



GOD'S PLAN

Companion Study Book & Leader's Manual

From Before Time Began to All Things Made New

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Prepared for personal study, family worship, prayer groups, Bible studies, and faith leaders



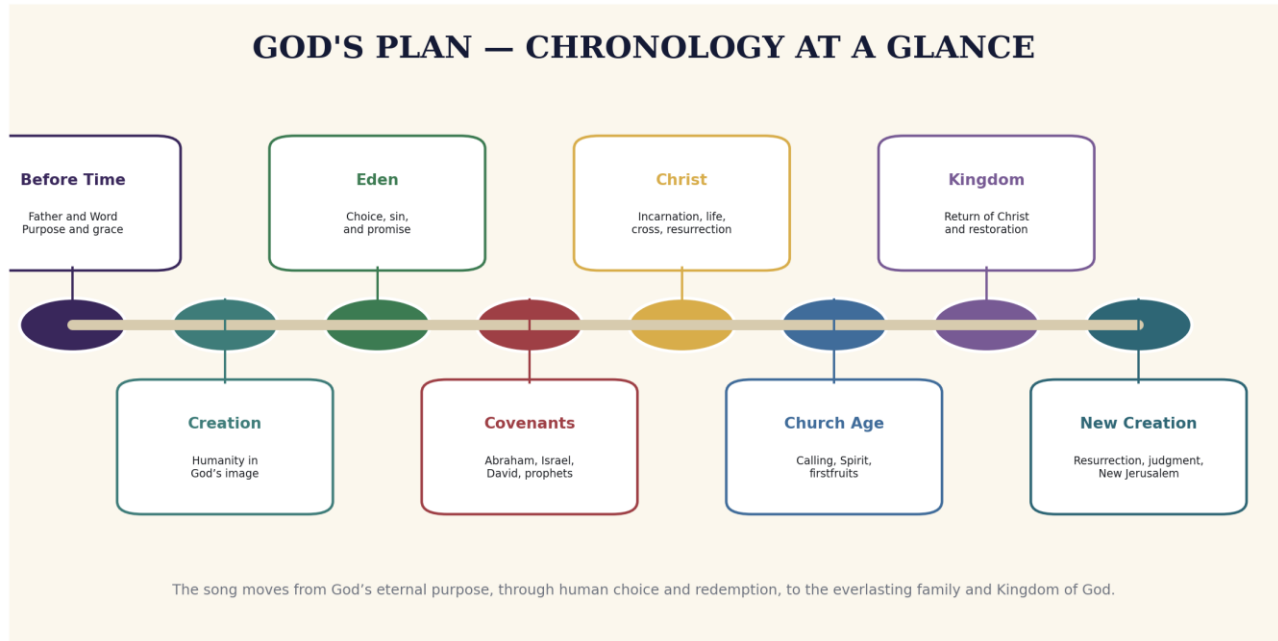
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How to Use This Book

This companion follows the chronology of the song: God's purpose before creation, the making of humanity, freedom and Eden, the spread of sin, covenant history, the incarnation, the cross and resurrection, the calling of believers, the return of Christ, the Kingdom, the resurrections, and the new creation. Each chapter contains a song connection, key Scriptures, a teaching section, discussion questions, and a prayer focus.



The song's full biblical sweep in one view.

About the Song Connections

The song connections are poetic signposts, not complete retellings of every biblical event. A lyric may gather a larger scene into a few memorable words so the story flows and the central point can be heard. Each chapter opens the related Scriptures and explores the theme without treating every lyric phrase as a literal or exhaustive description.

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The Song: “God's Plan”

Reading Suggestion

Read the lyrics aloud once without stopping. On the second reading, mark every place where the song moves to a new stage in the biblical story.

At the beginning of the universe
Before a single voice was heard
Stood a holy God
And the One called the Word
Together they had a plan
Before the world began
A plan to make a human
Being called man

God had a plan

Before the world began
A plan of love
For every woman and man
To make us in His image
And help us understand

God had a plan

God's eternal plan for man

God has a plan, God has a plan, eternal plan for man

They said, “Let us make
Man in our image
Let him be fruitful
On the earth”
Give every single person
A purpose and a worth
With their own mind
And their own decision
Free to choose their way
And follow their own vision

He gave us hearts to love Him
And minds to understand
He never wanted servants
Who were forced to take His hand
For love must have a choice
If love is to be true
God gave us the freedom
To decide what we will do

God had a plan

Before the world began
A plan of love
For every woman and man
To make us in His image
And help us understand

God had a plan

God's eternal plan for man

They gave them a decision
The fruit of life
The fruit of death
The serpent spoke deception
With every lying breath
They were tricked to believe
If they ate that fruit
They would be like God
And know what was true
They reached out for the fruit
And chose another way

The darkness entered Eden
On that sorrowful day
But God had not forgotten
The purpose He began
Even through their failure
God continued with His plan

God has a plan, God has a plan, God has a plan, God has a plan for man

God had a plan

Before the world began
A plan of love
For every woman and man
When mankind turned away
He still reached out His hand

God had a plan

God's eternal plan for man

He set it up for
Him to go that way
So man can learn to live
God's way

Through every choice
We make from day to day
We learn that life is better
When we listen and obey
We learn from every sorrow
We learn from every fall
We learn that without God
We have no hope at all
But when we turn toward Jesus
And answer when He calls
He lifts us from the darkness
And He catches when we fall

God's plan for man

Is for us to want to
Be with God the Father
Who will always see us through
Jesus Christ, the true
And holy Son of Man
God is the real man

The perfect pattern and plan
The Word became a man
And walked upon the earth
He showed us how to live
And what a life is worth
He healed the brokenhearted
And helped the blind to see
Then gave His life upon the cross
To set His people free

He carried all our sorrow
He carried all our shame
He conquered death and darkness
Through His holy name
He rose again in glory
Just as the Father planned
Now Jesus Christ is reaching out
To take us by the hand

God has a plan, God has a plan, God has a plan, God has a plan for man

God had a plan

Before the world began
A plan of love
For every woman and man
Through Jesus Christ our Savior
We can finally understand

God had a plan

God's eternal plan for man
From the garden to the cross
From the cross to life again
God has never left us
And His purpose has no end
Through the trials and the losses
Through the sorrow and the pain
God is making all things new
And He will come again

God is building up a family
From every tribe and land
Teaching all His children
How to love and understand
Calling us to follow

God has a plan, God has a plan, God has a plan, God has a plan for man

And to take the Savior's hand
This has always been the purpose
This has always been the plan

God had a plan

Before the world began

A plan of love
For every woman and man
To make us in His image
And help us understand

God had a plan

God's eternal plan for man

God's plan for man

Is for us to want to
Be with God the Father
Who will always see us through
Jesus Christ, the true
And holy Son of Man
God is the real man

The perfect pattern and plan

God had a plan

God still has a plan
A holy plan of love
For every woman and man
Take hold of Jesus Christ
And never loose His hand

Live forever with the Father
That is God's plan for man

God's plan

God's plan

Was written before time began

God's plan

God's plan

God's eternal plan for man

Chapter 1

Before Time Began

Song Connection

"Together they had a plan / Before the world began ... God's eternal plan for man."

Key Scriptures: John 1:1-3; Ephesians 1:3-10; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2; 1 Peter 1:18-20

Human history begins in Genesis, but God's purpose does not. The New Testament repeatedly looks behind creation and speaks of purpose, grace, hope, and the redemptive role of Christ as realities established before the ages. The song opens at that high vantage point so that everything afterward—creation, Eden, the cross, the resurrection, and the Kingdom—can be understood as one coherent story.

The phrase "before time began" does not mean that Scripture gives us a detailed calendar of eternity. It means that God was not surprised by human freedom, sin, suffering, or the need for a Savior. His purpose is older than the crisis. Redemption is not a hurried repair job; it is the outworking of divine wisdom and love.

Purpose Before Performance

Ephesians 1 places God's purpose "in Christ" before the foundation of the world. This guards us against thinking that our worth begins with our success. God's intention precedes our achievements. We are invited into a purpose we did not invent and could never earn.

