DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY PLAN

Stories of God: Creation to Christ

Fifteen stories, one a week, carrying the whole story of God from the first day to the empty tomb — no commentary, no lectures, just the story.

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How a Discovery Bible Study works

This page is for whoever leads the study. Everyone else only needs the passage.

A Discovery Bible Study has no teacher. The person leading only asks the questions; the Bible does the teaching. That is what makes it simple enough for anyone to lead — no title, no training, no materials, no money.

EAT, DIGEST, GROW

Eat the Word — Read the passage aloud, read it again, then close the Bible and have someone retell it in their own words. Reading is the bite, re-reading the chewing, the retelling the swallow. If the group can't retell it, read it once more before going on.

Digest — Work through the four questions. This is where the passage turns into faith and obedience — answered from what the text actually says, not from what someone already knew.

Grow — Growth is God's part, not yours. One plants, another waters, but God gives the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7). Do the cycle faithfully and leave the growing to Him.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**
2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**
3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**
4. **Who will I tell?**

THE SHAPE OF A MEETING

Look back — What are you thankful for? What is hard right now? How did you obey what we found last time, and who did you tell? Pray briefly for each other.

Look up — Read, re-read, retell — then the four questions.

Look forward — Each person says their own “I will…” out loud and names one person they will tell. Next time, the group asks about both. Asking is what turns a discussion into obedience.

THE ONE RULE: DON'T TEACH

The moment you start explaining, the group stops discovering. If someone says something that is not in the passage, do not correct them — ask, kindly, “Where do you see that in this passage?” and let them look. The text and the group sort it out. This is the rule that lets someone who has been in two studies lead the third.

Four to fifteen people. About an hour, once a week. Nothing else required.

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God makes the world

Genesis 1:1-25

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does God create on each day, and what does he say about what he has made?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Where in creation do you most clearly see that God is good and powerful?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you stop this week to notice and thank the God who made all of this?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you tell that the world is not an accident but the work of a good Maker?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, thank you that you spoke and everything good came to be — light, sea, sky, and every living thing. Help me see your hand in the world you made.*

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NEXT STUDY God makes people in his image

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God makes people in his image

Genesis 1:26-31

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2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   How does God make people differently from everything else, and what does he give them to do?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What does it mean to you that you were made in God's image, on purpose?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you treat one person this week as someone made in God's image?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who needs to hear that they were made by God and called very good?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, thank you that you made me in your image and breathed life into me. Help me live as someone made by you and for you.*

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NEXT STUDY God makes people in his image

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God makes people in his image

Genesis 2:7-24

1 Eat

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2 Digest

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Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does the serpent say about God, what do the man and woman do, and what changes afterward?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Where do you see the brokenness of that day in your own life and world?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What will you stop hiding from God this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you talk with about why the world feels so broken?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, like the man and the woman I have doubted your word and hidden from you. Thank you that even then you came looking for them — come looking for me.*

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NEXT STUDY The promise to Abraham

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The promise to Abraham

Genesis 12:1-8

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2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does God tell Abram to leave behind, and what does he promise him?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What would be hardest for you to leave behind to follow God?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What step of trust will you take this week, like Abram setting out?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who in your family could you tell about God's promise to bless every family on earth?

3 Grow

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✦ Pray

> *God, you promised Abraham that through him all the families of the earth would be blessed. Give me faith like his to go wherever you call me.*

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NEXT STUDY The Passover lamb

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The Passover lamb

Exodus 12:1-13

1 Eat

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2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What are the people told to do with the lamb, and what happens to the houses marked by its blood?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What do you think it felt like to trust the blood of a lamb on that fearful night?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you trust God's way of rescue this week instead of your own?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you invite to hear this story of the night God passed over?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, thank you that the blood of the lamb protected your people from death that night. Cover me and my house with your rescue.*

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The Passover lamb

Exodus 12:21-32

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The commands: we cannot do it alone

Exodus 20:1-21

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2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does God remind the people he has done for them before giving the commands, and what does he command?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Which of these commands is hardest for you to keep?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   Which command will you begin to obey this week, asking God for help?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you talk with honestly about how none of us can keep these commands alone?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, your commands are good, and I have not kept them. Thank you that you rescued your people before you gave them — have mercy on me and change my heart.*

