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Matthew

-Jesus as King



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The Big Idea:

Matthew tells the story of Jesus' life and how He comes as the long awaited Savior and King.

How does Matthew fit into God's big story?

Jesus came to save God's people and be the one, true King they needed.

How does Matthew fit into my story?

Because Jesus is King, I can get a new life and a friendship with God.

Stories & Verses to Read:

Birth of Jesus	(Matt. 2:1)
Jesus Gives Blessings	(Matt. 5:3-10)
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Mark

-Jesus as Servant



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The Big Idea:

Mark tells the story of how Jesus showed God's love by serving others.

How does Mark fit into God's big story?

God showed us through the life of Jesus that greatness is determined by how we serve others.

How does Mark fit into my story?

I can change the world by serving one person at a time.

Stories & Verses to Read:

John Prepares for Jesus
Jesus Chooses Disciples
Jesus Feeds the 5,000
Jesus Dies for our Sins

(Mark 1:2-4)
(Mark 3:13-19)
(Mark 6:43-44)
(Mark 15:21-26)

Luke

-Jesus as Man



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The Big Idea:

Luke shows us how Jesus is fully God and fully man and is tempted like we are, but He does not sin.

How does Luke fit into God's big story?

God sent Jesus to Earth to show people how to live and follow Him.

How does Luke fit into my story?

The more I know about Jesus, the better I can follow Him.

Stories & Verses to Read:

Jesus As a Boy
Jesus Is Tempted
Jesus Teaches Us to Pray
Jesus & Children

(Luke 2:41-50)
(Luke 4:1-13)
(Luke 11:2-4)
(Luke 18:16we)

John

-Jesus as God



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The Big Idea:

John wants us to see and believe that Jesus is the Son of God who can save us and give us eternal life.

How does John fit into God's big story?

God loved the world and planned to save people from sin and death through His power in Jesus.

How does John fit into my story?

I can have a friendship with God by believing Jesus is who He says He is.

Stories & Verses to Read:

The Word Became Flesh
Jesus Walks on Water
Jesus Makes a Way
The Empty Tomb

(John 1:14)
(John 6:16-21)
(John 14:6)
(John 20:1-9)

Acts

-The Church



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The Big Idea:

Jesus starts the Church and sends the Holy Spirit to give His disciples courage, strength, and power to tell everyone about the good news of God's love.

How does Acts fit into God's big story?

God planned for the Church to grow through the message of His love for all people.

How does Acts fit into my story?

I am part of the Church and can tell others about God's love for them.

Stories & Verses to Read:

The Holy Spirit Comes
The Church Grows
Saul Is Changed

(Acts 1:8)
(Acts 2:42-47)
(Acts 9:1-19)

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Romans

-God's Love



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The Big Idea:

The good news of God's love is for everyone.

How does Romans fit into God's big story?

God's promise to save was completed when Jesus died and rose again.

How does Romans fit into my story?

Following rules can change my behavior, but following Jesus will change my heart.

Stories & Verses to Read:

All Have Sinned
Believe With Your Heart
Love in Action

(Rom. 3:23)
(Rom. 10:9)
(Rom. 12:9-21)

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1 Corinthians

-God's Gifts



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The Big Idea:

Paul writes a letter to the church in Corinth to ask them to live differently from the world.

How does 1 Corinthians fit into God's big story?

God wanted the people in His Church to be loving.

How does 1 Corinthians fit into my story?

I can play a part in the Church by loving God and using His gifts to serve others.

Stories & Verses to Read:

Whatever You Do
Gifts of Holy Spirit
Love

(1 Cor. 10:31)
(1 Cor. 12:7-11)
(1 Cor. 13)

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2 Corinthians

-God's Power



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The Big Idea:

Paul reminds the church in Corinth about the good news of Jesus and how God gives them power to live.

How does 2 Corinthians fit into God's big story?

God's power made His people strong in their faith.

How does 2 Corinthians fit into my story?

I can tell God when I am weak, and He will give me His strength.