The Plan Is Personal and Cosmic

God's plan embraces individuals, families, nations, the earth, and ultimately the whole created order. The Bible moves from a garden to a city and from two human beings to a redeemed multitude. Personal salvation belongs inside that larger Kingdom story.

Discussion and Reflection

1. How does beginning with God's prior purpose change the way you view failure?
2. Which "before the foundation" passage speaks most strongly to you?
3. How is a plan of love different from a plan of control?

Prayer Focus

Father, lift our eyes above the confusion of the present. Help us trust that Your purpose in Christ is older and stronger than every human failure.

Chapter 2

The Father and the Word

Song Connection

"Stood a holy God / And the One called the Word."

Key Scriptures: John 1:1-3, 14; John 17:5, 24; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 Corinthians 8:6

John introduces Jesus Christ before His human birth as "the Word." Through Him all things were made. The song therefore begins not with an isolated deity but with the Father and the Word acting in perfect unity of purpose.

John 1 places the Father and the Word together before creation. The Word, who became Jesus Christ, shared glory with the Father, carried out His will, revealed His character, and opened the way for many children to be brought to glory.

The Word Makes God Known

A word expresses thought. Jesus is not merely a messenger who reports facts about God; He is the living self-expression of the Father's character and purpose. To watch Jesus love, teach, correct, serve, suffer, and forgive is to see the Father made known.

Unity Without Confusion

The Father and Son are distinguishable, yet never rivals. The plan proceeds through willing harmony: from the Father, through the Son, by the Holy Spirit. Christian discipleship imitates this pattern through unity, humility, and submitted love.

Discussion and Reflection

4. What does the title "the Word" teach about Jesus?
5. How does Jesus reveal the Father?
6. Where do you need greater unity of purpose in your family or congregation?

Prayer Focus

Father, thank You for making Yourself known through Jesus Christ. Teach us to hear His words, follow His example, and share His unity with You.

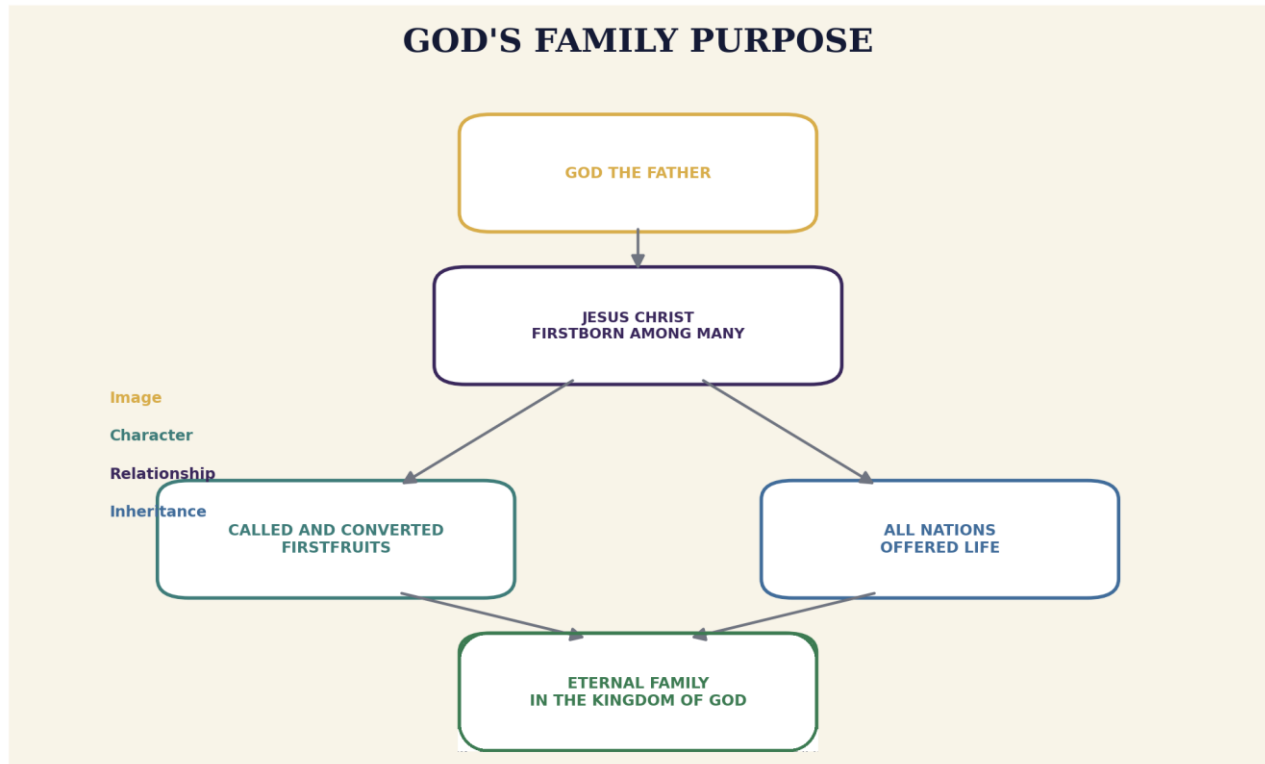
Chapter 3

Created in God's Image

Song Connection

"They said, 'Let us make / Man in our image' ... Give every single person / A purpose and a worth."

Key Scriptures: Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:7, 15; Genesis 5:1-3; Psalm 8:3-8; James 3:9



Creation in God's image points toward transformation in Christ.

The first biblical statement about humanity is not that people are sinful, weak, useful, wealthy, poor, educated, or uneducated. It is that male and female are made in God's image. This gives every person an unrepeatable dignity that no government, employer, illness, disability, age, or failure can erase.

The image includes capacity and calling: relationship, moral awareness, creativity, language, stewardship, reason, and the potential to reflect God's character. Genesis also connects the image with dominion. Humanity is commissioned to care for the earth under God, not exploit it as though it belonged to us absolutely.

Image Now, Likeness Growing

Human beings already bear God's image, yet the New Testament also speaks of being renewed into the image of Christ. The image is therefore both a gift and a direction. We are created with God-given worth and called to grow into God-like character.

Equal Worth, Different Lives

The song's phrase "every woman and man" rightly connects the image of God to both sexes. Scripture never restricts dignity to one race, nationality, class, age, or level of ability. All people must be treated as lives God intends to redeem.

Discussion and Reflection

7. What parts of God's image are visible in human creativity and relationship?
8. How should the image of God change the way we speak about opponents?
9. What area of Christlike character is God presently forming in you?

Prayer Focus

Creator God, help us see every human life through Your purpose. Restore Your character in us so our choices, words, and relationships increasingly resemble Jesus Christ.

