
From Genesis to Revelation: A One-Year Walk Through the Bible

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A Letter from the Author

When my kids were growing up, I wanted them to truly know the Bible — not just the well-known stories from Sunday School, but the entire picture from Genesis to Revelation. I didn't want it to feel like a chore or a long, boring lecture. I wanted them to see God's Word as alive, exciting, and full of real-life connections.

That's how this book came to be. It's designed to go hand-in-hand with the short, visually engaging **BibleProject** videos (available for free on YouTube). These videos are perfect for today's quick attention spans — giving a colorful, big-picture overview of each book of the Bible in just a few minutes. And then this study guide takes it a step further.

Each lesson begins with a short group study that's interactive, discussion-based, and packed with “fun facts” to keep it engaging. From there, students are encouraged to dive deeper on their own — exploring the Bible passages personally, thinking about what they mean, and finding ways to apply them in everyday life.

Here's how it works:

- **Day 1** of each lesson is meant to be done together as a group. You'll watch the corresponding BibleProject video, go through the discussion questions, and read the key verses together.
- **Day 2** is for independent work. Students can do this the next day on their own, or, if you prefer a faster pace, right after the group portion. This gives you the flexibility to stretch or shorten the study to fit your schedule.

For Scripture references, I've included **NLT, AMP, and KJV** side-by-side:

- **NLT** — my teens' favorite for easy reading and understanding.
- **AMP** — my personal preference for expanded detail and deeper insight.
- **KJV** — a classic, straightforward choice many families appreciate.

There are **81 total lessons** in this book. If you choose to do **2 lessons per week** (which equals 4 total workdays per week), you'll finish in about **41 weeks** — almost a full school year. Of course, you can go faster or slower depending on your needs.

My hope is that this guide helps families, teachers, and youth leaders make Bible learning something kids actually look forward to. Not watered down. Not dry. But **solid truth** wrapped in creativity, conversation, and discovery.

The Bible is God's story — and it's your story too. I pray this journey through Scripture opens eyes, strengthens faith, and helps you fall in love with God's Word in a new way.

— *Amy Maryon*

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Lesson 11 – Ruth

🎥 Video: Ruth Overview

Day 1 – Group Study

Teacher Introduction (read aloud)

“Today we begin the book of Ruth, one of the shortest and most beautiful stories in the Bible. It takes place during the time of the judges, a dark period in Israel’s history. But Ruth’s story shines as a reminder that God is always at work, even in hard times.

Ruth was a Moabite woman who chose to follow the God of Israel after marrying into an Israelite family. Her loyalty to her mother-in-law Naomi, her kindness, and her trust in God led her to a new life — and eventually into the family line of King David, and even Jesus.

This story teaches us about faithfulness, redemption, and God’s providence in the smallest details of life.”

Video Instructions

1. Watch the video all the way through without stopping.
2. Watch it again, pausing at these key moments to discuss:
 - 0:40 – Ruth’s decision to stay with Naomi.
 - 1:25 – Ruth gathers grain in Boaz’s field.
 - 2:20 – Boaz’s kindness and protection.
 - 3:15 – The kinsman-redeemer role explained.
 - 4:00 – Ruth’s marriage to Boaz and the birth of Obed.

Guided Discussion Questions with Teacher Notes

1. Why was Ruth’s choice to stay with Naomi so important?
Teacher Notes: She left her homeland, family, and gods to follow Naomi and the God of Israel — showing complete loyalty and faith.
2. What is a kinsman-redeemer?
Teacher Notes: A close relative who could protect, provide for, and continue the family line by marrying a widow or reclaiming family land.

3. How do we see God’s providence in this story?

Teacher Notes: God guided Ruth to Boaz’s field, arranged the redemption process, and placed her in the lineage of Christ.

4. What does this story teach us about kindness and faithfulness?

Teacher Notes: God honors those who act with loyalty, humility, and compassion toward others.

Key Verses

Ruth 1:16

- NLT: “But Ruth replied, ‘Don’t ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.’”
- AMP: “But Ruth said, ‘Do not urge me to leave you or to turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people will be my people, and your God, my God.’”
- KJV: “And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.”

Ruth 2:12

- NLT: “May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done.”
- AMP: “May the Lord reward your work, and may your wages be full from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”
- KJV: “The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.”

Ruth 3:11

- NLT: “Now don’t worry about a thing, my daughter. I will do what is necessary, for everyone in town knows you are a virtuous woman.”
- AMP: “Now, my daughter, do not be afraid; I will do for you whatever you ask, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence.”
- KJV: “And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.”

