

THE THREAD | BEGINNINGS

Lesson 1: Seeing The Gospel In All Of Scripture

Dear Parents,

Hello! I wanted to remind you about the study we're doing that focuses on teaching students the big-picture story of the Bible. This Bible study is called *The Thread: Discovering The Thread of the Gospel Through the Big-Picture Story of the Bible*, and this week was the first of 13 lessons looking at *Beginnings*. The lesson was entitled "Seeing The Gospel In All Of Scripture" and was an introductory lesson to how we will be studying the Bible. The beauty of the salvation God makes available to us is that we don't have to understand every single aspect of who God is before we come to faith in Jesus. We don't have to know the Bible cover to cover before we can accept Jesus as Savior. We can come to salvation through faith in Jesus. That's awesome. But to truly grow closer to God and go beyond a surface understanding of Him, we have to know His story and be willing to accept the challenge to know Him more.

Lesson Overview: The purpose of this first lesson is simply to make the case that it's appropriate to read all of Scripture through what we might call a "Jesus filter." It's not a stretch to look for echoes of the Gospel in the biblical narrative. It's not bad scholarship. In fact, the Bible makes it clear that all of Scripture ultimately points to Christ. By looking at the words of both Jesus and John, your teenager will see how true this is.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: The story of the Bible points to Jesus as God's Son, the promised rescuer of humankind, and that Jesus was God's Word made flesh—both the Messenger and the Message of God's salvation for all people.

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They've Learned: Accept the call to commit to learning God's story and draw closer to Jesus as a result.

Scripture Passages We Studied: John 1:1; John 5:31-40; 1 John 1:1-4

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- You looked at the passage in John 1 where Jesus was described as the Word. Do you remember why He was described that way?
- How would you describe your attitude toward the Bible? Do you find some parts of it hard to understand? (It's OK to admit that MOST Christ-followers find parts of the Bible tricky.)
- Are you excited about having a better understanding of the big-picture story of the Bible? How do you think that might make some of what you read less confusing?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.