

## Through the Bible - Summary Sheet

1. **Story** - discover that there is—a big story—running through the Bible; understand that God has been involved with people and creation throughout history.

### Key Passage

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.”

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. **Source** - understand that God made a good, functioning world for us to live in.

### Key Passage

“Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day. So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed.”

- Genesis 1:31–2:1

3. **Broken** - understand the scope of the Fall and its implications for our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others, and with creation.

### Key Passage

“We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.”

- Romans 3:22-24

4. **Invitation** - learn about God’s intention to restore his relationship with people as shown in the story of the people of Israel.

### Key Passage

The Lord had said to Abram, “I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

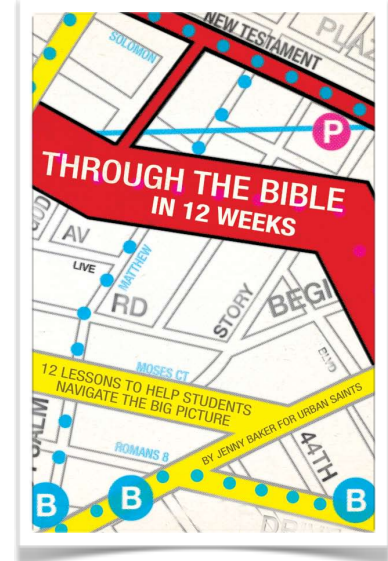
- Genesis 12:1-3

5. **Choice** - explore the issue of idolatry and its relevance throughout history.

### Key Passage

“You must not have any other god but me. You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must now bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods.”

—Exodus 20:3-5a



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6. **Reality** - understand that the Bible is relevant to all the key issues we are concerned with: how to live, the meaning of life, sex, friendships, money and so on; reflect on and interact with passages from Proverbs and Psalms; realize that we can be honest with God about how we feel.

### **Key Passage**

"My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me. O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge."

- Psalm 62:7-8

7. **Communication** - listen to the voice of the prophets calling people back to God.

- understand God's plan: foretelling the coming of the Messiah.

### **Key Passage**

"Now this is what the Lord says to the family of Israel: 'Come back to me and live!'"

- Amos 5:4

8. **Challenge** - understand that Jesus is God incarnate, came to live among us; get a sense of the upside-down nature of the kingdom of God that Christ came to usher in.

### **Key Passage**

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

- John 10:10

9. **Salvation** - learn about God's plan of redemption in Jesus and the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection.

### **Key Passage**

"For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross."

- Colossians 1:19-20

10. **Life** - reflect on God's calling to live out their faith in every area of life.

### **Key Passage**

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth...I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you."

- John 14:16-18

11. **Hope** - understand that Jesus will return at some point in the future.

### **Key Passage**

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, 'Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.'"

- Revelation 21:1a, 3-4