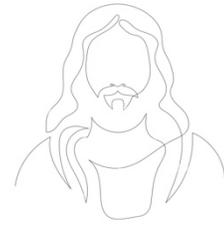


The One Story That Leads to Jesus

A Kid-Friendly Companion Reading Plan for Families



Designed to walk alongside the adult reading plan with simple, joyful, Jesus-centered Scripture engagement.

How This Plan Works

At The Parish Church, we believe spiritual formation will flourish when families grow together in scripture. This kids companion plan follows the same biblical storyline and books as the adult plan, but is shaped for children—shorter readings, simple language, and space for wonder.

Below is a **fully mapped, 52-week plan** that aligns with *The One Story That Leads to Jesus* adult reading plan.

Each week includes: - **Preschool Track:** One repeated story + simple truth and
Elementary Track: 3 short readings + 1 reflection day (Choose the one that works best for you and your family)

Additional option: If you have a preschooler or an independent reader, The Jesus Storybook Bible is a great option to read through as well. Here is a [link](#) to purchase.

Families can move at their own pace. If you miss a week, simply begin again.

FULL YEAR WEEK-BY-WEEK MAP

WEEKS 1–8 | GENESIS

Big Theme: God makes a good world and keeps His promises.

Week 1 – Creation - Preschool: God Made Everything / Elementary: Genesis 1:1–5; 1:26–31; Psalm 8

Week 2 – People & Choice - Preschool: God Made People and Loves Them / Elementary: Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7; 3:15

Week 3 – Broken World, Faithful God - Preschool: God Still Loves People / Elementary: Genesis 4:1–10; 6:5–8; 9:12–15

Week 4 – God’s Promise to Abraham - Preschool: God Makes a Promise / Elementary: Genesis 12:1–3; 15:5–6; 17:7

Week 5 – God Is Faithful - Preschool: God Keeps His Promises / Elementary: Genesis 21:1–3; 22:1–14; 26:3–5

Week 6 – God’s Family Grows - Preschool: God Has a Big Family / Elementary: Genesis 28:10–15; 32:24–28; 35:9–12

Week 7 – Joseph - Preschool: God Has a Plan / Elementary: Genesis 37:3–8; 45:4–8; 50:20

Week 8 – God Saves His People - Preschool: God Takes Care of His Family / Elementary: Genesis 46:1–4; Exodus 1:8–14; Exodus 2:23–25

WEEKS 9–14 | EXODUS

Big Theme: God rescues His people and stays with them.

Week 9 – God Sends a Rescuer - Preschool: God Sends Moses / Elementary: Exodus 3:1–6; 3:10–12; 4:10–12

Week 10 – God Is Stronger - Preschool: God Shows His Power / Elementary: Exodus 7:1–5; 12:12–13; 12:31–32

Week 11 – God Makes a Way - Preschool: God Saves His People / Elementary: Exodus 14:10–14; 14:21–22; 15:1–3

Week 12 – God Goes With Us - Preschool: God Is With His People / Elementary: Exodus 16:11–15; 17:5–7; 19:4–6

Week 13 – God Shows How to Live - Preschool: God Gives Good Rules / Elementary: Exodus 20:1–3; 20:8; 20:12

Week 14 – God Dwells With His People - Preschool: God Lives With His People / Elementary: Exodus 25:8; 29:45–46; 40:34–38

WEEKS 15–18 | LEVITICUS & NUMBERS

Big Theme: God is holy and stays with His people.

Week 15 – God Is Holy - Preschool: God Is Good and Holy / Elementary: Leviticus 19:1–2; 19:18; Psalm 24:3–4

Week 16 – God Forgives - Preschool: God Helps Us Start Again / Elementary: Leviticus 16:29–31; Numbers 14:18; Psalm 103:8–12

Week 17 – God Guides His People - Preschool: God Shows the Way / Elementary: Numbers 9:15–18; 11:1; 21:4–9

Week 18 – God Keeps His Promises - Preschool: God Does What He Says / Elementary: Numbers 23:19; Deuteronomy 6:4–5; 7:9

WEEKS 19–26 | JOSHUA–ESTHER

Big Theme: God leads His people and remains faithful.

Week 19 – God Is With Us - Preschool: God Is Strong / Elementary: Joshua 1:5–9; 3:14–17

Week 20 – God Saves - Preschool: God Helps His People / Elementary: Joshua 6:20; Judges 2:16–18

Week 21 – God Sends Helpers - Preschool: God Sends Rescuers / Elementary: Judges 6:12–16; 1 Samuel 3:9–10

Week 22 – God Looks at the Heart - Preschool: God Sees Our Hearts / Elementary: 1 Samuel 16:7; Psalm 23:1–4

Week 23 – God Is a Faithful King - Preschool: God Is Our King / Elementary: 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Psalm 89:3–4

Week 24 – God Sends Prophets - Preschool: God Speaks to His People / Elementary: 1 Kings 18:36–39; 19:11–13

Week 25 – God Does Not Forget - Preschool: God Remembers His People / Elementary: 2 Kings 17:13; Daniel 1:8; 3:17–18

Week 26 – God Saves Through Courage - Preschool: God Uses Brave People / Elementary: Esther 4:14; Psalm 121:1–2

WEEKS 27–30 | POETRY & WISDOM

Big Theme: God hears us and teaches us wisdom.

Week 27 – God Hears Us - Preschool: God Listens When We Pray / Elementary: Psalm 23; Psalm 34:8

Week 28 – God Gives Wisdom - Preschool: God Helps Us Choose Well / Elementary: Proverbs 1:7; 3:5–6

Week 29 – God Is With Us in Hard Times - Preschool: God Is Always With Us / Elementary: Job 1:21; 19:25

Week 30 – God Gives Life Meaning - Preschool: God Makes Life Special / Elementary: Ecclesiastes 3:1; 12:13

WEEKS 31–35 | PROPHETS

Big Theme: God promises a Savior.

