

Welcome to...

A WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

a Children's Devotional Series

Genesis is the starting point and one step at a time our journey ends with Revelation.

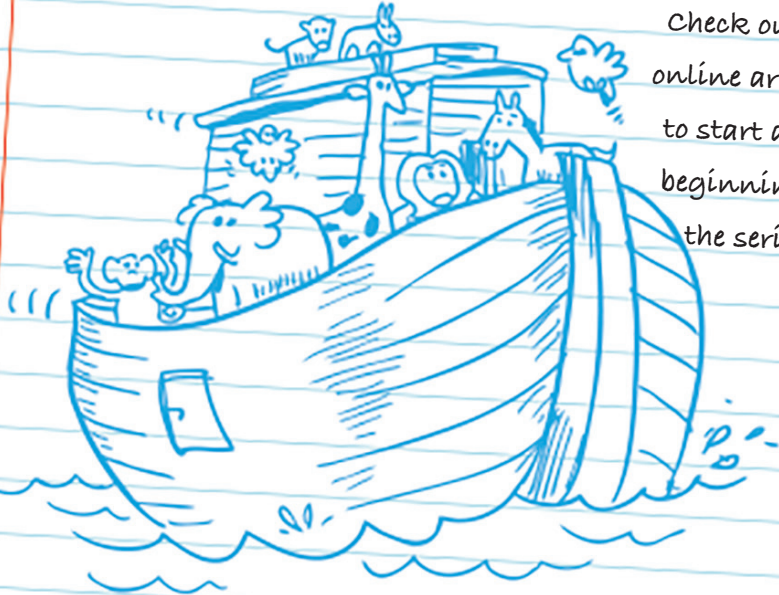
Being a long-distance grandma, I print and mail a copy to my grandchildren; we schedule face time so we can talk. Not only does this provide an opportunity to share my faith, but the time together deepens our relationship and creates lasting memories.

The first section provides an overview of a book from the Bible; a meditation follows using a Scripture from the Bible overview – hopefully facilitating a discussion by asking questions about the covered topic and corresponding verse.

There is also a meditation for toddlers!

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Check out the
online archives
to start at the
beginning of
the series.



You might want to send a binder to the child so he/she can keep the devotions for reference. It is also a keepsake of time spent with you.



BIBLE OVERVIEW

The first eleven chapters of

Genesis describe

the creation of the heavens and earth. Creating light, sky, water, land, sea, vegetation, sun, moon, stars, and all living creatures (which includes man) in six days was quite a feat!

The first couple was to live forever in Paradise called Eden. However, they disobeyed God and ate from the one forbidden tree, which opened their eyes to their nakedness. So God

provided clothing from an animal, which was the first death in the perfect world God created.

Not wanting Adam and Eve to continue to eat from the tree of life, and live forever in their state of sin; God forced them to leave the Garden of Eden.

Adam and Eve had two sons – Cain and Abel. Cain was jealous of Abel's relationship with God and killed his brother. See how fast sin was growing in people's hearts. The first murder didn't take long!

Something to notice when learning about Genesis is that Adam and Eve talked to one another and God. Also, Adam named the animals! (Genesis 2:19) And Genesis Chapter 4 tell us about skilled workers such as forging tools of bronze and iron, playing instruments and raising livestock; it also states that people lived in tents. (Genesis 4: 20-22). There were communities early on. People were not ape-men running around grunting.

Adam and Eve had other children; however, the only one we know by name is Seth. Seth's



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descendants worshiped God, but as time passed people strayed: society was pagan (didn't worship God) and violent.

Saddened by the state of the world, God destroyed the inhabitants of the earth by a flood, saving only one righteous man and his family in an ark. When Noah's family left the ark, they had children and grandchildren thus populating the world; however, people gradually turned away from God again.

We also read about the Tower of Babel in these first eleven chapters. This is another example of man's corruption. Disobeying God, the people tried to build a tower; so He separated the people throughout the earth. This was the beginning of different languages and people groups - or what we call races today.

Chapter 12 begins with the call of Abram and the beginning of the Hebrew people as the chosen ones. We will cover this part of Genesis in the next devotion.



MEDITATION

Noah obeyed God and built an ark to save his family when the flood came. In such a wicked world, it's easy to imagine people making fun of Noah for building a boat on dry land, but he was obedient and finished the job God assigned.

Did you know there is a replica of the ark in Kentucky? Even with all the equipment we have today, it was quite a task to complete the model of the ark. It took years!

Can you believe that people made fun of the workers who built the reproduction of the ark too!

But like Noah, they persevered and finished the project.

Have you ever been teased or bullied? What happened and how did you feel?

Did you know that David in the Bible was bullied too?

And he became a king!

David prayed to God when he was scared, embarrassed, or angry.

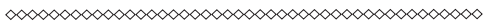
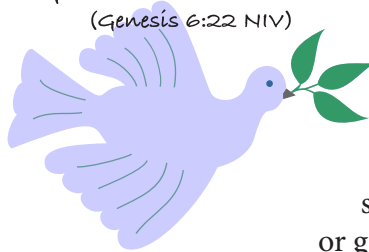
So bullying and teasing is not a new sin. Talk to your parents or grandparents or an adult

you trust if someone is a bully or makes fun of you. Devise a plan for the future. Remember to pray to God about your problem.

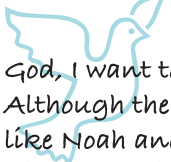
If you want more information about the ark, Google Creation

Museum and Noah's Ark and find some neat pictures. Maybe someday you can visit Kentucky and walk through Noah's Ark!

Noah did everything just as God commanded him.
(Genesis 6:22 NIV)



PRAYER



God, I want to be obedient, even when it is difficult. Although the world is corrupt and evil, I want to be like Noah and walk with You. It is easy to go along with other kids when they make fun of someone else. Forgive me if I ever hurt someone's feelings and help me act like Jesus. Amen



My name is _____.

I am _____ years old. I am walking through the Bible with _____ on this date _____.

FOR A TODDLER

What you need: A book with nature pictures and a Bible

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)

This is the very first verse in the Bible – so it should be easy to find! Let’s look at this verse in the Bible.

Now open your other book. Look at all the beautiful pictures. Show me your favorite pictures. Isn’t nature beautiful with all the trees, flowers, and animals?

Our verse today says God created everything. Do you know what created means? It means God made everything. Isn’t he a good God to make such a beautiful world for us to live in?



Thank you God for making
so many beautiful things and
for making me too! Amen.

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