

## 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: LAMENTATIONS

This week's memory verse comes from the book of Lamentations. Lamentations is called a prophetic book. We can't be sure who wrote this book, but it's possible Jeremiah, the Weeping Prophet, wrote it. Lamentations follows the book of Jeremiah and features sad poetry that mourns the fall of Jerusalem due to its sin.

### JOURNAL

Think about a time you experienced God's love. Write about that experience as a story of around 500 words. When the story is finished, read it to your family or a close friend.

### OT-NT CONNECTION

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he talks about just how incredible the love of Christ is. **Let's read about it in Ephesians 3:14-19.**

- In verse 18, what does Paul want the Ephesians to grasp about Christ's love?
- What is one way you see Christ's love for you in your life?

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT I WAS CREATED FOR GOD?

Proverbs 3:11-12 says: *My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of His reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom He loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.* Punishment helps us learn from our mistakes. When we receive correction for the wrong things we do, we are reminded to ask for forgiveness from those we hurt and ask God for help to make better choices in the future.

### ♥ WHY DID GOD ALLOW HIS PEOPLE TO FALL INTO CAPTIVITY IF HE LOVED THEM?

In Nehemiah 9 we learn the people of Israel had repeatedly disobeyed God. Those choices led to their capture by another country. Our God is a just God, and that means there are consequences for our sin. God always follows through on His promises. Because of that, we can trust His character. He wanted Israel to learn from their mistakes and come back to Him. Although they were punished for their sins, He never stopped loving them.

### READ



Take a moment and explore Nehemiah 9 to learn more about the depth of Israel's sin and the depth of God's love for you. Now think about a time you encountered a body of water so deep you could not see the bottom. Remember that God's love for you is deeper than you can imagine.