

GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: PSALMS

This week's story comes from the book of Psalms. The book of Psalms is in the Old Testament and is a collection of songs, praises and poems speaking to or about God. The Psalms were written throughout the time period of the Old Testament, and many were written by King David.

Many people read the Psalms to find comfort during difficult seasons of life. Psalm 71 was written by David when he was an old man and was meant to be an encouragement to God's people in their final years of life.

JOURNAL

Think of one of your favorite Bible stories that talks about the great things God has done. (Maybe it's how God rescued Paul from prison or how He used a shepherd to defeat a giant.) In your journal, write down three things about the greatness of God the story taught you.

OT-NT CONNECTION

In the New Testament, Paul talks about God's righteousness and how we are made righteous through Christ. Read Romans 3:9-31.

- Who is righteous? Why?
- How do we become righteous?

I KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT, BUT HOW DO I STOP DOING WHAT'S WRONG?

In Romans 8, Paul reminds us there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. He also encourages us to walk, live and set our minds on things of the Spirit.

How do we do that? By reading God's Word, spending time in prayer, going to church, confessing our sins to one another and asking other believers to hold us accountable to God's standard.

We must remember the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives inside of us (Romans 8:11). We may have to fight against sinful choices our entire life, but we can be confident God will help us do what is right every time we turn to Him.

MY FRIENDS AT SCHOOL HAVE MANY DIFFERENT STANDARDS REGARDING WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG. HOW DO I KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT?

We live in a time when everyone does what is right in their own eyes (Judges 17:6). You may have experienced how everyday life can become confusing, contradictory or chaotic without an agreed-upon standard of right and wrong.

Because God is the ONLY One Who is righteous, God always chooses what is right and always does what is fair. His standard is the only one that matters and accurately defines what is right and wrong.

READ



Humanity is the only creation made in God's image, but this can be a difficult concept to understand. Read Genesis 1 with your family. Pay special attention to verses 26-29. Next, read Genesis 2:5-9 and 2:15-25.

What makes Adam and Eve different from the rest of creation (both in form and purpose)? What makes you different from the rest of creation?