

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

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Day 2

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Day 4

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Day 5

Read and pray through this week's scripture

Week 1 (1/1)

Genesis 1

What is God? God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will. NCC q.2

Read with your kids JSB: p.1; BSB: p.16; Hey-O: p.10

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Week 2 (1/5)

Genesis 2

Man and woman are uniquely designed for one another. The woman is taken from man and named in relationship to man. Since the woman was created from the side of the man, the one-flesh union in marriage is really a kind of re-union. Deyoung p.110

Read with your kids JSB: p.1; BSB: p.16; Hey-O: p.10

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Week 3 (1/12)

Genesis 1:2-27, 2:18-25

How and why did God create us? God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory. NCC q.4

Read with your kids JSB: p.1; BSB: p.16; Hey-O: p.10

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Week 4 (1/19)

Psalms 148

Divine glory is 'the end for which God created the world.' (Jonathan Edwards) We must never suppose that God created the cosmos out of lack--because he wanted a relationship, or he wanted someone to love. God did not create the world because he was thirsty. Rather, God created the world because it is the nature of a fountain to overflow. Deyoung p.92

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Week 5 (1/26)

Genesis 2:15-16; 3

What is sin? Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law -- resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

NCC q. 16 Read with your kids JSB: p.28; BSB: p.24; Hey-O: p.19

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Week 6 (2/2)

Genesis 4

What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments? Six, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit. NCC q. 11 Read with your kids BSB: p.30; Hey-O: p.25

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Week 7 (2/9)

Genesis 5-9

Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose? That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior. NCC q. 15 Read with your kids JSB: p.38; BSB: p.34; Hey-O: p.28

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Week 8 (2/16)

Genesis 10-11

What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith? At the day of judgment they will receive the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them. They will be cast out from the favorable presence of God, into hell, to be justly and grievously punished, forever. NCC p.28

Read with your kids JSB: p.48; BSB: p.44

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Week 9 (2/23)

Genesis 12-17

Abrahamic Covenant - Contributes to the restoration of God's purposes for mankind by singling out Abraham and his seed to be the means by which redemption and its blessings are brought to all the nations. Read with your kids JSB: p.56; BSB: p.48, p.54; Hey-O: p.36

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Week 10 (3/2)

Genesis 18-21

Did God create us unable to keep his law? No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law. NCC q. 14 Read with your kids JSB: p.56; BSB: p.58, p.62; Hey-O: p.36

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Week 11 (3/9)

Genesis 22-24

Theophany - God is always and everywhere present, but a theophany is an exceptional visible display of that presence, a special revelation. Read with your kids JSB: p.62; BSB: p.62

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Week 12 (3/16)

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 13 (3/23)

Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 22:63-23:56; John 18:19-19:42

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die? Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life. NCC q.24 Read with your kids JSB: p.302; BSB: p.418; Hey-O: p.338

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Week 14 (3/30)

Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-13; Luke 24:1-48; John 20-21

What does Christ's resurrection mean for us? Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death. NCC q.50 Read with your kids JSB: p.310; BSB: p.426; Hey-O: p.338

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Week 15 (4/6)

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 16 (4/13)

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 17 (4/20)

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 18 (4/27)

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 19 (5/4)

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 20 (5/11)

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 21 (5/18)

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 22 (5/25)

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 23 (6/1)

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 24 (6/8)

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 thorough 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 25 (6/15)

Genesis 42-46

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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Week 26 (6/22)

Genesis 47-50

Read Romans 8:28. This is a great summary statement of Joseph's life. He is a life that displays the doctrine of concurrence. This doctrine "holds that certain actions in which humans expertise their will to do what they wish, even to making diabolical choices, are nevertheless, under the providence of God, who is at work in them. He has the power to trump our evil inclinations and desires and bring good to pass." Romans, R.C. Sproul, 277 Read with your kids JSB: p.76; BSB: p.74; Hey-O: p.62

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