

# God's True Story

**Bible Reading Plan - 2026 Part 1**

## Introduction

This Reading Plan will be different from other Reading Plans. First, we won't finish the Bible in one year; it will take us a few years, and that's okay because the goal of this plan and the goal of reading the Bible at all is to learn about God. This reading is designed to stretch you by requiring less reading but providing more understanding. Each week, you will be given one passage to read. But each day, we will ask you to read it differently. The weekly format will stay the same, but the Scripture will change week to week. How did we decide what Scripture to read? Great question! Here at Brushy Creek, each small group (Sunday School) birth through Senior Adults follows the same curriculum. We've structured this plan to follow that curriculum. Each week, from Monday to Friday, you will read the passage your class will be studying for the upcoming Sunday.

So what is this weekly format? Wow, another great question! Each week, you will be given a passage, for example, Week 1 is Genesis 1. On Mondays, **Day 1**, read Genesis 1 and, if time allows, reread it in a different translation. For example, I'll read Genesis 1 in my daily Bible, which is an ESV. And then I'll reread it in The Message Bible, which is a paraphrased translation of the Bible, or from one of my sons' children's Bibles; our favorite is The Greatest Storybook Bible. And that's it, day one is done.

**Day 2**, Tuesdays, you're going to pick up a pen or pencil and maybe even a notebook or a Journaling Bible. Read Genesis 1 and mark it up by underlining repetitive words, identifying themes, lists, comparisons, and contrasts, as well as conjunctions (such as "and," "but," and "for"), cause-and-effect relationships, and other key elements. This can be as detailed as you want. For some of us, this will be easy, maybe even fun. For the rest of us, this will be a stretch. Perhaps a resource like "Grasping God's Word" or "Women of the Word" could be helpful. But trust us, it will be worth it! The goal of the day is to understand that these words connect and are purposeful; they hold great meaning! They hold the truths about who God is!

**Day 3**, Wednesdays, read that week's passage alongside the green and blue Questions as you study the Bible bookmark. My favorite question is "What does this passage teach us about God?" You can use the "Attributes of God" resource to help. When I read Genesis 1, I am reminded that God is Infinite. God has no limits in this person or on His power.

**Day 4**, Thursdays, read that week's passage with a creed or doctrine in mind. We will provide a specific doctrine each week for you to think

upon. These will include catechism questions and answers, important term definitions, or thoughts important to the grand story of the Bible. For example, “What is sin?” or “What does YAHWEH mean?” To quote, Kevin Deyoung from his book *Daily Doctrine*, “the overarching goal in all this learning [of doctrine] is to understand what the Bible teaches, defend what the Bible teaches, and enjoy the God whom the Bible reveals.”

**Day 5**, Fridays, read that week’s scripture and pray through it. By now, you’ve done some heavy lifting through this passage and hopefully have a deeper understanding of the passage. Perhaps as you pray, take a moment to reflect on the Attributes of God and thank Him for being the Creator. Maybe as you read, someone or a need comes to mind. Maybe there is a confession needed. Ask the Lord to give you an opportunity to tell someone about what you have learned about Him this week. And now you have completed the weekly reading plan, but wait, here’s a bonus: on Sunday you will have the opportunity to come together in your groups and talk about everything you have learned, ask questions about things that were confusing, and celebrate the God that you now know in a deeper way. Bible study writer Jen Wilkin often says, “The heart cannot love what the mind does not know.” Our prayer through this reading plan is that you will begin to know God in a fuller, more intimate way, and in turn, your love for Him will continue to grow.

With love and prayer,  
Haleigh Hughes

Resources:

Questions as you study the Bible bookmark

ESV Journaling Bible

Grasping God’s Word by J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays

Women of the Word by Jen Wilkin

Attributes of God

The New City Catechism by Crossway (NCC)

Daily Doctrine by Kevin DeYoung

Praying the Bible by Donald S. Whitney

Baptist Faith and Message

Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones (JSB)

The Biggest Story Bible by Kevin DeYoung (BSB)

Hey-O! Stories of the Bible (Hey-O)

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## Weekly Reading

Day 1

Read this week's scripture read it in two translations.

Day 2

Read this week's passage. Use a pencil.

Day 3

Read this week's chapter(s) using the green & blue bookmark

Day 4

Read this week's chapter(s) reflecting on the creed or doctrine.