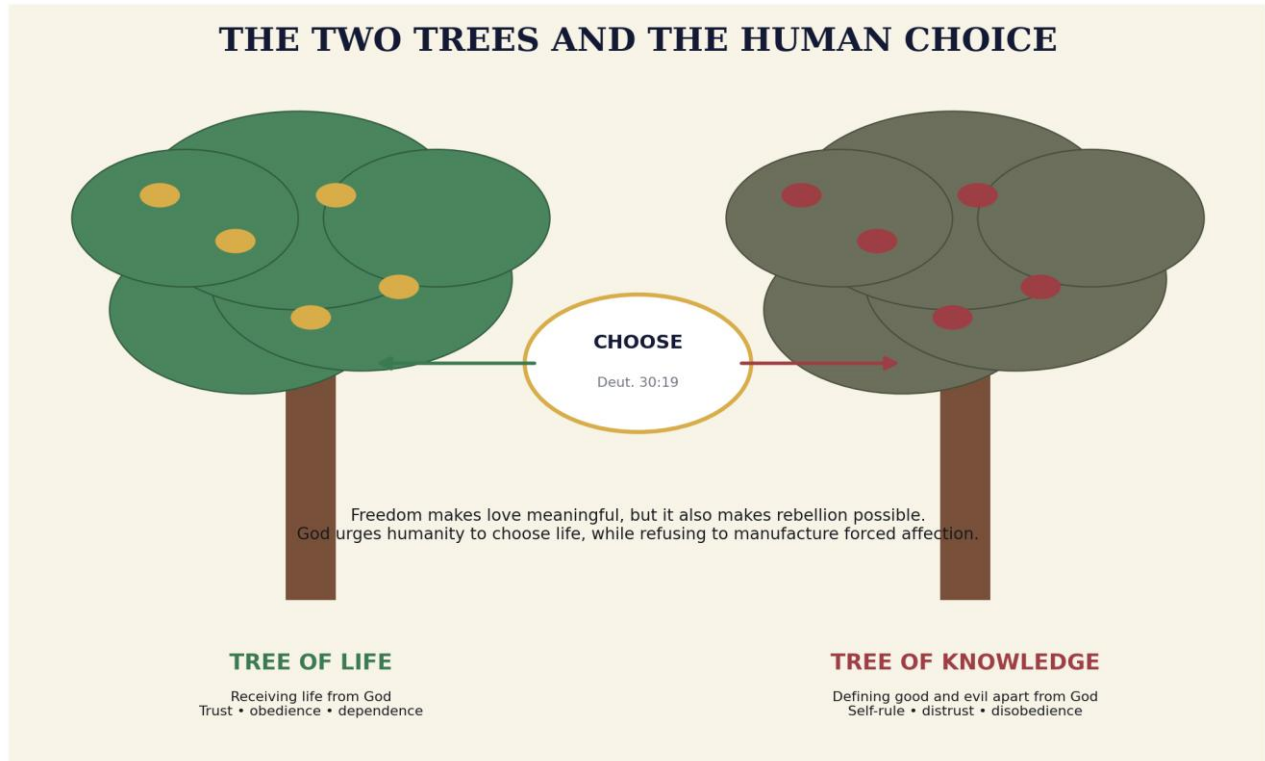
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Freedom, Love, and the Power to Choose

Song Connection

"He never wanted servants / Who were forced to take His hand / For love must have a choice / If love is to be true."

Key Scriptures: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Joshua 24:15; Proverbs 1:29-31; John 14:15; 1 John 4:19



The biblical choice is not merely between two fruits but between receiving God's definition of life and taking moral authority for ourselves.

Love cannot be reduced to programming. God commands love and obedience, but He does not manufacture a counterfeit response by removing meaningful choice. Scripture repeatedly places alternatives before people: life and death, blessing and curse, wisdom and folly, faithfulness and rebellion.

Freedom in the Bible is not independence from all authority. It is the capacity to respond to God, to choose what is good, and to become the kind of person who can live joyfully under God's righteous rule. Sin advertises autonomy but produces slavery. God's truth appears demanding, yet it leads to genuine freedom.

Choice Forms Character

Decisions are not isolated moments. Repeated choices become habits; habits shape character; character prepares a person either to enjoy God's Kingdom or resist it. God's plan therefore includes instruction, correction, grace, patience, and time.

God Urges, Warns, and Invites

Deuteronomy does not present God as neutral. He tells Israel to choose life. Divine love respects choice while passionately warning against destruction. Christian leaders should imitate this balance: never coercing faith, never pretending choices have no consequences.

Discussion and Reflection

10. What is the difference between freedom and autonomy?
11. How do repeated choices build character?
12. How can a leader urge people toward life without controlling them?

Prayer Focus

God of truth, free us from the slavery of sin. Strengthen our will to choose life, and teach us to obey You because we love and trust You.

Chapter 5

Eden: Two Trees and Two Ways

Song Connection

"They gave them a decision / The fruit of life / The fruit of death."

Key Scriptures: Genesis 2:8-17; Genesis 3:1-7; Proverbs 14:12; Romans 6:21-23; Revelation 2:7

The lyric compresses Eden's choice into the memorable phrases "fruit of life" and "fruit of death." Genesis presents the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The song uses the outcomes of the choice—life and death—to carry the story quickly and clearly.

The serpent attacked trust before behavior. He questioned God's word, denied the consequence, and suggested that God was withholding something good. The outward act of eating expressed an inward shift: God was no longer treated as the trustworthy source of truth and life.

The Way of Taking and the Way of Giving

Eden presents two broad ways of life: self-centered taking and God-centered giving. One way grasps; the other receives. One makes the self supreme; the other trusts the Giver.

The Tree of Life Returns

The Bible closes with the tree of life in Revelation 22. God's purpose is not to abandon humanity outside Eden but to bring the willing and redeemed into a greater, permanent fellowship where the curse is gone.

Discussion and Reflection

13. Why did the serpent first attack God's trustworthiness?
14. What modern choices resemble taking moral authority from God?
15. Why is the return of the tree of life important at the end of Scripture?

Prayer Focus

Lord, expose every lie that makes Your way look restrictive and sin look life-giving. Teach us to trust Your word and receive life from You.

Chapter 6

The Fall and the Entrance of Darkness

Song Connection

"They reached out for the fruit / And chose another way / The darkness entered Eden."

Key Scriptures: Genesis 3:6-24; 1 Timothy 2:14; Romans 5:12-19; Romans 8:20-23; James 1:13-15

The serpent deceived Eve, and Adam then accepted his wife's choice over God's command. The song gathers both actions into the words "they were tricked," showing how deception moved from the serpent through the human relationship until both had chosen another way.

Sin brought shame, hiding, accusation, pain, frustrated labor, exile, and death. These consequences spread outward because human beings are relational. Private rebellion never remains private. It affects families, communities, institutions, and the earth entrusted to human care.

Deception Spreads Through Trust

The scene shows how quickly a lie can move when one voice is trusted above God's word. Eve believed the serpent; Adam followed Eve. The song condenses this chain of influence into a few words so the central point remains clear: both turned from God's instruction, and the consequences entered human life.

Judgment and Mercy Together

Even in Genesis 3, judgment is mingled with mercy. God seeks the hiding couple, exposes the lie, announces consequences, gives a promise concerning the serpent's defeat, and clothes them. Exile prevents endless life in a corrupted condition.

Discussion and Reflection

16. Which consequence of the fall appears first in human relationships?
17. How did deception move from the serpent to Eve and from Eve to Adam?
18. Where do you see judgment and mercy together in Genesis 3?

Prayer Focus

Merciful God, bring us out of hiding. Give us honesty to confess our sin, courage to accept correction, and faith to receive the covering You provide.

Chapter 7

The Promise in the Garden

Song Connection

"But God had not forgotten / The purpose He began / Even through their failure / God continued with His plan."

Key Scriptures: Genesis 3:15, 21; Genesis 22:8, 14; Isaiah 53:4-6; 1 Peter 1:18-20; Revelation 13:8

Genesis 3:15 is often called the first announcement of the gospel because it promises conflict between the serpent and the woman's seed and points toward the serpent's eventual defeat. The promise is brief, but the rest of Scripture expands it.

The coverings God provided and later sacrificial patterns prepare the reader to understand substitution, atonement, and costly grace. These signs do not mean that animal blood could ultimately remove sin; they train the imagination to recognize the Lamb of God.

The Savior Was Not Plan B

First Peter says Christ was foreordained before the foundation of the world. This does not excuse sin. It magnifies God's wisdom: the possibility of rebellion was real, and the provision of redemption was already held within God's purpose.

Hope Begins Before Circumstances Improve

Adam and Eve heard the promise while still facing exile and death. Biblical hope is therefore not denial. It is confidence in God's future while living honestly with present consequences.

Discussion and Reflection

19. Why is Genesis 3:15 important to the Bible's storyline?
20. How is hope different from avoiding consequences?
21. What does Christ being foreordained teach about God's wisdom?

Prayer Focus

God of promise, help us hold to Your word when consequences remain painful. Thank You that Jesus Christ was prepared before our failure and has defeated the serpent.

Chapter 8

Learning Through the Human Experience

Song Connection

"Through every choice / We make from day to day / We learn that life is better / When we listen and obey."

