**Wayfinding Bible Curriculum**

During 8th grade small groups, our heart is that each student learns more about the overarching story of the Bible, how each story points to Jesus, and help them learn how to study Scripture on their own!

Each week we will flyover different stories of the Bible and learning about the journey God's people have been on since the dawn of time. In each story, we will encourage the students to journey through four basic questions that they can apply to any passage!

1. ***List - What does God's Word say?***
   1. **List the Facts *– Find the who, what, when, and where.***
2. ***Learn - What does God's Word mean?***
   1. **Learn the Lessons *– Is there a warning, promise, command, or example to be noted?***
3. ***Listen - What does God's Word mean to me?***
   1. **Listen to His Voice – *Ask God how the lesson applies to your life.***
4. ***Live - What will I do to live it out?***
   1. **Live it Out – *Journal your thoughts on what God seems to be saying to you and your response.***

These four questions are on the sticker in the front of their Bibles and can help spur on conversation each week!

**Each week we have provided additional supplemental questions to help spur on conversation, but we encourage you to challenge your student(s) to dig into the text and discover what God is saying!**

**CREATION – The account of Creation – Genesis 1 and 2**

1. **What do we learn about God during the creation account?**
2. **Does anything surprise you about the creation account? Confuse you? Impress you? Discuss any of this with your group!**
3. **Why did God create man and woman? What was their purpose? (Gen 1:28).**
4. **Why do you think God created both man and woman? Why do you think it was important to him that man wouldn’t be alone?**
5. **God’s desire was for humanity to live in the garden and live in community with God. How would our world look if that had never changed? Do you see glimpses of heaven in the garden of Eden?**
6. **Take a moment to think about God’s plan for you. He created each of us uniquely in his image to serve a purpose in his greater story. What do you think God created unique about you? What ways can you serve and impact the Kingdom of God on earth today?**
7. **Take a moment as a group to pray for God’s creation and that we would be able to work alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ to bring the Kingdom of God to earth as it is in heaven by the power of the Holy Spirit!**

**SIN – The man and the woman sin – Genesis 3**

1. What tactics did the serpent use to cause Adam and Eve to sin?

2. Does Satan use these same tactics on us today? How so?

3. Why was it so bad for humans to determine what is good and what is evil?

4. It is clear from this story that God was protecting Adam and Eve from evil with his "rules". What were the consequences of their sin for them and the world today?

5. How might the world look different if sin had not entered the picture? Think back to Genesis 1 and 2.

6. Where is there hope in this passage? Consider Genesis 3:14-15. What was God talking about? (Specifically, the end of verse 15).

7. How can we as Christ followers stay strong in our battle against Satan and his plots? Consider Ephesians 6:10-18.

8. How does the cross and our faith redeem the brokenness of the Fall?

**PROMISE – The Lord’s covenant to Abram – Genesis 15:1-21, 17:1-18:15, 21:1-7**

1. In Jewish culture, having a son was a big deal and it was almost looked down upon if you did not have one. The passing of blessing, birthright, inheritance, etc. all hinged upon your son. How hard do you think it must have been for Abram to experience this hardship? How much faith would it have taken for him to remain trustful in God?
2. What was the promise made to Abram (Abraham) by God? What is the purpose behind this promise?
3. How do you think Abraham felt when he was told at age 99 that he would become a father of a multitude of nations when he has not yet had any kids? What kind of faith do you think this would have required to trust God in this?
4. Why did God give the Jewish people a sign to be the “mark of the covenant?” Why would it be important for them to be constantly reminded of this promise?
5. Abraham is considered to be in the “Hall of Faith”. Check out Hebrews 11:8-10. What do these verses say about Abraham?
6. Eventually down the line, Jesus would be born to this same birth line. God fulfilled his ultimate promise to the world through Abraham’s family, meaning we too are descendants of Abraham when we follow Jesus. How does that shape your faith knowing you are a part of this same family of faith with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Rahab, Solomon, and even Jesus?

**DELIVERANCE –** Israelites in Egypt – Exodus 1:9-2:10

1. This week we get a cool overlap of what we have been studying as a Church on Sundays. What have you learned so far from our study in Exodus? Can someone summarize the story of Moses that we’ve learned so far?
2. This is the beginning of God’s deliverance of his people. How crazy is it that God placed the future of Israel upon the shoulder of a baby in a basket? Does that remind you of anyone else in Scripture?
3. It took over 80 years for Moses to finally encounter God and learn his calling to lead Israel out of Egypt. What kind of faith does it take to wait on God’s timing? Is there anything you have in your life right now where you feel like you are waiting on God?
4. God used a man like Moses, who was an ordinary guy, to accomplish some incredible things. In what ways do you see God using you in his Kingdom right now? Or, what things do you think God is leading you to do for his Kingdom? Remember, having a Kingdom impact can be in your very own schools and home, or it could be on a more global scale, or anywhere in between.
5. This is one of the greatest stories of deliverance. Our God is a God of deliverance. God hears the cries of the oppressed and the hurting and seeks to bring healing. What do you need delivered from? Take time now or at the end of group to pray for one other’s needs.
6. Ultimately, we see God’s greatest act of deliverance later in Scripture. What was that? How did God deliver you and me from our suffering and our slavery?
7. What does it do for you knowing that God has already delivered you from death? How can we lean into God’s Kingdom today?

**PROMISED LAND -**The Fall of Jericho - Joshua 5:13-6:27

1. Do you see anything familiar with how Joshua reacts and acts towards the commander of the Lord? Does this remind you of a time in his mentor Moses's life?

2. What do you think the Commander of the Lord meant when he said that he was neither a friend nor a foe, but rather was on God's side?

3. If the Lord came to you and told you do something like walking around the walls or Jericho, what would your reaction be? Would you be skeptical of his plan? Follow it without second guessing? What kind of faith would it take to follow through on what seems like crazy commands?

4. Does anyone know Rahab's story? If not, check out Joshua 2! Why was she significant in this story?

5. Think back to some of our previous weeks. Abraham was promised many decedents and Moses was told he would lead the people into the Promised Land. Many years later, we see Joshua lead the people into that land. What does this tell you about God's promises?

6. Has there ever been a time in your life where you didn't understand how God was working but he ended up doing something in your life? Is there anything in your life right now where you feel like you need to just trust in what God is doing?