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To my parents, who raised me in a home where Christ is King and gave me every opportunity to watch them love Him first. Because of you, He is part of even my earliest memories.

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To every parent or caregiver who prays that the child they love will come to know Jesus. And to every child who picks up this book. May you feel the gentle tug of the Holy Spirit, the kindness of Jesus, and the deep love of the Father.

A NOTE TO GROWN-UPS

Dear Grown-Ups,

The Bible is the most amazing book ever written, and we want kids to be excited to dig into it for themselves! *The Bible Recap for Kids* is designed to help young readers love God's Word and understand its value in their lives.

This book follows the same 365-day chronological reading plan as the original book and podcast. As wonderful as daily Bible reading is, please know your child can read this book at the pace best for them. Each day starts with a suggested Bible reading that averages three chapters. Your child may want to read the passage on their own, or they can listen to an audio version of those Bible chapters. If you are also going through *The Bible Recap*, that's even better. You and your child (and other family members too!) can read or listen to the Bible chapters together, and then you can read that day's two-page recap in the original edition of *The Bible Recap* while your child reads the more streamlined one-page recap in this book. Another option is to read the shorter recaps and Seven-Day Roundups from this book together.

We recommend using a standard Bible because most chronological Bibles are laid out differently from the plan we are doing. This book quotes Scripture most from the New Living Translation, but other translations are also quoted, so your child should feel free to use your family's preferred version of the Bible.

One important note: The Bible covers a lot of challenging topics. You may feel that some passages are too mature for your child. This may include well-known passages in Song of Solomon and in Revelation, and also lesser-known passages such as Ezekiel 23. The Bible Recap team and I believe God's Word has benefits for all those who engage with it, and we encourage people of all ages to dig into Scripture! As the parent of your child, though, we believe you are best equipped to guide your child's Bible reading and determine how to handle the conversations that may arise as your child approaches new or challenging topics.



A NOTE TO KIDS

Hey, kids! I am so excited you're going to read the Bible with me. The Bible is made up of many stories, but the Bible is also *one* story. It's the story about who God is, what He's doing, and how much He loves His kids.

Every day you'll read (or maybe listen to!) a few chapters in the Bible. Then you'll read the recap page. At the end of every day, you'll read a God Shot, which shows a snapshot—a picture—of who God is.

After seven days, there's an extra page called a "roundup." It's a review of what you've been reading, and it'll include a few things:

- **Zoom Out**—Here, you'll read a few sentences summarizing what you've just finished reading in the Bible.
- **Big Picture**—When you finish reading a book of the Bible, you'll get a short summary reminding you what the whole book is about.
- **Words to Remember**—Here's where you'll find definitions for important words that will help you understand the Bible. While you're reading, if you get to a word you don't know, turn to the back of the book on page 437 to see if that word has already been defined for you. If it has, that page will tell you what page number to turn back to. Let's get started with a few now!
 - » Bible—God's Word, made up of 66 books, recorded by around 40 different authors, written over 1,500 years. Every word of the Bible is true and given to us by God.
 - » Scripture—another word for the writings in the Bible.
 - » Old Testament—the first 39 books of the Bible. It was originally written in the Hebrew language.
 - » New Testament—the last 27 books of the Bible. It was originally written in the Greek language.
- **Application**—An application is a way you can *apply* what you're learning about God to your own life. It helps answer the question "Now what do I do?"

As you read the Bible and *The Bible Recap for Kids*, you may want to spend more than one day on each "day" of our reading. That's great!

Take all the time you want to soak up God’s Word. Every day that you’re in God’s Word is a good day.

One more thing—in this book you’ll come across a phrase we use a lot: “He’s where the joy is!” That phrase appears so much because we believe it’s true. I’m praying for you as you read, that God will teach you about Himself and show you that He’s where the joy is!

A handwritten signature in a cursive script, reading "Sara Leigh". The signature is written in a light gray color and is positioned to the right of the main text block.