Stories & Verses to Read:

Comfort	(2 Cor. 1:3-4)
Jars of Clay	(2 Cor. 4:7-9)
New Creation	(2 Cor. 5:17)
Strength in Weakness	(2 Cor. 12:9)

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Galatians

-Freedom



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The Big Idea:

Paul writes a letter to God's people in Galatia telling them that, because of Jesus, they can live in freedom by the power of the Holy Spirit.

How does Galatians fit into God's big story?

God used the Holy Spirit to change people and to help them love others.

How does Galatians fit into my story?

The only way I can have a friendship with God is through Jesus. He frees me from the wrong things I've done and gives the Holy Spirit to help me do what's right.

Stories & Verses to Read:

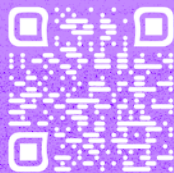
Freedom from Sin
The Fruit of the Spirit
Don't Give Up

(Gal. 5:13)
(Gal. 5:22-23)
(Gal. 6:9)

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Ephesians

-God's Armor



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The Big Idea:

Paul writes a letter to the people at Ephesus to tell them they are a part of God's family and to show them how to live.

How does Ephesians fit into God's big story?

God made a way for people to be in His family and stand against the devil's evil plans.

How does Ephesians fit into my story?

God loves me and gives me what I need to fight the devil.

Stories & Verses to Read:

God Chose Us (Eph. 1:4)
God's Family (Eph. 2:19-21)
More Than Imaginable (Eph. 3:20)
Armor of God (Eph. 6:10-17)

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Philippians

-Jesus' Example



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The Big Idea:

Paul writes this letter to encourage God's people in Philippi to have joy that comes from following Jesus' example.

How does Philippians fit into God's big story?

God sent Jesus to show His people how to obey Him, put others first, and love others well.

How does Philippians fit into my story?

Jesus sets the example for my friendship with God and with other people.

Stories & Verses to Read:

God's Good Work
Jesus' Example
Don't Worry
Do All Things

(Phil. 1:6)
(Phil. 2:6-8)
(Phil. 4:6)
(Phi. 4:13)

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Colossians

-How to Live



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The Big Idea:

Paul warns the people in Colossae not to be distracted by false teachers, and he teaches them how to live and get along with other believers.

How does Colossians fit into God's big story?

God sent Paul to help Jesus' followers remember the truth about Him.

How does Colossians fit into my story?

When I understand who Jesus is, it changes how I live.

Stories & Verses to Read:

All Things
Chosen People
Pray

(Col. 1:16)
(Col. 3:12-17)
(Col. 4:2)

PROPHETS: ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL, DANIEL, JONAH

Isaiah

-God's Promise



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The Big Idea:

Isaiah gives messages to God's people to encourage them to obey God and to let them know Jesus is coming

How does Isaiah fit into God's big story?

God kept His promise to save His people.

How does Isaiah fit into my story?

I can believe that God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the price for my sin.

Stories & Verses to Read:

God's Son
A New Thing
Hezekiah's Healing
God's Servant

(Isa. 9:6)
(Isa. 43:19)
(Isa. 38:1-8)
(Isa. 53)

PROPHETS: ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL, DANIEL, JONAH

Jeremiah

-Warning



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The Big Idea:

Jeremiah, a prophet to God's people in Judah, warns them that God will punish their disobedience to Him.

How does Jeremiah fit into God's big story?

God wanted people to understand that He hated sin and that they could turn back to follow Him.

How does Jeremiah fit into my story?

When I choose wrong things instead of listening to God, bad things may happen. But God can use the bad things to help change my heart.

Stories & Verses to Read:

Jeremiah's Purpose
The Potter's House
Jeremiah's Letter

(Jer. 1:4-9)
(Jer. 18:1-6)
(Jer. 29:10-14)

PROPHETS: ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL, DANIEL, JONAH

Ezekiel

-Visions



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The Big Idea:

Ezekiel tells God's people about their sin and what God is going to do in the future.

