



KNOW GOD SEMESTER ONE

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Introduction

Our Jr. High Follow will focus on learning what it means to be a Christ follower and developing and establishing a firm foundation in their faith.

Throughout Follow, you will be placed in co-ed teams that collectively earn points toward an end-of-year trip to Wonderland!

Points towards the trip will be earned through participation in achievables, games, and attendance.

By the end of this program, you will build spiritual habits that strengthen your relationship with Jesus and will be more able to share your faith confidently with those around you.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

2/4 SUNDAY GATHERING

3/4 WEEKS

YOUTHX



Fall Semester



This semester we will be journeying through three bible plans and five scriptures. Each month there will be a set of memory verses to memorize for a chance to earn some points. We will also be journeying through three bible plans that correspond with our Friday YouthX teachings.

In this program there is a lot of scripture we will be reading. We believe that when we read scripture we need to really take in what God wants to tell us.

Throughout Follow, we will be practicing the SOAP method to

help us understand scripture.

Scripture Observation Application Prayer

Scripture

Highlight the Scripture in your Bible or Bible App

Observation

What do you notice about the verses? What verses, words or ideas jump out to you?

Application

Ask God how he wants you to apply the verse to your own life.

Prayer

Respond to God's Word with Prayer.

SEPTEMBER VERSES



Psalm 1:1-3

How well God must like you— you don't walk in the ruts of those blind-as-bats, you don't stand with the good-for-nothings, you don't take your seat among the know-it-alls. Instead you thrill to God's Word, you chew on Scripture day and night. You're a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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SCRIPTURE | OBSERVATION | APPLICATION | PRAYER

REFLECTION

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The Bible is full of things that seem almost
"beyond belief." Sometimes that's because the
stories we read on its pages are miraculous –
especially the story of Exodus. Other times, the
Bible says things that sound a little too good to be
true. In the book of Exodus, we'll explore what the
story of Moses and the Israelites can help us
discover about doubt and belief.

BEYOND BELIEF WEEK ONE

When you doubt, it's okay to ask questions

BIG IDEA

People have been asking challenging questions about God and Christianity since the beginning of time. It's just part of your faith! Having questions and doubts can feel lonely, but God isn't scared of our questions. It's okay to wonder. Ask away!

READ & EXPLORE SCRIPTURE

QUESTIONS

01

Exodus 6:28-7:7

Moses felt like he was wasn't capable of completing the task God called him to do because of flaws he saw in himself. Have you ever felt like God wanted you to do something and you discounted yourself before you even tried?

02

James 1:5

What is a question that you currently have that you would want to get more wisdom to help understand?

APPLYING IT TO MY LIFE

QUESTIONS

What do you think about the idea of asking God your questions? What would it look like to ask for wisdom when you have doubts?

In what ways do you think your questions are inviting you to grow? What would it look like to talk to God aboutthose questions this week?

BEYOND BELIEF WEEKTWO

When you doubt, God still takes care of you.

BIG IDEA

Like the people of Israel, we all need to learn to take a new, more trusting perspective on how God cares for and leads us through difficult seasons. When the people of Israel doubted, God showed he cared by giving manna. Find ways to make a daily reminder for yourself to remind you that when you doubt, God still takes care of you.

READ & EXPLORE SCRIPTURE

QUESTIONS

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Exodus 16:2-15
Jesus gave the Israelites a reminder on how he is still there for them by sending manna. Write about one way God has sent a reminder that he is always there for you.

Psalm 77:11-12
Take some time to reflect on God's goodness in your life and write about a time that sticks out to you.

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APPLYING IT TO MY LIFE

QUESTIONS

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What do you think about the idea that God may answer our prayer that it may not be in the way we expect?

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What is one place in your life you want to begin trusting that God still takes care of you? What steps do you need to take to allow God into that place?

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OCTOBER VERSES

Matthew 7: 24-26

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, and the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

1 John 4:7-8

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

REFLECTION

Write about what stood out to you/ what you feel God wanted to tell you in these verses.

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What does it look like to be made in the image of God? In this four-week series we are going to be taking a deeper look at the image of God and see what it means to bear His image.

WHO AM I? WEEKONE

Masterpiece

BIG IDEA

READ & EXPLORE **SCRIPTURE**

QUESTIONS

Psalm 100:3 This verse compares us to sheep, who often get lost and wander away. How does that comparison help us understand our relationship to God. our shepherd?

Ephesians 2:10 Have you ever thought of God as an artist and vourself as his work of art? What does this metaphor tell vou about God's attitude and emotions toward vou?

APPLYING IT TO MY LIFE

QUESTIONS

How does knowing that all people are made in God's image affect how you see and treat others, especially people you don't like or understand?