**THE
RECAPS
AND
CHRONOLOGICAL
READING PLAN**

GENESIS 1–3

ZOOM IN

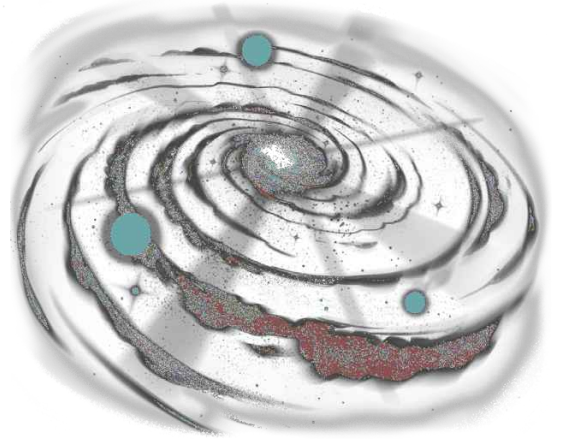
God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. . . .”

Genesis 1:26

Today we start at the beginning: creation. The heavens and the earth and everything in them were created on purpose by God. In 1:26, God talks about Himself in the plural form: “Let us make human beings in our image.” The **Trinity** is one God in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. They’re all there at creation, working together!

God tells us His personal name in 2:4. When you see the word *LORD* written in all capital letters, it represents an ancient Hebrew—the language the Old Testament was written in—spelling of YHWH (you’ll hear this pronounced “Yahweh” or “Jehovah”). This is God’s personal name, and He tells it to us in His Word because He wants you to know Him!

When Adam and Eve **sin**, they believe the lie that they know better than God—their Creator and their *LORD*. This is a lie that we’re often still tempted to believe today.



TODAY'S GOD SHOT

God is our Creator and our *LORD*, and He knows everything. He knew that Adam and Eve would sin, and that we all would sin. He’s had a plan all along to make everything right again, and one day, He will! And until then, God is still with us, and He seeks us out with His perfect love. When Adam and Eve hide from God, they know they’ve disobeyed and sinned against Him. But God calls out to them because He loves them. There are consequences when you sin, but even in your sin, there is always God’s great kindness toward you. He’s where the joy is!

GENESIS 4-7

DAY 2

ZOOM IN

Noah found favor with the LORD.

Genesis 6:8

When God created the world, He said it was very good. It was *good*, but it wasn't—and isn't—*perfect*. We saw this when Eve ate the fruit. We saw this when Adam hid from God. We see this when Cain kills Abel. And we see this as more and more people are born. Sin damages the world God made good and the people in it.

As the number of people on earth grows, so does their wickedness. In Genesis 6, the “sons of God” (probably fallen angels) take any woman they want and tell her she has to be their wife. This isn't God's way, but they follow their selfish hearts anyway. The children born as a result of this sin are completely wrapped up in evil.

This makes God sad. He says He'll shorten life-spans in the future, and He'll bring a great flood to wipe out everyone who has been consumed by evil now. This is almost all people, except for one family. Noah lives the way God wants him to, so God tells Noah to build an ark to keep him, his family, and the animals safe during the coming flood. Noah obeys, and the rains come.

TODAY'S GOD SHOT

God is **sovereign**. That means that He has the ultimate power over everyone and everything He created. He created the rain, and He tells it when to start and stop. He's had a plan all along to fix the things we've broken, including our relationship with Him. And evil can't ruin God's plan. You can be joyful knowing that His plan works through all things, even the things you don't understand. He's where the joy is!

GENESIS 8–11

ZOOM IN

God said to Noah, “Yes, this rainbow is the sign of the covenant I am confirming with all the creatures on earth.”

Genesis 9:17

When the rains stop, Noah and his family have a lot to get used to. They live in a new place. The land is muddy and soggy. Everyone else on earth has died. And they know they’ll live shorter lives than people before them did. Everything seems to have changed for Noah and his family, and change can feel scary sometimes.

But God—who never changes—makes them a promise: He’ll never again destroy the earth with a flood. God tells Noah that His promise is a **covenant** between Him and Noah and all people who will ever live on the earth. This is the first covenant in the Bible, and it’s unconditional. God knows that people will continue to sin, and He makes the promise anyway. God gives them a rainbow as a sign of His covenant, and He invites them to join Him in the covenant relationship by filling the earth with people again.

Noah’s family gets part of the invitation right, and many more people are born. But they miss the second part. They don’t fill the earth; they stay put in one place, ignoring God’s instructions. So God spreads them out by changing their languages and dividing them into groups.



TODAY’S GOD SHOT

God’s covenant with Noah and all people on earth includes you! Even though our sin continues today, God will never again destroy the earth with a flood. God sent Noah and his family a sign of this promise: a rainbow. Can you imagine the joy they must’ve felt every time they saw a rainbow for the rest of their lives? You can share their joy today, because He’s where the joy is!

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