Key Scriptures: Genesis 4:1-16; Genesis 6:5-8; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Jeremiah 10:23; Romans 1:18-32

After Eden, Scripture records the accelerating results of self-rule: jealousy, murder, violence, pride, exploitation, and organized rebellion. The record is not meant to entertain us with ancient failure. It exposes the recurring patterns of the human heart.

The statement that humanity "learns" through suffering must be handled carefully. Pain does not automatically produce wisdom. Some people become bitter, cruel, or numb. Suffering becomes instructive when truth interprets it, God grants repentance, and people choose humility.

Experience Cannot Replace Revelation

Humanity can discover that certain paths hurt, but only God can fully reveal what life is for. History alone does not save. It can show the bankruptcy of sin, yet the gospel must show the way home.

God Can Redeem What He Did Not Approve

God is able to bring wisdom, compassion, endurance, and testimony out of experiences caused by sin. This does not make evil good. It means evil does not possess final authority over those who turn to God.

Discussion and Reflection

22. Why does suffering not automatically produce wisdom?
23. What lessons does Genesis 4-11 teach about self-rule?
24. How can God redeem an experience without calling the evil itself good?

Prayer Focus

Wise Father, interpret our experiences through Your Word. Keep pain from hardening us, and turn our failures into repentance, compassion, and deeper obedience.

Chapter 9

Covenants: The Plan Moves Through History

Song Connection

"When mankind turned away / He still reached out His hand."

Key Scriptures: Genesis 9:8-17; Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 22:15-18; Exodus 19:4-6; 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Galatians 3:8, 16, 29

God's plan unfolds through covenants—solemn commitments that establish relationship, promise, responsibility, and hope. The covenant with Noah preserves the world. The promises to Abraham introduce a family through whom all nations will be blessed. Israel is called to be a kingdom of priests. David receives a promise of an enduring throne.

These covenants are not disconnected religious episodes. They form a road toward Jesus Christ: Abraham's promised Seed, Israel's faithful representative, David's greater Son, and the Mediator of the new covenant.

Election Is for Service

When God chooses a person or people, the purpose is larger than private privilege. Abraham is blessed to become a blessing. Israel is called to model a holy way. The Church is called to proclaim and embody the gospel. Chosen people are accountable servants.

Promise and Human Failure

Every human covenant partner fails, but God's faithfulness keeps the storyline moving. The biblical answer to failure is not the cancellation of God's purpose but its fulfillment in the faithful Son.

Discussion and Reflection

25. How are the Abrahamic, Sinai, and Davidic covenants connected to Christ?
26. Why is election a call to service rather than superiority?
27. What does covenant faithfulness teach families and congregations?

Prayer Focus

Covenant-keeping God, make us faithful servants of the blessings You give. Let our families and congregations become channels of truth, mercy, and hope.

Chapter 10

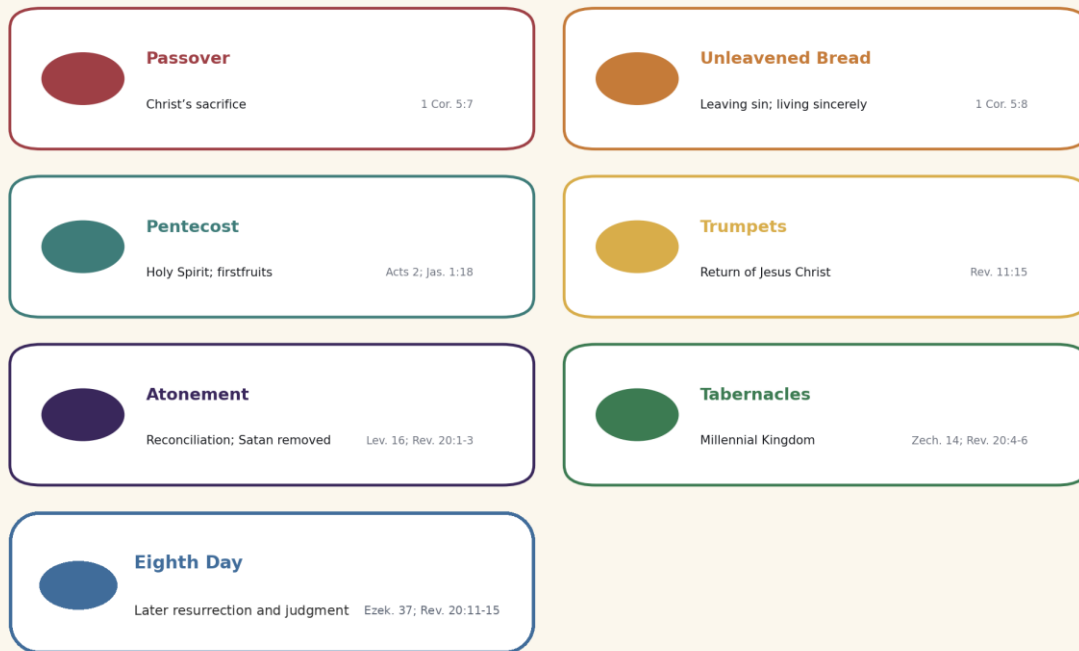
The Sabbath and Holy Days: Rehearsing the Plan

Song Connection

“God had a plan / God’s eternal plan for man.”

Key Scriptures: Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11; Leviticus 23; Luke 4:16; John 7:37-39; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

THE ANNUAL HOLY DAYS — A BIBLICAL PLAN MAP



A biblical festival sequence centered on remembrance, redemption, and hope.

The weekly Sabbath remembers creation and teaches dependence: life is not sustained by endless human production. It also points toward rest, liberation, worship, and the coming rule of God. Sabbath time declares that God—not commerce, anxiety, or ambition—is Lord of human life.

The annual festivals of Leviticus 23 can be studied as a sequence of themes centered on Christ: sacrifice, removal of sin, the gift of the Spirit, the return of Christ, reconciliation, restoration, and the hope of a greater harvest.

A Repeated Gospel Calendar

The value of a sacred calendar is formation through repetition. Each year worshipers rehearse the whole story. Passover prevents the cross from becoming an abstraction. Pentecost remembers dependence on the Spirit. Trumpets keeps the return of Christ vivid. Tabernacles trains hope for a restored world.

Read the Calendar Through Christ

Christians do not all understand or observe these days in the same way. This chapter invites readers to examine the biblical texts, keep Jesus Christ at the center, and approach differing conclusions with humility and respect.

Discussion and Reflection

28. How does the Sabbath challenge modern anxiety and overwork?
29. Which festival most clearly connects with the song's chronology?
30. How can keeping Christ at the center guide our study of the Sabbath and Holy Days?

Prayer Focus

Lord of the Sabbath, teach us to stop, remember, worship, and hope. Let every appointed time draw us deeper into the work of Jesus Christ.

Chapter 11

The Word Became Flesh

Song Connection

"The Word became a man / And walked upon the earth."

Key Scriptures: Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 5:2; John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 2:14-18

The eternal Word did not merely send instructions from a distance. He became flesh. The incarnation unites the heights of the opening verse with the dust and suffering of human life. Jesus experienced hunger, fatigue, temptation, grief, rejection, friendship, work, worship, and death—without sin.

His humanity is essential to the plan. He is the faithful Man Adam failed to be, the faithful Israelite, the obedient Son, the compassionate High Priest, and the pattern of mature human life.

The Perfect Pattern

In the song, "God is the real man" is a poetic way of lifting up Jesus Christ as the true and perfect pattern for humanity. The Word became flesh and showed human life as it was meant to be lived—in obedience, compassion, courage, humility, and love.

Greatness Redefined

Philippians 2 shows divine greatness through self-emptying service and obedient love. The incarnation overturns worldly ideas of power. God's Son kneels, serves, suffers, and gives Himself.

Discussion and Reflection

31. Why is Jesus' real humanity necessary for salvation?
32. How does Philippians 2 redefine greatness?
33. What does the lyric "God is the real man" emphasize about Jesus as our pattern?