How does receiving our identity from God bring us peace and help us find rest?

How do you think that the internet and online influencers have impacted the way you view your identity?

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Fun House Mirrors

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Sin, or rebellion against God, distorts God's original design for the world, but in Jesus, we have hope for restoration and transformation.

READ & EXPLORE SCRIPTURE

QUESTIONS

Romans 5:8
Why do you think it is important that Jesus died for us while we were still sinners and enemies of God?

Romans 8:10-11
What feelings come up when you consider these verses and what Jesus has done for you? How do you see that lived out in your community, with your friends and family?

APPLYING IT TO MY LIFE

QUESTIONS

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How has sin distorted how you understand your identity?

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How can the Bible help you overcome feelings of confusion over your identity?

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How has Jesus made a difference in the way you define yourself?

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WHO AM I? WEEK THREE

Living It Out

BIG IDEA

READ & EXPLORE **SCRIPTURE**

QUESTIONS

Philippians 2:1-5 How are some ways that we can reflect Jesus to those around us?

1 John 3:2 How is our new identity as God's child connected to the way we treat others? to the way we treat others?

APPLYING IT TO MY LIFE

QUESTIONS

01

Does the thought of sharing the Good News about the life of Jesus with others excite you? Scare you? Why or why not?

02

What are ways we can reflect the love of Jesus into the world?

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What does it mean to be transformed? How does the Holy Spirit enable us to live a transformed life?

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NOVEMBER VERSE

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I have all that I need.

He lets me rest in green meadows;

he leads me beside peaceful streams.

He renews my strength.

He guides me along right paths,

bringing honor to his name.

Even when I walk

through the darkest valley,

I will not be afraid,

for you are close beside me.

Your rod and your staff

protect and comfort me.

You prepare a feast for me

in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with oil.

My cup overflows with blessings.

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

REFLECTION

Write about what stood out to you/ what you feel God wanted to tell you in this verse?

Psalm 23		

When we hear the word "missions," we often think of missionaries who've raised support and live in foreign countries or short-term missions trips our students take in the summer. And while "missions" includes these things, all followers of Jesus are called to live their lives on mission all the time. When we give our lives to Jesus, we join in God's big, ongoing mission to save the world. In this four-week plan we will learn what that means and looks like for us.

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MADE FOR A MISSION WEEK ONE

What Is The Mission?

BIG IDEA

When Jesus rescues us, he also invites us to participate in His own mission to rescue the world. To be a follower of Jesus is to be a participant in God's big story of redemption.

READ & EXPLORE SCRIPTURE

QUESTIONS

- Matthew 28:18-20
 What is God's mission in the world, and what does it mean for followers to join in that mission?
- Acts 1:8
 How does the thought of living on mission make you feel? Excited? Intimidated? Something else? Why?

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APPLYING IT TO MY LIFE

QUESTIONS

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Do you feel ready to live on a mission? Why or why not?

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How might you start living on the mission right now in the contexts where God has placed you?

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Is there anything holding you back from living on mission? What are some ways someone could help you overcome those things?

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Training for The Mission

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BIG IDEA

Everything about our faith, including our mission to love and serve others, flows directly out of our relationship with Christ. Before we can do anything for God. we need to be with God.

READ & EXPLORE **SCRIPTURE**

QUESTIONS

John 15:1-5 Why is our relationship with God necessary to produce good fruit? Give examples of the fruits we produce.

John 17:15-21 Why is knowing Scripture so essential for Jesus' followers? What happens when we lose sight of the truth?

APPLYING IT TO MY LIFE

QUESTIONS

What are some practices that could help you remain in Jesus? How would these habits change your thoughts, choices, and actions?

What's holding you back from deepening your relationship with Jesus?

Culture emphasizes the importance of independence, how does the idea of being dependent on Jesus make you feel? Is this easy or hard for you?

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MADE FOR A MISSION

Living On Mission

WEEKTHREE

BIG IDEA

All followers have unique talents and gifts and God wants us to use them daily for his mission in the world.

READ & EXPLORE SCRIPTURE

QUESTIONS

Matthew 25:14-30
What gifts has God given you and how could you use them to live on a mission?

Psalm 139:13-14
What does this verse tell you about how and who God made you?

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APPLYING IT TO MY LIFE

QUESTIONS

We discover and develop our God-given gifts over time. What do you think are some of the gifts God has uniquely given you? How can you use them and grow in them for the mission?

What fears have held you back from using your gifts? What are some ways you could overcome those fears?

What are some of the little things God has entrusted you with right now? How can you be faithful with those things?

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