Ruth 4:14–15

- NLT: “Then the women of the town said to Naomi, ‘Praise the Lord, who has now provided a redeemer for your family! May this child be famous in Israel. May he restore your youth and care for you in your old age.’”
- AMP: “Then the women said to Naomi, ‘Blessed is the Lord who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel. May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer in your old age.’”
- KJV: “And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age.”

Working with Key Verses

- Look It Up – Find each verse in your Bible.
- Copy It – Write them neatly in your notebook.
- Memorize It – Choose one verse to commit to memory.
- Illustrate It – Draw Naomi and Ruth traveling together, or Boaz welcoming Ruth in the field.
- Paraphrase It – Rewrite the verse in your own words.
- Pray It – Thank God for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you be loyal and kind.

Fun Facts About Ruth

- The story takes place during the time of the judges.
- Ruth was from Moab, a nation often in conflict with Israel.
- Boaz’s kindness and generosity set a standard for godly relationships.
- Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David.

Bible Trivia for Review

1. Who was Ruth’s mother-in-law? (Naomi)
2. What is a kinsman-redeemer? (A close relative who could provide for and protect a widow)
3. Who did Ruth marry? (Boaz)
4. Who was Ruth’s great-grandson? (King David)

Day 2 – Independent Work

Parent Instructions to Student:

“This week, choose one story from Ruth to study on your own. You can write it on paper, type and email it to me, or record an audio presentation. Pick the format that works best for you.”

Story Suggestions:

- Ruth Chooses to Stay with Naomi (Ruth 1)
- Ruth Meets Boaz (Ruth 2)
- Ruth’s Night at the Threshing Floor (Ruth 3)
- Boaz Marries Ruth (Ruth 4)

Assignment Outline:

- Title & Passage – Name of story and Bible reference.
- Summary – 5–7 sentences in your own words.
- Main Theme – What does it teach about God and people?
- Key Verse – Write one verse from your story.
- Personal Application – How can you live out this truth today?

Example – Ruth Chooses to Stay with Naomi:

- Title & Passage: Ruth Chooses to Stay with Naomi – Ruth 1:6–18
- Summary: After their husbands died, Naomi urged her daughters-in-law to return home. Ruth refused and pledged to stay with Naomi, adopt her people, and follow her God.
- Main Theme: Loyalty and faith in God lead to blessings.
- Key Verse: Ruth 1:16 – “Wherever you go, I will go...” (NLT)
- Personal Application: I can show loyalty and faithfulness to my family and friends, trusting God to guide my steps.

Section 1 – Trivia Review: 1 Chronicles through Proverbs

- Q: Which two books repeat much of the history found in Samuel and Kings?
A: 1 and 2 Chronicles
- Q: Who was the first king mentioned in 1 Chronicles?
A: Saul
- Q: Which king prepared materials for the temple but did not build it?
A: David
- Q: Who actually built the temple in Jerusalem?
A: Solomon
- Q: What special object was placed in the Most Holy Place of the temple?
A: The Ark of the Covenant
- Q: What happened when the temple was dedicated?
A: God's glory filled the temple
- Q: Who was the queen who visited Solomon to test his wisdom?
A: The Queen of Sheba
- Q: Which king prayed for wisdom instead of riches or long life?
A: Solomon
- Q: Which book comes right after 2 Chronicles?
A: Ezra
- Q: Who led the rebuilding of the temple after the exile?
A: Zerubbabel
- Q: Who was the priest and scribe who taught God's law to the returned exiles?
A: Ezra
- Q: Which leader rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in just 52 days?
A: Nehemiah
- Q: Which queen risked her life to save her people from destruction?
A: Esther
- Q: Who was Esther's cousin who raised her?
A: Mordecai
- Q: What was the name of the man who plotted to destroy the Jews in Esther's time?
A: Haman
- Q: Which man lost everything but remained faithful to God?
A: Job
- Q: What did Job's friends think caused his suffering?
A: They thought he had sinned
- Q: In the end, what did God do for Job?
A: Restored his fortunes and gave him more than before
- Q: Which book is mostly made up of songs and prayers to God?
A: Psalms
- Q: Who wrote many of the Psalms?
A: David