Prayer Focus

Father, thank You that the Word came near. Form the mind of Christ in us, and teach us the strength of humility, service, and obedience.

Chapter 12

Jesus: The Perfect Pattern and Plan

Song Connection

"He showed us how to live / And what a life is worth / He healed the brokenhearted / And helped the blind to see."

Key Scriptures: Matthew 4:23-25; Matthew 5-7; Luke 4:16-21; John 13:12-17; Acts 10:38; 1 Peter 2:21

Jesus did more than die for sins. He revealed life under God's reign. His teaching joins inner transformation with visible conduct: reconciliation, sexual integrity, truthfulness, enemy love, secret prayer, generous giving, trust, justice, and mercy.

His miracles are signs of the Kingdom. Healing the sick, opening blind eyes, feeding crowds, calming storms, casting out demons, and raising the dead show God's intention to restore human beings and creation.

Compassion Is Not a Side Ministry

Jesus' compassion is part of the revelation of God. Truth without mercy becomes harsh; mercy without truth becomes directionless. In Christ, both are perfectly joined.

Follow the Pattern, Receive the Power

Jesus is an example, but not merely an example. We cannot reproduce His life through admiration alone. Disciples need forgiveness, the Holy Spirit, the Word, community, correction, and daily dependence.

Discussion and Reflection

34. Which aspect of Jesus' life most clearly reveals God's character?
35. How do miracles preview the Kingdom?
36. Why is example alone insufficient without grace and the Spirit?

Prayer Focus

Jesus, Teacher and Healer, let Your life become our pattern. Make our homes and congregations places where truth, compassion, healing, and service meet.

Chapter 13

The Cross: Love Pays the Cost

Song Connection

"Then gave His life upon the cross / To set His people free / He carried all our sorrow / He carried all our shame."

Key Scriptures: Isaiah 53:3-6; John 3:14-17; Romans 3:23-26; Romans 5:6-11; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 2:24

The cross reveals the seriousness of sin and the greater depth of God's love. Forgiveness is free to the repentant sinner, but it is not cheap. The Son of God enters the consequences of human rebellion and bears the penalty sin has earned.

The New Testament uses several pictures: sacrifice, ransom, reconciliation, justification, victory, cleansing, and covenant. No single image exhausts the meaning. Together they show that Christ deals with guilt, slavery, hostility, accusation, corruption, and death.

Passover and Deliverance

The New Testament Passover places the death of Christ at the opening of the redemption story. Everything else depends on the Lamb. Without atonement there is no forgiveness, Spirit, resurrection, or Kingdom inheritance.

The Cross Forms a Cruciform People

Those forgiven by costly love are called to forgive, serve, reconcile, and bear one another's burdens. The cross is not only the means of salvation; it becomes the shape of Christian life.

Discussion and Reflection

37. What different problems does the cross solve?
38. Why must forgiveness be free but not treated as cheap?
39. How should the cross change conflict in a congregation or family?

Prayer Focus

Lamb of God, thank You for carrying our sin and shame. Teach us to live as forgiven people who forgive, reconcile, and serve.

Chapter 14

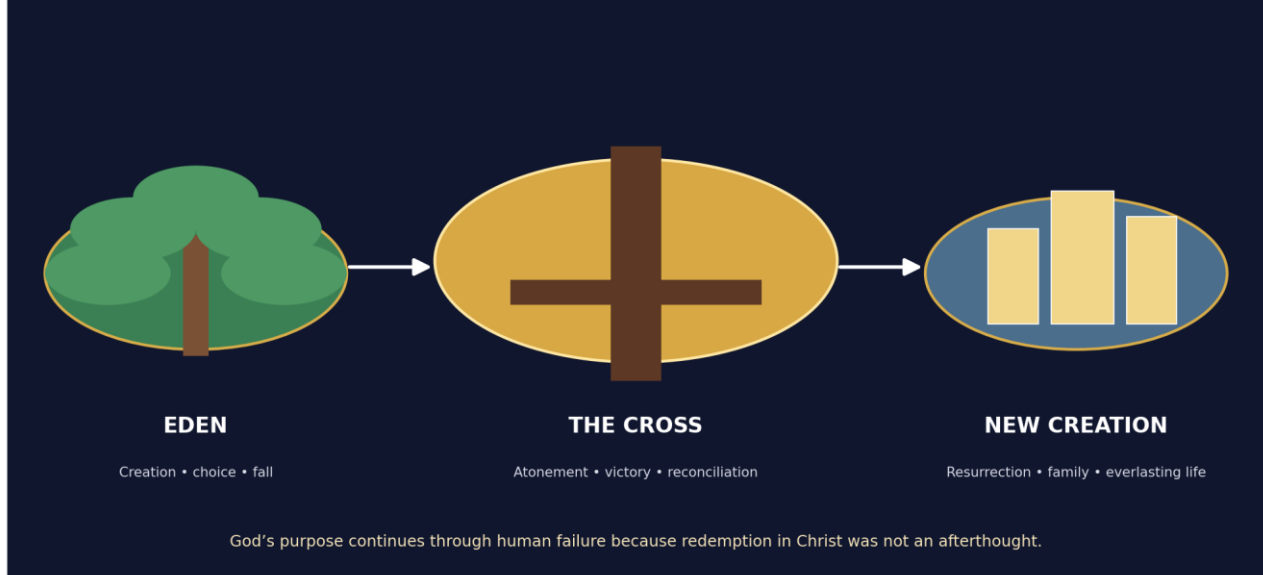
The Resurrection: Death Defeated

Song Connection

"He conquered death and darkness / Through His holy name / He rose again in glory."

Key Scriptures: Matthew 28:1-10; Acts 2:22-36; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 20-26; Romans 6:4-11; 1 Peter 1:3-5

FROM THE GARDEN TO THE CROSS — FROM THE CROSS TO LIFE AGAIN



The central movement of the song and of Scripture: creation, redemption, and new creation.

The resurrection is not an inspiring symbol added to the gospel. It is God's vindication of Jesus, the defeat of death's claim, and the beginning of new creation. The risen Christ is the firstfruits—the first of a harvest that will follow.

Because Jesus lives, Christian hope is bodily and future. The Bible's promise is not that an immortal soul naturally escapes the body. It is that God raises the dead and gives immortality as a gift.

Resurrection Changes the Present

Romans 6 connects resurrection hope with a new way of life now. Baptized believers are to consider themselves dead to sin and alive to God. Future life sends moral power backward into daily decisions.

Grief With Hope

Resurrection does not forbid grief. Jesus wept. Paul acknowledged sorrow. But death is no longer ultimate. Christian funerals and family remembrance can be honest about loss while anchored in God's promise.

Discussion and Reflection

40. Why is resurrection more than a symbol?
41. How does resurrection hope affect daily behavior?
42. How can believers grieve honestly and still express hope?

Prayer Focus

God who raises the dead, anchor our hearts in the living Christ. Give comfort to the grieving and courage to live today in the power of the coming age.

Chapter 15

Calling, Repentance, Baptism, and the Holy Spirit

Song Connection

"But when we turn toward Jesus / And answer when He calls / He lifts us from the darkness."

Key Scriptures: John 6:44; Acts 2:37-39; Acts 8:12-17; Romans 6:1-6; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; Galatians 5:22-25

God's plan becomes personally urgent when the hearer is called to respond. Calling is not merely receiving information. It is God opening the mind, stirring conviction, and drawing a person toward Christ.

Repentance means a change of mind that turns the whole life. Faith trusts the sacrifice and lordship of Jesus. Baptism portrays burial of the old life and union with Christ. The laying on of hands and reception of the Holy Spirit empower a new life of obedience.

Grace Produces a Response

No act earns salvation. Yet grace is not passive permission to remain unchanged. The New Testament pattern joins gift and response: God calls; the person repents and believes; God forgives and gives His Spirit; the believer continues in faith and obedience.

The Spirit Forms Christ in Us

The Spirit is not merely power for dramatic moments. He produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These qualities are the character needed for life in God's family.

