



PROLOGUE:

We've all had moments when we've done something wrong and had to face the consequences. Whether we've been disciplined by a parent, a teacher, or a leader, we know that it is usually done out of love – they know what is best for us and are helping us become better. God disciplines us to show us when we need to change our ways and follow Him because there is something better for us. Although Elijah and many other prophets were trying to call the Israelites to turn from idols and follow God, they did not repent and change their ways. As a result, they were exiled in Babylon. God did this out of love and He wanted to help them be better – they couldn't spend their lives following idols, they needed to follow God. Sometimes, God does the same thing for us because He loves us and knows what is best for us. He sees that we are doing is hurting ourselves or others and He disciplines us to guide us and lead us to a better way of living!

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is something you are thankful for?
2. What stood out to you in today's story?
3. What were the Israelites doing that was wrong? (They were worshipping false idols)
4. Who tried to warn them to change their ways? (Prophets, including Elijah)
5. Did they listen? (No.) What did they do instead? (they continued to live in sin)
6. Do we always listen when people warn us? (no) Have you ever been hurt or gotten in trouble because you didn't listen to a warning?
7. Why do you think the people in our story refused to listen? (They were stubborn, didn't want to change their ways, were selfish...)
8. What consequence did the Israelites face as a result? (They were exiled from the land God had brought them to)
9. Do you think God would forgive them if they were sorry and changed their ways?
10. Does God provide us opportunities to change, learn and grow?
11. Why is it important to listen to God's warnings for our lives?
12. Is "God's Best" for us always the easiest? Why do you think that?



ACTIVITY: The Sabbath

Decide how you, as a family, want to try to honor the Sabbath (God's Holy Day) to rest and be together. Challenge yourselves to go without technology together for at least a few hours and take a family hike together. As you walk, talk about all the great things God has blessed your family with and give thanks God for all He has done. Make it a special day with a little more focus before another busy week begins.

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WEEK 5

Review and Application

God leads us.



PROLOGUE:

This month we learned about stories that remind us that God leads us. God leads us even when it is hard, God leads us because He loves us, and God always wants to be with us and lead us. For the Israelites, God led them out of Egypt and prepared a King for them with David. David was given a promise that would lead us to our ultimate king in Jesus Christ. God led His people through hard situations, God's presence was always with them, and God led His people even when they disobeyed. Through it all, we can remember that God will always lead and guide us. He is always with us and we can trust Him as we go through our lives.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What was the best part of your week?
2. What was your favorite story from this month?
3. What was the big idea for the month? (God leads us)
4. How did God help Joshua and the Israelite army when they attacked the armies of the five kings? (God sent a hailstorm and then He caused the sun to stand still)
5. Why was David made king? (His heart for God and willingness to obey)
6. What big promise was made to David when he was king? (His descendants would reign forever) Who was God talking about when He made that promise? (God was referring to Jesus who would sit on the throne forever)
7. Why did Solomon build the temple? (To have a place for people to come together and worship God, a place that would point people to God)
8. Is God confined to a building? (No, God is everywhere)
9. What caused the Israelites to be exiled? (they were disobedient and worshipped false gods)
10. Why did God punish the Israelites? (Because He loves them and knows what is best for them)



ACTIVITY: Review Cartoon

Materials needed: paper, coloring supplies

- Have everyone take a piece of paper and fold it in half, then, fold it in half again.
- Open the piece of paper to reveal 4 rectangles
- On the very center line they should write "God leads His people"
- Then, review the 4 stories from this month and create a picture for each story in the corresponding four boxes.
- Share with us what you made, we'd love to see what you created!

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