21. Q: Which Psalm begins, “The Lord is my shepherd”?
A: Psalm 23
22. Q: Which Psalm is the longest chapter in the Bible?
A: Psalm 119
23. Q: Which book is full of wise sayings and advice for life?
A: Proverbs
24. Q: Who wrote most of the Proverbs?
A: Solomon
25. Q: What is the beginning of wisdom, according to Proverbs 9:10?
A: The fear of the Lord
26. Q: Which chapter in Proverbs describes a virtuous woman?
A: Proverbs 31
27. Q: According to Proverbs, what turns away wrath?
A: A gentle answer (or soft answer)
28. Q: Which book tells of a great celebration when the law was read to the people?
A: Nehemiah
29. Q: Which book tells about God’s deliverance without directly mentioning His name?
A: Esther
30. Q: Which book comes immediately before Proverbs?
A: Psalms

Section 2 – Bible Verse Review Games

Game 1 – Fastest Finder

Sample Verses (1 Chronicles–Proverbs):

1. 2 Chronicles 7:14 – *If my people...*
2. Nehemiah 8:10 – *The joy of the Lord is your strength*
3. Esther 4:14 – *For such a time as this*
4. Job 1:21 – *The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away*
5. Proverbs 3:5–6 – *Trust in the Lord with all your heart*

Game 2 – Fill in the Blank

1. “If my people, who are called by my ____, will humble themselves and pray... then I will ____ their land.” (name / heal – 2 Chronicles 7:14)
2. “The ____ of the Lord is your strength.” (joy – Nehemiah 8:10)
3. “Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a ____ as this?” (time – Esther 4:14)
4. “The Lord gave, and the Lord has ____ away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” (taken – Job 1:21)

5. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own _____. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which _____ to take.” (understanding / path – Proverbs 3:5–6)

Game 3 – Match the Verse to the Book

- “If my people... will humble themselves... I will heal their land.” → 2 Chronicles
- “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” → Nehemiah
- “For such a time as this.” → Esther
- “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away.” → Job
- “Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” → Proverbs

Game 4 – Say It Together

Practice as a group with 2 Chronicles 7:14, Nehemiah 8:10, Esther 4:14, Job 1:21, Proverbs 3:5–6.

Section 3 – Memorization Focus

Continue memorizing books of the Bible:

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs

Well-Known Key Verses in Three Translations (1 Chronicles–Proverbs)

2 Chronicles 7:14

- KJV: “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”
- NLT: “Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.”
- AMP: “If My people, who are called by My Name, humble themselves, and pray and seek (crave, require as a necessity) My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear [them] from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Nehemiah 8:10

- KJV: “...for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”
- NLT: “...for the joy of the Lord is your strength!”
- AMP: “...for the joy of the Lord is your strength and your stronghold.”

Esther 4:14

- **KJV:** "...and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"
- **NLT:** "...Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?"
- **AMP:** "...And who knows whether you have attained royalty for such a time as this [and for this very purpose]?"

Job 1:21

- **KJV:** "...the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."
- **NLT:** "...The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!"
- **AMP:** "...The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Proverbs 3:5–6

- **KJV:** "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."
- **NLT:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."
- **AMP:** "Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know and acknowledge and recognize Him, and He will make your paths straight and smooth [removing obstacles that block your way]."

Lesson 8 – Gospel of John

Video: Gospel of John part 2

Day 1 – Group Study

Teacher Introduction (read aloud):

In this lesson, we explore chapters 13 through 21 of the Gospel of John, focusing on Jesus' final teachings, His death, resurrection, and appearances to His disciples. This section highlights the deep love Jesus has for His followers and the commissioning of the disciples to continue His mission.

Video Instructions

- Watch the video in full.
- Take notes on:
 - Jesus washing the disciples' feet and the new commandment of love
 - The promise of the Holy Spirit
 - Jesus' prayer for His followers
 - The crucifixion and resurrection
 - Jesus' appearances after the resurrection

Guided Discussion Questions with Teacher Notes

1. What is the significance of Jesus washing His disciples' feet?
Teacher Notes: It models humble servant leadership and sets an example of love.
2. How does Jesus prepare His disciples for His departure?
Teacher Notes: Through promises of the Holy Spirit and instructions to remain in Him.
3. What themes are present in Jesus' prayer in John 17?
Teacher Notes: Unity among believers, protection from evil, and sanctification in truth.
4. How do Jesus' resurrection appearances strengthen the faith of His disciples?
Teacher Notes: They provide proof of His victory over death and commission the disciples for mission.

Key Verses

John 13:34–35

- NLT: “So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”
- AMP: “I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love and unselfish concern for one another.”