Day 5

Read and pray through this week's scripture

## Week 15 (4/6)

### Genesis 25:1-28

*What is our only hope in life and death? That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.* NCC q.1 Read with your kids BSB: p.66; Hey-O: p.44

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## Week 16 (4/13)

### Genesis 25:29-34

*What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments? Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.* NCC q.12 Read with your kids BSB: p.66; Hey-O: p.44

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## Week 17 (4/20)

### Genesis 26

*Election - The eternal act of God with respect to all who are saved, by which out of pure grace and for Christ's sake He purposed to endow them in time with the spiritual blessings of conversion, justification, sanctification, and perseverance unto eternal life.* Christian Dogmatics, 585 Read with your kids BSB: p.66; Hey-O: p.44

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## Week 18 (4/27)

### Genesis 27

*Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished? No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.* NCC q.18 Read with your kids BSB: p.66; Hey-O: p.44

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## Week 19 (5/4)

### Genesis 28

*Bethel - "House of God" - mentioned 65 times in the OT, more than any other city except Jerusalem. It is possibly where Abraham sacrificed in Genesis 18. It was a Canaanite royal city (Joshua 8:7-9) and was eventually allotted to the tribe of Benjamin (Joshua 18:22). The ark of the covenant was located at Bethel (Judges 20) and was on Samuel's circuit when he judged Israel (1 Samuel 10:3). Bethel is associated with both sanctuary and deity. Theological Word book of the OT #241* Read with your kids BSB: p.70

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## Week 20 (5/11)

### Genesis 29-30

*When Rachel and Leah name their children, the names reflect the struggle for Jacob's affection and their recognition of God's assistance to them in their unloved or childless state. God graciously gives Leah, the unloved wife, half of Jacob's sons, including the priestly line of Levi and the messianic line of Judah.* Reformation Study Bible note Read with your kids JSB: p.70; Hey-O: p.44

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## Week 21 (5/18)

### Genesis 31

*"Household gods" - Probably of Hittite or Mesopotamian origin. These idols were used to practice divination. There is no archeological evidence that these would be in the form of a full-grown man or deity. They were usually in the form of a head, bust, or cultic mask. Theological Wordbook of the OT #2545* Read with your kids Hey-O: p.44

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## Week 22 (5/25)

### Genesis 32-35

*God Almighty - El Shaddia - Shadah can refer to sufficiency to provide, however, this particular name of God is from the root word shadad which refers to power. Being, almighty, God has the power to provide, the power to protect, and the power to chasten or destroy in judgment. John MacArthur Biblical Doctrine, 158* Read with your kids JSB: p.70; Hey-O: p.44

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## Week 23 (6/1)

### Genesis 36-38

*While the parallels of between Joseph and Jesus are not developed explicitly in the NT, the Christian church traditionally recognizes key parallels between their lives. Joseph was loved by his father (Genesis 37:3; Mark 1:11), sent to his brothers who denied him and sold him for silver (Genesis 37:28; John 7:5; Matthew 26:15), suffered persecution and temptation (Genesis 37:18-36; 39:7-20; Matthew 4:1-11), and was ultimately exalted as lord over his brothers (Genesis 42:6; Philippians 2:9-10). Reformation Study Bible note* Read with your kids JSB: p.76; BSB: p.74; Hey-O: p.54

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## Week 24 (6/8)

### Genesis 39

*Verses 21-23 - Steadfast Love - chesed - God only is perfectly faithful to the terms of His covenants. His steadfast, covenant love and loyalty to His people animates His fidelity to His people. This divine, constant, even stubborn love does what no other love can do and provide what no one else can see. Matthew Henry, "God can raise up friends for his people even where they little expect to find them." Joseph makes friends in prison! "Chesed for Joseph" Ligonier Ministries Read with your kids JSB: p.76; Hey-O: p.62*

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## Week 25 (6/15)

### Genesis 40-41

*Special Revelation - God reveals Himself directly and in greater detail. God speaks directly to Adam and Eve (Genesis 2-3), audibly at Sinai (Deuteronomy 5), and by powerful signs and wonders (Deuteronomy 34), and vocal confirmation (Matthew 3:17). He revealed Himself through dreams and visions in Isaiah 6, Daniel 9, and Revelation 1. Every case of such revelations in the Bible has to do with the person's place in the outworking of God's saving purposes. There are no instances in which God gives special guidance to the ordinary believing Israelite or Christian in the details of their person existence. Ultimately, God reveals himself to us through His Son Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-3) John MacArthur Biblical Doctrine, 74 Read with your kids JSB: p.76; Hey-O: p.62*

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## Week 26 (6/22)

### Genesis 42-50

*The genealogies of Genesis 46:5-27 closes the patriarchal period in Canaan. A patriarch is the administrative, legislative, and instructional head of a family or tribe. Evangelical Dictionary of Theology, "Patriarch" Read with your kids JSB: p.76; Hey-O: p.62*

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