How does Ezekiel fit into God's big story?

God proved He is in control and offered hope to His people.

How does Ezekiel fit into my story?

I should always be quick to turn away from doing bad things.

Stories & Verses to Read:

Visions of God
Bring People Home
Valley of Dry Bones

(Eze. 1:1)
(Eze. 11:14-19)
(Eze. 37:1-14)

PROPHETS: ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL, DANIEL, JONAH

Daniel

-Courage



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The Big Idea:

Daniel has courage and stands up for his belief in God. God blesses him, gives him wisdom, and helps him show others God's power.

How does Daniel fit into God's big story?

God showed that He alone is able to protect His people.

How does Daniel fit into my story?

I can have courage to stand up for God knowing that He is my Protector.

Stories & Verses to Read:

God's Gifts

(Dan. 1:17)

The King's Dream

(Dan. 2:27-29)

The Fiery Furnace

(Dan. 3:13-30)

Daniel & the Lion's Den

Dan. 6

PROPHETS: ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL, DANIEL, JONAH

Jonah

-God's Message



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The Big Idea:

God tells Jonah to go to the people in Nineveh and tell them to turn to God. At first, Jonah disobeys and ends up in the belly of a huge fish, but God forgives him.

How does Jonah fit into God's big story?

God wanted His message of love to be shared with all people, even those who do wrong things.

How does Jonah fit into my story?

God still loves me even when I try to run or hide from Him.

Stories & Verses to Read:

Jonah & the Fish
Jonah Goes to Nineveh
Jonah's Anger

(Jonah 1:17)
(Jonah 3)
(Jonah 4:5-10)

PSALMS, HYMS & SPIRITUAL THINGS: PSALMS, SONG OF SONGS, LAMENTATIONS,
PROVERBS, ECCLESIASTES

Psalms

-Songs



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The Big Idea:

Psalms is a book of different poems, prayers, and praises to God.

How does Psalms fit into God's big story?

God created ways for people to show Him how they feel.

How does Psalms fit into my story?

God cares about my feelings and wants me to tell Him how I feel.

Stories & Verses to Read:

How to Be Blessed

(Ps. 1:1)

The Lord Is My Shepherd

(Ps. 23)

God Sees Me & Knows Me

(Ps. 139:1-18)

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PROVERBS, ECCLESIASTES

Song of Songs

-Love Poem



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The Big Idea:

The Song of Songs is a beautiful love poem between a man and a woman who fall in love and get married.

How does Song of Songs fit into God's big story?

God made marriage to be enjoyed by a husband and wife for as long as they live.

How does Song of Songs fit into my story?

Marriage is a promise to God that I will love someone forever.

Stories & Verses to Read:

Banner of Love
A Bride's Beauty

(Song 2:4)
(Song 4:9)

PSALMS, HYMS & SPIRITUAL THINGS: PSALMS, SONG OF SONGS, LAMENTATIONS,
PROVERBS, ECCLESIASTES

Lamentations

-Sadness



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The Big Idea:

Jeremiah cries out to God to ask for forgiveness and help for the people who were taken away from their city.

How does Lamentations fit into God's big story?

Even though God's people suffered the consequences of their sins, He had compassion and forgave them.

How does Lamentations fit into my story?

I can express my sadness to God when I do wrong things. He cares about me and will forgive me.

Stories & Verses to Read:

God's People Suffer
Love Every Morning

(Lam. 1:7)
(Lam. 3:22-24)

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PROVERBS, ECCLESIASTES

Proverbs

-Wisdom



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The Big Idea:

Proverbs is a guide for learning to live wisely in God's world.

How does Proverbs fit into God's big story?

God gave His people wisdom for their everyday lives.

How does Proverbs fit into my story?

If I want to live my best life, I should seek God's wisdom and follow His instruction.