Discussion and Reflection

43. What is the difference between regret and repentance?
44. Why do gift and response belong together?
45. Which fruit of the Spirit most needs growth in your present relationships?

Prayer Focus

Father, thank You for calling us. Grant true repentance, living faith, and the power of Your Spirit so that Jesus Christ is formed in us.

Chapter 16

The Church: Firstfruits and a Learning Family

Song Connection

"God is building up a family / From every tribe and land / Teaching all His children / How to love and understand."

Key Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 4:11-16; James 1:18; Revelation 14:4

The Church is not the whole Kingdom, but it is a community formed by the Kingdom. It gathers people from different backgrounds into one body under Christ. In that body, members learn worship, truth, service, reconciliation, discipline, patience, generosity, and love.

The New Testament calls believers a kind of firstfruits. This does not imply superiority. Firstfruits belong to a larger harvest. Those called now are trained to serve in God's future and to witness faithfully in the present.

A Family Under Construction

Congregations contain immature people, wounded people, strong people, weak people, and leaders who still need grace. The family metaphor is comforting, but it is also demanding. Families must learn to tell truth, repair harm, protect the vulnerable, and refuse favoritism.

Leadership Equips the Saints

Faith leaders are not meant to perform all ministry while others watch. Ephesians 4 says leaders equip the saints for the work of ministry so the whole body grows into Christ.

Discussion and Reflection

46. How is the Church a preview rather than the fullness of the Kingdom?
47. Why does "firstfruits" imply responsibility?
48. What practice would make your congregation more like a healthy family?

Prayer Focus

Head of the Church, unite us in truth and love. Heal what is wounded, correct what is harmful, and equip every member to serve.

Chapter 17

The Return of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom

Song Connection

"God is making all things new / And He will come again."

Key Scriptures: Matthew 24:29-31; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Revelation 11:15; Revelation 19:11-16; Zechariah 14:1-9

The Christian hope is not endless continuation of the present order. Jesus Christ will return visibly and powerfully. The kingdoms of this world will become His Kingdom. The dead in Christ will be raised, faithful believers will be transformed, and the reign of God will be openly established.

The return of Christ is both comfort and warning. It comforts the suffering because injustice has an end. It warns the complacent because every power and person will answer to the King.

Not Escape, but Restoration

The biblical story looks toward Christ returning and openly establishing His reign. God's rule arrives, nations are taught, creation is healed, and resurrected saints serve with Christ.

Hope Produces Watchfulness

Watching is not date-setting. It is spiritual alertness: faithful work, prayer, moral readiness, compassion, endurance, and discernment. The proper response to prophecy is not panic but steadfast discipleship.

Discussion and Reflection

49. Why is Christ's return both comfort and warning?
50. What is the difference between watchfulness and date-setting?
51. How does an earthly Kingdom hope affect care for the world now?

Prayer Focus

King Jesus, keep us awake and faithful. Let hope in Your return produce courage, holiness, compassion, and steady service.

Chapter 18

The Millennium: Teaching the World God's Way

Song Connection

"Teaching all His children / How to love and understand."

Key Scriptures: Isaiah 2:1-4; Isaiah 11:1-10; Isaiah 35:1-10; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Revelation 20:1-6; Zechariah 14:16-19

The prophets describe a world in which nations learn God's ways, weapons are turned into tools, the earth is healed, and the knowledge of the Lord spreads. Revelation 20 connects this hope with a thousand-year reign of Christ and the resurrected saints.

The Millennium is not merely a long vacation for the saved. It is a period of government, teaching, healing, rebuilding, and service. Those trained in Christ's way now will help administer His way then.

Law Written on the Heart

External peace cannot last without internal transformation. The new covenant promise is not simply better enforcement; it is God's law written in minds and hearts. The Spirit produces willing obedience.

The Removal of Deception

Revelation pictures Satan restrained during the Millennium. This does not remove human choice, but it changes the environment. People will experience the contrast between the deceiver's world and Christ's righteous government.

Discussion and Reflection

52. What work will be needed in a restored world?
53. Why must peace involve transformed hearts?
54. How should future service with Christ shape leadership today?

Prayer Focus

God of restoration, train us now in the ways of peace, justice, wisdom, and service. Make us useful in Your hands today and in the age to come.

Chapter 19

Resurrection, Judgment, and Hope for All

Song Connection

"A holy plan of love / For every woman and man."

Key Scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 5:28-29; 1 Timothy 2:3-6; 2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 20:11-15; Romans 2:4-11

The song's universal language raises a difficult question: What about the billions who never truly knew Christ? Ezekiel 37, John 5, and Revelation 20 invite readers to consider God's justice, resurrection, judgment, and mercy toward those whose lives ended without a clear understanding of the gospel.

Ezekiel 37 portrays dead Israelites restored to physical life and brought to knowledge of God. Revelation 20 speaks of "the rest of the dead" and a great white throne judgment. In this study, judgment is presented not only as sentencing, but also as the revealing of truth, accountable decision, and divine mercy.

Opportunity Is Not Automatic Salvation

God desires repentance and provides a true opportunity, but He does not abolish choice. Persistent, knowing rejection of God ends in the second death. Eternal life remains gift, not an indestructible human possession.

Humility About Sequence and Mystery

The broad hope is clear: God is just, merciful, and not careless with human lives. The exact ordering and interpretation of prophetic texts should be handled humbly. Readers are encouraged to examine the passages carefully and allow Scripture to guide their conclusions.

Discussion and Reflection

55. What question do the resurrection and judgment passages seek to answer?
56. Why is opportunity different from automatic salvation?
57. How can conviction and humility coexist in prophetic study?

Prayer Focus

Just and merciful God, we entrust every human life to You. Keep us faithful to the truth we have received and humble about what remains hidden.

Chapter 20

All Things New: The Eternal Family of God

Song Connection

"Live forever with the Father / That is God's plan for man ... God's eternal plan for man."

Key Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1-7; Revelation 22:1-5; Romans 8:18-23; 1 John 3:1-3



The end of the biblical story is communion: God dwelling with a redeemed and transformed people.

The Bible ends beyond sin, death, curse, exile, and separation. God dwells with His people. Tears are wiped away. The tree of life is available. The servants of God see His face and reign forever.

The destination is not disembodied existence in a remote heaven. It is renewed creation, perfect fellowship, meaningful service, holiness, beauty, joy, and the unbroken rule of God.

Family Is the Goal

The biblical picture of the “family of God” brings together adoption, new birth, inheritance, conformity to Christ, the Father’s name, and many children brought to glory. Eternal life is life with the Father and Son, sharing their love and righteous purpose.

The Plan Ends in a Beginning

Revelation closes the present biblical story, but eternal life is not static. A redeemed family under the Father’s loving authority suggests unending purpose, creativity, learning, worship, and service. God’s plan has no end because God’s life and love have no end.

The Song's Final Invitation

"Take hold of Jesus Christ and never lose His hand" is the practical center of the conclusion. The plan is vast, but the response is immediate: trust Christ, repent, obey, endure, love others, and keep walking toward the Father.

Discussion and Reflection

- 58. Which image in Revelation 21-22 gives you the most hope?
- 59. What does "family of God" require of us now?
- 60. What is one concrete way you will take hold of Christ this week?

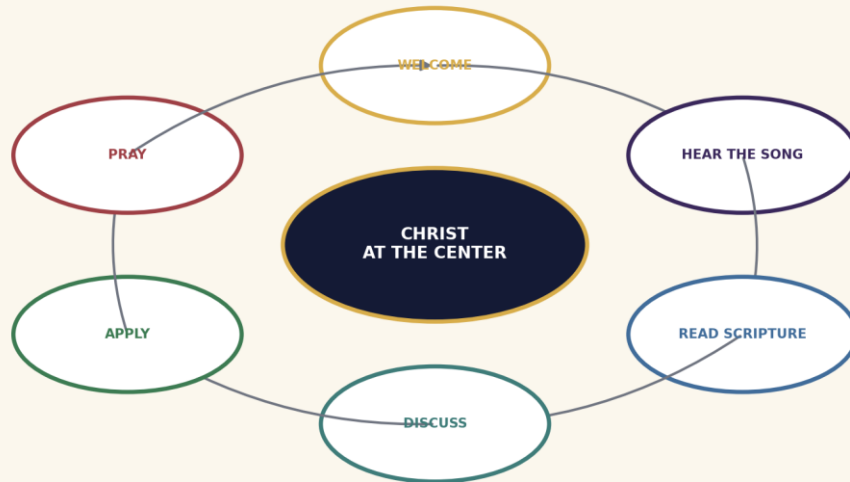
Prayer Focus

Father, complete the work You began. Keep our hands in Christ's hand until faith becomes sight and Your dwelling is fully with humanity.

