

Exploring God's Word

A Bible Study About God's Love for the Nations

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Exploring God's Word takes you into a never-ending treasure trove filled with truth, wisdom, and the words of eternal life from the Creator God. Over the following weeks, you'll find out what the Bible says about where the different people groups came from and God's love for them. Your parents, caregivers, or church teachers can help you find the Scripture verses. Write or draw your answer in the box beneath each question.

Week 1

What Did God Make?

Read Genesis 1.

Q. What did God make on day one of the creation week?

Genesis 1:1-5

A. He created the earth and separated the light from darkness.

Q. What did God create on days two and three of the creation week?

Genesis 1:6-13

A. On day two, he separated the waters above the earth from the waters on the earth. Day three, he made dry land and plants.

Q. What did God make on days four and five of creation week?

Genesis 1:14–23

A. On day four, he made the sun, moon, and stars. On day five, he made the flying creatures (including pteranodons) and swimming creatures (like plesiosaurs).

Q. What did God make on day six of creation week?

Genesis 1:24–25

A. He made land animals, including dinosaurs!

Q. Whom did God create in his own image?

Genesis 1:26–31, 2:18–24

A. He made the first two people, Adam and Eve, in his own image. He made Adam from the dust of the ground. He made Eve from Adam's side. He said everything was very good.

Week 2

What Happened After Adam Sinned?

Read Genesis 2–3.

Q. What did God tell Adam?

Genesis 2:7–17

A. God told Adam he could eat from any tree in the garden except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The punishment for disobeying was death.

Q. Did Adam obey God?

Genesis 3:1–7

A. No, he disobeyed God's command. He ate fruit from the tree God had told him not to eat from.

Q. What was the punishment for Adam's disobedience (sin)?

Genesis 3:8–24; Romans 5:12

A. After Adam sinned, God placed a curse on his creation. He sent Adam and Eve from the garden so they couldn't eat from the Tree of Life and live forever. He provided clothes for Adam and Eve by killing at least one animal.

Q. Did Adam and Eve's children obey God?

Genesis 4

A. No, Cain also disobeyed God.

Q. As time went on, did people obey or disobey God? What happened because of their sin?

Genesis 6

A. They continued to disobey God. God sent a worldwide flood as a punishment for the wickedness of mankind.

Week 3

What Happened at Babel?

Read Genesis 10–11.

Q. After the flood of Noah's day, what did God tell Noah and his family to do?

Genesis 9:1-7

A. He told them to fill the earth.

Q. Did Noah's family obey God?

Genesis 11:1-4

A. No, they disobeyed God. They settled together in Shinar and built a city and tower so they wouldn't be scattered over the earth.

Q. How did God cause the people to follow his command at Babel?

Genesis 11:5–9

A. He confused the language of the people and scattered them over the face of the earth.

Q. Where have all the nations come from?

Genesis 10

A. Today's people groups and nations have come from the people (Noah's descendants) who scattered across the earth after Babel.

Q. Are we all part of the same family?

Acts 17:26

A. Yes! We are all part of Adam and Eve's family, no matter where we live, what language we speak, or what shade of skin we have.

Week 4

Does God Love All Nations?

Read Psalms 117.

Q. Who will worship God?

Psalms 86:9; Psalms 117:1; Daniel 7:14

A. All the nations he has made will bring God glory.

Q. Whom did Jesus come to save?

1 John 2:2; Revelation 5:9

A. He came to save people from every tribe, language, and nation.

Q. Whom should we tell about Jesus?

Psalms 96:3; Isaiah 45:22; Matthew 28:19–20

A. All people.

Q. Who is the King over all the nations?

Psalms 47:7–9; Psalms 99:1–3

A. God is the King over all the earth.

Q. Whom does God love?

John 3:16–17

A. God loved the world so much that he sent Jesus to save people from their sins.

Week 5

Why Do We All Need a Savior?

Read Romans 5:12–21.

Q. What is the condition of all people?

Genesis 3; Romans 3:23, 5:12

A. From the time of Adam, all people have sinned. We all disobey God's commands. The punishment for sin is death.

Q. What is required for sins to be forgiven?

Hebrews 9:22

A. God requires that blood be shed to pay for sins.

Q. Why did Jesus die on the cross?
Romans 5:6–11; Colossians 1:15–20

A. He died and shed his blood to pay the penalty for our sins.

Q. Did Jesus stay dead?
Matthew 28:1–10

A. No—he rose from the dead physically and is alive today!

Q. What gift does God offer us?

Romans 6:23, 10:9–10; John 17:1–5; 1 John 5:1–13

A. God offers us eternal life. We receive this gift by repenting of our sins (saying we are sorry for disobeying God) and believing that Jesus died and rose on our behalf.

Week 6

Who Is Our Neighbor?

Luke 10:25–37.

Q. Whom should we love?

Luke 10:25–28

A. Jesus said we need to love God and love our neighbor.

Q. In the story about the Good Samaritan, how did the priest and Levite treat the man who was hurt?

Luke 10:29–32

A. They passed by the man. They didn't show love to him.

Q. When Jesus lived on earth, the Jews didn't like Samaritans. What did the Good Samaritan do for the hurt Jewish man?

Luke 10:33–37

A. He took care of the man who was hurt and had compassion on him.

Q. Jesus showed us how to treat others.
Whose interests should we put first?

Philippians 2:3–8

A. Jesus showed us that we are to serve others. We are to put the interests of others before our own interests. We shouldn't think that we are better than anyone else.

Q. How can you be a good neighbor?

Luke 10:29–37

A. We can show kindness to anyone who needs it, regardless of what people group they're part of, what language they speak, or what shade of skin they have.

Week 7

How Should We Treat Others?

Read Philippians 2:1–11.

Q. How should we treat our neighbors?
1 Corinthians 10:24; Romans 13:10

A. We should do good things for our neighbors and not hate them.

Q. How should we treat our one another?
Ephesians 4:32

A. We should be kind to one another, ready to forgive because God has forgiven those who ask him to in Jesus.

Q. How should we treat our neighbors?

Romans 12:18

A. We should live at peace with them.

Q. What does it mean to love others?

1 Corinthians 13

A. Love is being patient and kind. Love considers others more important than ourselves. Love rejoices with the truth.

Q. Who gives us the ability to love our neighbor?

Galatians 5:22–24

A. The Holy Spirit, who lives in those who have received the gift of eternal life, gives us the ability to show love toward others.