

sessions at a glance

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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