Part Two

Leader, Family, and Prayer Study Manual

A SIMPLE STUDY-LEADER RHYTHM



Good leadership helps people encounter Scripture, respond honestly, and take one faithful next step.

A repeatable rhythm for prayer leaders, family worship, and small-group facilitators.

Leading the Study Well

Keep Scripture primary

Use the chapter teaching to open the Bible, not replace it. Read the main passages aloud and allow silence for observation.

Use the song as a doorway

Play or read only the section connected to the session. Ask what the lyric claims, then test and deepen that claim through Scripture.

Distinguish text, interpretation, and application

Say clearly when a point is stated directly by Scripture, when it is an interpretation, and when it is practical application.

Welcome honest questions

A strong study does not fear uncertainty. Record unresolved questions and return after careful research.

Protect people

Do not pressure participants to disclose trauma, sin, or private family matters. Invite, never coerce. Follow safeguarding and reporting duties where applicable.

End with a faithful next step

Application should be specific and gracious: one conversation, prayer, act of service, Sabbath practice, reconciliation effort, or Scripture meditation.

Suggested 12-Session Course

Session	Reading	Main Text	Goal	Activity
1. The Whole Plan	Chs. 1-2	John 1:1-3; Ephesians 1:3-10	See the song as one unified biblical story.	Create a wall timeline and place every major lyric section.
2. Image, Worth, and Purpose	Ch. 3	Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8	Ground human dignity in creation and destiny.	Name ways a family or church can honor vulnerable people.
3. Freedom and the Two Ways	Chs. 4-5	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Genesis 2:8-17	Understand meaningful choice and moral authority.	Use the two-trees illustration; list “life-giving” and “death-producing” habits.

Session	Reading	Main Text	Goal	Activity
4. Fall, Consequences, and Promise	Chs. 6-7	Genesis 3	Hold responsibility, judgment, mercy, and hope together.	Trace God's actions in Genesis 3 with four labels: seeks, questions, judges, covers.
5. History and Covenant	Chs. 8-9	Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:8-16	Connect Abraham, Israel, David, and Christ.	Build a covenant chain on paper.
6. Sabbath and the Plan Calendar	Ch. 10	Genesis 2:1-3; Leviticus 23	Use sacred time to rehearse creation and redemption.	Match each Holy Day with its major New Testament theme.
7. The Word Became Flesh	Chs. 11-12	John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-11	See Jesus as revelation, pattern, and King.	Choose one Gospel scene and list what it reveals about the Father.
8. Cross and Resurrection	Chs. 13-14	Isaiah 53; 1 Corinthians 15	Understand atonement and resurrection as the center of hope.	Write a prayer moving from confession to thanksgiving to hope.
9. Answering the Call	Ch. 15	Acts 2:37-39; Romans 6:1-6	Clarify repentance, faith, baptism, and Spirit-led life.	Personal inventory: turn from, turn toward, ask God for.
10. The Church as Firstfruits	Ch. 16	1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4	See the Church as a training and serving family.	Map gifts and unmet needs in the group.
11. Return, Kingdom, and Restoration	Chs. 17-18	Isaiah 11; Revelation 19-20	Move prophecy from speculation to faithful service.	Design a "Kingdom-shaped community" project.
12. Hope for All and All Things New	Chs. 19-20	Ezekiel 37; Revelation 21-22	End with resurrection, justice, mercy, and communion with God.	Write a covenant of response based on the final chorus.

Reusable 60-Minute Session Template

Time	Movement	Leader Guidance
0-5 min	Welcome and opening prayer	State the session purpose in one sentence.
5-10 min	Hear the song	Play or read the relevant lyric section.
10-25 min	Read Scripture	Use two to four passages. Ask observation questions before interpretation.
25-42 min	Discuss	Use three questions: What does this reveal about God? About humanity? About our response?
42-52 min	Apply	Choose one faithful next step. Avoid vague goals.
52-60 min	Pray	Praise, confession, intercession, and commitment.

Core Discussion Questions

61. What does this passage actually say?
62. What does it reveal about the Father and Jesus Christ?
63. How does the lyric express the central point of the passage in poetic language?
64. How does this stage connect to the stages before and after it?
65. What belief, habit, relationship, or hope should change because of this truth?

Four-Week Family Study Plan

Week 1 — God Made Us for a Purpose

Read Genesis 1:26-31 and Psalm 8. Listen to the opening chorus. Each person names one God-given ability in another family member.

Family Activity

Activity: Make an “image of God” collage using words such as love, creativity, justice, speech, care, and responsibility.

Family Prayer

Prayer: Thank God for each person by name.

Week 2 — Choosing Life

Read Genesis 2:8-17 and Deuteronomy 30:19-20. Use the two-trees illustration. Discuss one choice that gives life to the family and one that damages trust.

Family Activity

Activity: Put two jars on the table labeled “life-giving” and “life-draining.” Add paper examples during the week.

Family Prayer

Prayer: Ask for wisdom and self-control.

Week 3 — Jesus Brings Us Home

Read John 1:14, Luke 4:18-19, and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. Listen to the cross and resurrection section.

Family Activity

Activity: Draw three panels: garden, cross, new creation. Let children explain the movement in their own words.

Family Prayer

Prayer: Confession, forgiveness, and gratitude for Jesus.

Week 4 — God Makes All Things New

Read Isaiah 11:1-9 and Revelation 21:1-5. Listen to the final chorus. Ask each person what they most look forward to in God's Kingdom.

Family Activity

Activity: Plan one “Kingdom preview” act—feed someone, reconcile, visit, clean a public space, or encourage a lonely person.

Family Prayer

Prayer: “Your Kingdom come” and commitment to the act of service.

For Younger Children

- Keep readings short and repeat one key sentence.
- Let children move timeline cards rather than only listen.
- Use concrete questions: Who made us? What choice was given? Who came to rescue? What will Jesus make new?
- Do not use fear of punishment as the primary motivation. Emphasize truth, consequence, mercy, and God's invitation to choose life.

Prayer Leader Guide

The prayer leader may use these movements in a home, congregation, retreat, or small group. Read the leader line slowly, allow a brief silence, then invite the group response.

Leader	All
Before time began, You purposed grace in Jesus Christ.	We trust the wisdom of Your eternal plan.
You made humanity in Your image and gave every person worth.	Teach us to honor every life You intend to redeem.
We chose our own way and brought pain into Your creation.	Have mercy on us and lead us back to life.
You promised the serpent would not have the final word.	We hold to Jesus Christ, the promised Victor.
The Word became flesh and showed us the Father.	Form the mind and character of Christ in us.
At the cross, love carried our sin and shame.	Cleanse us, reconcile us, and teach us to forgive.
You raised Jesus from the dead as the firstfruits.	Comfort the grieving and make us steadfast in hope.
You call a people from every tribe and land.	Build us into one faithful, serving family.
Jesus Christ will return and establish Your Kingdom.	Make us watchful, courageous, and ready to serve.
You will make all things new and dwell with Your children.	Keep us faithful until we see Your face.

Intercession Themes

- For those who feel purposeless or without worth.
- For people trapped in destructive choices and addictions.
- For families carrying consequences of betrayal, violence, or grief.
- For those preparing for baptism or seeking deeper conversion.
- For congregations and ministries to display humility, truth, and love.
- For nations to learn the ways of peace.
- For the grieving to be strengthened by resurrection hope and for courage to live as a preview of God's Kingdom.