• KJV: “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

John 14:6

- NLT: “Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.’”
- AMP: “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’”
- KJV: “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

John 20:31

- NLT: “But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.”
- AMP: “But these have been written so that you may believe [with a deep, abiding trust] that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the Son of God; and that by believing and trusting in Him you may have life in His name.”
- KJV: “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”

Working with Key Verses

Choose at least two of the following:

- Look up the verses in different Bible versions.
- Write the verses neatly in your notebook.
- Memorize one verse.
- Illustrate a verse with a drawing or symbol.
- Paraphrase a verse in your own words.
- Pray using a verse.

Fun Facts About John

- **Servant Leadership:** Jesus washed His disciples’ feet to show that true leadership is marked by humility and service.
- **Final “I Am” Statement:** In John 15, Jesus says, “I am the vine,” teaching that life and fruitfulness come from staying connected to Him.
- **High Priestly Prayer:** John 17 records Jesus praying for His disciples — and for all believers throughout history.
- **Doubting Turned Believing:** Thomas doubted the resurrection until Jesus invited him to touch His wounds, leading Thomas to declare, “My Lord and my God!”
- **Purpose Statement:** John ends by explaining he wrote this Gospel so readers would believe in Jesus and find life in His name.

Bible Trivia for Review

- Who washed the disciples' feet? (Jesus)
- What is the “new commandment” Jesus gave? (Love one another)
- Who doubted Jesus' resurrection until seeing Him? (Thomas)

Day 2 – Independent Study Assignment

Parent Instructions to Student:

This week, please watch the “Gospel of John 13–21 Overview” video again on your own. Then read John chapters 13 through 21. Write a summary of about 200 to 300 words explaining Jesus' final teachings and the significance of His resurrection appearances. You may write, type, or prepare an oral report lasting about 3 to 5 minutes—choose the format that works best for you.

New Testament Review #1 – The Gospels

(Covers Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

Section 1 – General Bible Trivia (20 Questions)

1. How many Gospels are there? (4)
2. Which Gospel is the shortest? (Mark)
3. Who wrote the Gospel that focuses on Jesus as the Son of God? (John)
4. Which Gospel includes the Sermon on the Mount? (Matthew)
5. Who was a tax collector before following Jesus? (Matthew)
6. Which Gospel writer was a doctor? (Luke)
7. In which Gospel do we find the “I Am” statements of Jesus? (John)
8. Which Gospel begins with “In the beginning was the Word...”? (John)
9. Where was Jesus born? (Bethlehem)
10. Who baptized Jesus? (John the Baptist)
11. Which Gospel tells the story of the Good Samaritan? (Luke)
12. Which disciple denied Jesus three times? (Peter)
13. Which Gospel includes the genealogy tracing Jesus back to Abraham? (Matthew)
14. Which Gospel traces Jesus’ family line back to Adam? (Luke)
15. What was the name of the Roman governor who sentenced Jesus to death? (Pontius Pilate)
16. Which miracle of Jesus appears in all four Gospels? (Feeding of the 5,000)
17. Who was the high priest during Jesus’ trial? (Caiaphas)
18. In which Gospel does Jesus turn water into wine? (John)
19. What does “Gospel” mean? (Good News)
20. How many days after His resurrection did Jesus ascend into heaven? (40)

Section 2 – Memory Verse Challenge

Choose one verse from each Gospel and see who can recite them from memory.

Suggested verses:

- Matthew 5:16 – “Let your light shine before others...”
- Mark 10:45 – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve...”
- Luke 19:10 – “For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.”
- John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world...”

Section 3 – Guess the Parable

Teacher reads the description, students name the parable.

1. A farmer throws seed on different types of soil. (*The Parable of the Sower*)
2. A man finds a treasure hidden in a field and sells all he has to buy it. (*The Hidden Treasure*)
3. A son leaves home, wastes his money, then returns to his father. (*The Prodigal Son*)
4. A shepherd leaves ninety-nine sheep to find one lost sheep. (*The Lost Sheep*)
5. A man is beaten and left for dead; two pass by, but a Samaritan helps him. (*The Good Samaritan*)
6. Ten bridesmaids wait for the bridegroom; five are prepared and five are not. (*The Ten Virgins*)
7. A master gives servants different amounts of money to invest. (*The Parable of the Talents*)

Section 4 – Activity Ideas

Activity 1: Timeline Relay – Events from the Gospels

Cut these into strips, mix them up, and have students work in teams to put them in the correct order:

1. Angel Gabriel tells Mary she will give birth to Jesus.
2. Jesus is born in Bethlehem.
3. Wise men visit Jesus.