Stories & Verses to Read:

What is Proverbs
Trust in the Lord
The Excellent Woman

(Prov. 1:1-2)
(Prov. 3:5-6)
(Prov. 31:10-20)

PSALMS, HYMS & SPIRITUAL THINGS: PSALMS, SONG OF SONGS, LAMENTATIONS,
PROVERBS, ECCLESIASTES

Ecclesiastes

-Happiness



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The Big Idea:

Nothing in life can make you truly happy except living for God and knowing Him.

How does Ecclesiastes fit into God's big story?

God showed people that true happiness comes from a friendship with Him.

How does Ecclesiastes fit into my story?

Only a relationship with God will make me truly happy.

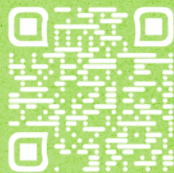
Stories & Verses to Read:

Nothing Is New
Everything Comes From God
Keep Your Promise to God

(Ecc. 1:9)
(Ecc. 2:24)
(Ecc. 5:4-7)

Genesis

-The Beginning



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The Big Idea:

Genesis means “beginning” — the beginning of God’s friendship with the world, people, animals, but also the beginning of sin.

How does Genesis fit into God’s big story?

God showed that He is big enough to create the world yet small enough to be friends with the people He made.

How does Genesis fit into my story?

No matter how many mistakes I make, God will never give up on His friendship with me.

Stories & Verses to Read:

God Makes Man

(Gen. 1:26-27)

Noah’s Ark

(Gen. 6:11, 9: 8-16)

Abraham

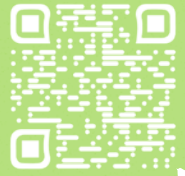
(Gen. 17:1-7)

Joseph & His Brothers

(Gen. 37:3-34)

Exodus

-Rescue



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The Big Idea:

God makes a way to rescue and free His people from Pharaoh's evil rule.

How does Exodus fit into God's big story?

God kept His promise to protect His people.

How does Exodus fit into my story?

God knows when I'm in trouble and will rescue me.

Stories & Verses to Read:

God's Name

(Ex. 3:14)

The Red Sea

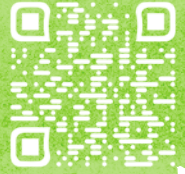
(Ex. 14:21-31)

10 Commandments

(Ex. 20:1-17)

Leviticus

-God Is Perfect



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The Big Idea:

God is perfect, or holy. He wants His people to live holy lives that look different because He is their God, and they are His people.

How does Leviticus fit into God's big story?

God gave His people instructions and rules to help them know the best way to live.

How does Leviticus fit into my story?

God cares about how I live each day.

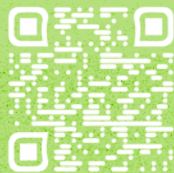
Stories & Verses to Read:

God Forgives Sins
Love Your Neighbor
God Is Holy

(Lev. 16:30)
(Lev. 19:18)
(Lev. 22:31-33)

Numbers

-Wilderness



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The Big Idea:

God leads His people through the wilderness. Even though they complain, He still cares for them.

How does Numbers fit into God's big story?

God showed His people that they could trust Him to keep His promises even though they disobeyed.

How does Numbers fit into my story?

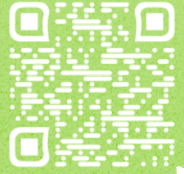
God forgives all of my sins, but I still face the consequences of my choices.

Stories & Verses to Read:

Moses Counted	(Num. 1:1-2)
The Blessing	(Num. 6:22-27)
Water From a Rock	(Num. 20)
God Doesn't Lie	(Num. 23:19)

Deuteronomy

-Remember



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The Big Idea:

Moses helps the people remember God's commands as they get close to the land He promised them.

How does Deuteronomy fit into God's big story?

God wanted His people to remember that they belonged to Him.

How does Deuteronomy fit into my story?

God wants me to love Him and the people in my life more than I love myself and anything in the world.

Stories & Verses to Read:

Wandering in the Desert
Love God
Moses' Death

(Deut. 2:7)
(Deut. 6:4-6)
(Deut. 34)