20-Question Companion Study Test

Directions

Questions 1-15 are multiple choice. Questions 16-20 are short answer. Base your answers on both the song and the companion study. Suggested passing score: 16 of 20 (80%).

1. According to the study, when did God's purpose in Christ begin?

- A. After the flood
- B. At the birth of Israel
- C. Before time began
- D. After the resurrection

2. In John 1, "the Word" refers to

- A. Moses
- B. Jesus Christ before becoming flesh
- C. the Bible only
- D. an angel

3. Being made in God's image primarily gives every person

- A. automatic immortality
- B. equal wealth
- C. God-given dignity and a calling to reflect His character
- D. freedom from accountability

4. Why is meaningful choice important in the song and study?

- A. It makes love and character genuine
- B. It proves God does not care
- C. It removes consequences
- D. It guarantees every choice is right

5. What is the biblical name of the forbidden tree?

- A. Tree of death
- B. Tree of secret wisdom
- C. Tree of the knowledge of good and evil
- D. Tree of Satan

6. Which statement best describes the fall as presented in the song and Scripture?

- A. God caused Adam and Eve to sin
- B. The serpent deceived Eve, Adam followed Eve rather than God's command, and both joined in disobedience
- C. Only the serpent was responsible
- D. Sin had no lasting consequences

7. Genesis 3:15 is important because it

- A. introduces the first king
- B. ends the biblical story
- C. points toward the serpent's future defeat
- D. commands the Sabbath

8. The covenants with Abraham, Israel, and David ultimately point toward

- A. human self-government

- B. Jesus Christ and the Kingdom
- C. the end of worship
- D. private prosperity only

9. In this study, the annual Holy Days are presented as

- A. replace Jesus
- B. biblical appointments that can help trace themes of Christ and God's plan
- C. are merely national holidays
- D. teach that salvation is earned

10. What does the lyric "God is the real man" emphasize?

- A. The Father is a physical human
- B. Every man is God
- C. Jesus Christ is the perfect pattern for humanity
- D. Humanity created God

11. The cross is presented as

- A. a tragic accident only
- B. God's costly provision for atonement, reconciliation, and victory
- C. proof that resurrection is unnecessary
- D. a reason to avoid forgiveness

12. The resurrection teaches that eternal life is

- A. innate in every soul
- B. earned by intelligence
- C. God's gift through raising and transforming the dead
- D. only a metaphor

13. Which response pattern appears in Acts 2 and related passages?

- A. Calling, repentance, faith, baptism, laying on of hands, Holy Spirit
- B. Nationality, wealth, education, influence
- C. Fear, secrecy, isolation, control
- D. No response is needed

14. "Firstfruits" means the Church is

- A. superior and finished
- B. a first harvest trained for service in a larger plan
- C. the only people God notices
- D. free from correction

15. The final destination of God's plan is best described as

- A. endless human government
- B. souls floating without purpose
- C. God dwelling with a redeemed family in renewed creation
- D. a return to the present world unchanged

16. Explain why the Savior is not "Plan B."

17. Name two ways the Sabbath or Holy Days help believers rehearse God's plan.

18. How did God continue His plan after Adam and Eve chose another way?

19. According to the study, how should resurrection hope affect daily Christian life?

20. In one paragraph, summarize the movement of the song from “before time began” to “live forever with the Father.”

Test Answer Key and Scoring Guide

Multiple Choice

1-C, 2-B, 3-C, 4-A, 5-C, 6-B, 7-C, 8-B, 9-B, 10-C, 11-B, 12-C, 13-A, 14-B, 15-C.

Short-Answer Essentials

16. God's purpose and grace in Christ were established before human history; Christ was foreordained before the foundation of the world. Redemption was prepared, though human beings remained responsible for sin.

17. Accept any two supported answers: Sabbath remembers creation and dependence on God; Passover centers Christ's sacrifice; Unleavened Bread pictures leaving sin; Pentecost remembers the Spirit and firstfruits; Trumpets points to Christ's return; Atonement to reconciliation and removal of deception; Tabernacles to the millennial Kingdom; Eighth Day to later resurrection/judgment.

18. God confronted sin, allowed its consequences to be seen, gave hope through His promise, and continued His redemptive purpose, ultimately through Jesus Christ.

19. Hope should produce repentance, holy living, courage, comfort in grief, endurance, service, and freedom from despair—not passive speculation.

20. A complete answer should include the Father and Word before creation; humanity in God's image; freedom and Eden; fall and promise; covenant preparation; incarnation; ministry; cross; resurrection; calling and Spirit; Church/family; Christ's return; Kingdom; resurrection/judgment; and new creation with the Father.

Scoring

Award one point for each multiple-choice answer. Award one point for each short answer that includes the central idea. 18-20: excellent command; 16-17: strong; 13-15: review selected chapters; 0-12: repeat the course with guided discussion.

Glossary

Term	Meaning in This Study
Atonement	God's work through Christ to deal with sin, reconcile humanity, and restore relationship.
Calling	God drawing a person toward understanding, repentance, faith, and discipleship.
Covenant	A solemn relationship established by promises, responsibilities, and divine faithfulness.
Firstfruits	The first portion of a harvest; a biblical picture used for Christ and for believers called before a larger harvest.
Holy Days	Annual appointed times listed in Leviticus 23, carrying themes of worship, remembrance, repentance, harvest, and hope.
Image of God	Humanity's God-given likeness, dignity, capacity, vocation, and potential to grow into Christlike character.
Kingdom of God	God's reign through Jesus Christ, present in its transforming power and future in its worldwide fullness.
Millennium	The thousand-year reign of Christ described in Revelation 20 and connected with prophetic restoration.
New Covenant	The covenant mediated by Jesus, including forgiveness, the Spirit, and God's law written on the heart.
New Creation	The renewed order culminating in Revelation 21-22, where God dwells with His people and death is gone.
Repentance	A God-enabled change of mind and direction that turns from sin toward God.
Resurrection	God's act of raising the dead; the basis of Christian hope and the means by which immortality is received.
Sabbath	The seventh day, blessed at creation and commanded as holy time for rest, worship, and remembrance.

Term	Meaning in This Study
Second Death	The final death described in Revelation 20:14-15 after judgment.
Word	The preexistent Jesus Christ in John 1, through whom God created and revealed Himself.

Core Scripture Index by Theme

Purpose before creation: Ephesians 1:3-10; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Peter 1:18-20

Father and Word: John 1:1-3, 14; John 17:5; Colossians 1:15-17

Image and purpose: Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8; Romans 8:29

Choice and two ways: Genesis 2-3; Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Promise and covenant: Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3; 22:15-18; 2 Samuel 7

Sabbath and festivals: Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11; Leviticus 23

Incarnation and example: John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Peter 2:21

Cross and resurrection: Isaiah 53; Romans 3:23-26; 1 Corinthians 15

Response and Spirit: Acts 2:37-39; Romans 6; Galatians 5:22-25

Church and firstfruits: Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 4; James 1:18

Return and Kingdom: Matthew 24:29-31; Revelation 11:15; 19-20

Later resurrection and judgment: Ezekiel 37; John 5:28-29; Revelation 20:11-15

New creation: 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21-22

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A Covenant of Response

Personal Prayer of Commitment

Father in heaven, I receive the truth that my life belongs inside Your eternal purpose. I acknowledge that I have chosen my own way and need the mercy provided through Jesus Christ. I place my trust in His sacrifice, resurrection, lordship, and coming Kingdom. Teach me to choose life, keep Your commandments in love, follow the leading of Your Spirit, honor every person made in Your image, serve Your people, endure in hope, and hold firmly to the hand of Jesus Christ. Complete Your work in me and prepare me to live forever with You. Amen.

Name: _____

Date: _____

One faithful next step:

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

This certifies that

has completed the

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and demonstrated understanding of the song's biblical chronology,
central Scriptures, and practical call to follow Jesus Christ.

Date: _____ Leader: _____

"God had a plan before the world began."