Week 31 – God Calls His People Back - Preschool: God Wants Our Hearts / Elementary: Isaiah 1:18; Micah 6:8

Week 32 – God Promises Hope - Preschool: God Gives Hope / Elementary: Isaiah 9:6–7; 11:1–2

Week 33 – God Promises a New Heart - Preschool: God Makes Us New / Elementary: Jeremiah 31:33; Ezekiel 36:26

Week 34 – God Is Patient and Kind - Preschool: God Loves His People / Elementary: Jonah 3:10; Nahum 1:7

Week 35 – God Will Make Things Right - Preschool: God Will Fix the World / Elementary: Habakkuk 2:14; Zechariah 9:9

WEEKS 36–41 | GOSPELS

Big Theme: Jesus is God with us.

Week 36 – Jesus Is Born - Preschool: Jesus Comes to Us / Elementary: Luke 1:30–33; 2:10–11

Week 37 – Jesus Teaches - Preschool: Jesus Teaches Us / Elementary: Matthew 5:14–16; 7:24–27

Week 38 – Jesus Heals - Preschool: Jesus Helps People / Elementary: Mark 2:3–12; John 9:35–38

Week 39 – Jesus Loves Everyone - Preschool: Jesus Loves All People / Elementary: Luke 10:33–37; 15:20–24

Week 40 – Jesus Dies for Us - Preschool: Jesus Shows God’s Love / Elementary: Luke 23:44–46; Romans 5:8

Week 41 – Jesus Is Alive - Preschool: Jesus Is Alive! / Elementary: Luke 24:5–7; John 20:19–20

WEEKS 42–48 | ACTS & LETTERS

Big Theme: God forms His church.

Week 42 – God Sends the Holy Spirit - Preschool: God Sends His Spirit / Elementary: Acts 2:1–4; 2:38–39

Week 43 – God’s Family Grows - Preschool: God Makes a Big Family / Elementary: Acts 2:42–47; 4:32

Week 44 – God Sends Helpers - Preschool: God Sends Friends / Elementary: Acts 9:15–16; 13:2–3

Week 45 – God Teaches Us How to Live - Preschool: God Helps Us Love Others / Elementary: Romans 12:9–10; Galatians 5:22–23

Week 46 – God Makes Us New - Preschool: God Changes Our Hearts / Elementary: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:8–10

Week 47 – God Gives Us Hope - Preschool: God Gives Us Hope / Elementary: Hebrews 11:1; James 1:2–4

Week 48 – God Calls Us to Love - Preschool: God Teaches Us to Love / Elementary: 1 John 4:9–11

WEEKS 49–52 | REVELATION & NEW CREATION

Big Theme: Jesus makes all things new.

Week 49 – Jesus Is King - Preschool: Jesus Is Our King / Elementary: Revelation 1:5–6; 5:9–10

Week 50 – God Is With His People Forever - Preschool: God Is Always With Us / Elementary: Revelation 7:15–17

Week 51 – God Makes All Things New - Preschool: God Makes Everything New / Elementary: Revelation 21:1–5

Week 52 – The Story Continues - Preschool: God’s Story Never Ends / Elementary: Revelation 22:1–5

WEEKLY PARENT COACHING NOTES

For Parents

These notes are designed to help you feel confident, not pressured. You don't need all the answers—just a willingness to listen, wonder, and point your children to Jesus.

Weeks 1–8 | Genesis

Focus: God's good world and His faithful promises. - Keep the tone hopeful, even when stories get hard. - Emphasize that God stays close when people make mistakes. - Reassure kids: God's plan is bigger than our failures.

Weeks 9–14 | Exodus

Focus: God rescues and stays with His people. - Highlight God's power *and* His care. - Help kids notice how God hears cries for help. - Connect rescue stories to Jesus as our ultimate Rescuer.

Weeks 15–18 | Leviticus & Numbers

Focus: God is holy and forgiving. - Don't over-explain laws—focus on God's desire to be near His people. - Reinforce that forgiveness is God's idea, not ours. - Point to Jesus as the One who helps us draw near to God.

Weeks 19–26 | Joshua–Esther

Focus: God leads, corrects, and remains faithful. - Celebrate courage and faithfulness. - Be honest about leaders who fail—God doesn't. - Help kids see bravery as trusting God, not being fearless.

Weeks 27–30 | Poetry & Wisdom

Focus: God listens and teaches us how to live. - Encourage kids to name real feelings. - Let Psalms model honest prayer. - When questions come up, it's okay to say, "Let's wonder together."

Weeks 31–35 | Prophets

Focus: God promises hope and a Savior. - Keep the spotlight on hope, not judgment. - Help kids recognize that God wants hearts, not perfection. - Repeatedly connect promises to Jesus.

Weeks 36–41 | Gospels

Focus: Jesus is God with us. - Slow down here—these stories matter deeply. - Encourage kids to notice how Jesus treats people. - Ask: “What do you notice about Jesus?” more than “What should we do?”

Weeks 42–48 | Acts & Letters

Focus: God forms His church. - Emphasize that the church is people, not a building. - Celebrate love, generosity, and growth. - Help kids see themselves as part of God’s family.

Weeks 49–52 | Revelation & New Creation

Focus: Jesus makes all things new. - Keep imagery hopeful, not scary. - Focus on God’s promise to be with His people forever. - End the year celebrating hope, joy, and trust in Jesus.

A FINAL WORD TO PARENTS

Faith is formed over time, through presence and practice. Some weeks will feel meaningful. Others may feel messy. God works in both.

You are not doing this alone.

— The Parish Kids Ministry