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NEXT STUDY The suffering servant, foretold

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The suffering servant, foretold

Isaiah 53:1-12

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2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What happens to the servant in this song, and for whose sins does he suffer?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What does it stir in you that he was wounded for your wrongdoing?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you respond this week to the one who carried your sin?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you show this ancient promise, written centuries before Jesus?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, thank you for the servant who was pierced for our sins and carried our sorrows. Let his wounds heal me.*

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Jesus is born

Luke 1:26-38

1 Eat

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2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does the angel say about the child, and who first hears the news of his birth?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Why do you think God announced this birth first to ordinary shepherds?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you make room for Jesus this week, the way Mary said yes to God?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Like the shepherds, who will you tell what you have heard and seen?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, thank you for keeping your promise and sending a Savior, born in a manger. Like Mary, let it be to me according to your word.*

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Jesus is born

Luke 2:1-20

1 Eat

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Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3:1-21

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☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Jesus tell Nicodemus a person must experience to see God's kingdom, and why did God send his Son?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What questions would you bring to Jesus at night, like Nicodemus did?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you step into the light with God this week instead of staying in the dark?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who needs to hear that God so loved the world — including them?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Jesus, thank you that God did not send you to condemn the world but to save it. Give me new birth by your Spirit, and teach me to walk in the light.*

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Jesus and the woman at the well

John 4:1-42

1 Eat

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☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Jesus offer the woman, and what happens in her town after she meets him?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What have you been drawing on to satisfy a thirst only God can meet?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you come to Jesus for living water this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Like the woman, who will you tell 'come and see' this week?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Jesus, you knew everything about the woman and still offered her living water. Meet me the same way, and satisfy the thirst in me.*

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Jesus forgives and heals

Mark 2:1-12

1 Eat

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☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Jesus say to the paralyzed man first, and how does he prove he can say it?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Which do you need more from Jesus right now — healing or forgiveness?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What will you bring boldly to Jesus this week, trusting his authority to forgive?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you help carry toward Jesus, like the four friends with the mat?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Jesus, thank you that you have authority to forgive sins, not just to heal bodies. Say to me what you said to that man — that my sins are forgiven.*

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Jesus calms the storm

Mark 4:35-41

1 Eat

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2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Jesus do when the storm rises, and what question do the disciples ask afterward?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What storm in your life makes you feel like the disciples — afraid he does not care?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you trust Jesus in that storm this week instead of panicking?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who in a storm right now could you tell about the one the wind and waves obey?

3 Grow

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✦ Pray

> *Jesus, even the wind and the waves obey you. Speak peace over the storm I am in, and grow my faith.*

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The cross

Luke 23:32-49

1 Eat

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☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Jesus say from the cross, and what does he promise the criminal beside him?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What does it mean to you that Jesus forgave while he was being killed?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   Who will you forgive this week, the way Jesus forgave from the cross?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who needs to hear that even a dying criminal was not too far gone for Jesus?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Jesus, you prayed 'Father, forgive them' while they nailed you to the cross, and you promised paradise to a dying thief. Forgive me, and remember me.*

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NEXT STUDY The resurrection

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The resurrection

Luke 24:1-12

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2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What do the women find at the tomb, and what does the risen Jesus show and explain to his disciples?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What changes about your fears if Jesus really rose from the dead?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you live this week as if the tomb is truly empty?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   You are a witness of these things — who will you tell that Jesus is alive?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Jesus, you are not among the dead — you are alive. Open my mind to understand, and make me a witness of these things.*

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NEXT STUDY The resurrection

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The resurrection

Luke 24:36-49

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✦ Pray

> *Jesus, you are not among the dead — you are alive. Open my mind to understand, and make me a witness of these things.*

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Jesus sends us

Matthew 28:16-20

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What authority does Jesus claim, what does he command his followers to do, and what does he promise?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Now that you have heard the whole story, what do you believe about Jesus?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What first step of obedience to Jesus' command will you take this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who will you begin sharing these stories with, trusting that Jesus is with you?

3 Grow

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✦ Pray

> *Jesus, all authority in heaven and on earth is yours, and you are with me always. Send me to make disciples, starting right where I am.*

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