

God's story and our story, as told in the Bible

The Bible is the greatest book of all time. It tells the most important story that's ever been told, of a God of grace, who created us and who wants to live in relationship with us. We read of the God who speaks, who acts, who listens, and whose love culminated in the gift of his Son.

Beginning today we are going to be reading the Bible together. There are daily readings which we will read day by day in our own time. On a Sunday and in our housegroups on Tuesday and Thursday we will try and catch a glimpse of the big picture, looking at some of the passages that we have read the previous week. As the weeks progress I pray that we will get to see the whole story and how it hangs together.

It doesn't matter which version of the Bible you use to read these passages, but if you don't have a readily available Bible at home please borrow one of the church Bibles.

I hope that you enjoy reading God's story and our story, as told by the Bible. Here are the first four weeks' readings.

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Week beginning 5 May

Sunday Genesis 1:1-2:3

Monday Genesis 2:4-25

Tuesday Genesis 3:1-24

Wednesday Genesis 4:1-16

Thursday Genesis 6:1-7:24

Friday Genesis 8:1-9:17

Saturday Genesis 11:1-9

Creation: the beginning of life as we know it

Creation

Adam and Eve and the garden of Eden

The serpent, the fruit, the fall and banishment from the garden

Cain and Abel

The flood

God's covenant with

Noah The tower of Babel

Week beginning 12 May

Sunday Genesis 12:1-9
Genesis 13:3-9, 14-18

Monday Genesis 15:1-21
Genesis 17:1-9, 15-22

Tuesday Genesis 21:1-7
Genesis 22:1-18

Wednesday Genesis 24:1-66

Thursday Genesis 25:19-34
Genesis 27:1-28:4

Friday Genesis 28:10-22
Genesis 29:13-30

Saturday Genesis 32:1-33:11
Genesis 35:1-4, 9-15

God builds a nation

The call of Abram

Abram and Lot separate, and God's promise to Abram

God's covenant with Abram/Abraham

The birth of Isaac
Abraham is tested

Isaac and Rebekah

Jacob and Esau
Jacob takes Esau's blessing

Jacob's dream at Bethel
Jacob marries Leah and Rachel

Jacob wrestles with God and meets
Esau Jacob returns to Bethel

Week beginning 19 May

Sunday	Genesis 37:1-36
Monday	Genesis 39:1-23 Genesis 40:1-23
Tuesday	Genesis 41:1-57
Wednesday	Genesis 42:1-38
Thursday	Genesis 43:1-16, 26-34 Genesis 44:1-34
Friday	Genesis 45:1-46:7 Genesis 46:28-30
Saturday	Genesis 46:30-47:12 Genesis 49:29-50:3 Genesis 50:15-26

Joseph: from slavery to deputy Pharaoh

Joseph's dreams, and he is sold into slavery
Joseph and Potiphar's wife
The cupbearer and the baker
Pharaoh dreams, Joseph interprets, and he is put in charge of Egypt by Pharaoh
Joseph's brothers go to Egypt
Their second journey to Egypt
A silver cup in the sack
Joseph reveals himself, and Jacob goes to Egypt
Jacob meets Joseph
Jacob's family settles in Egypt
Jacob dies
Joseph reassures his brothers, the death of Joseph

Week beginning 26 May

Sunday	Exodus 1:6-14, 22 Exodus 2:1-24
Monday	Exodus 3:1-17 Exodus 4:1-17, 27-31
Tuesday	Exodus 5:1-6:8 Exodus 7:8-24
Wednesday	Exodus 10:24-29 Exodus 11:4-10
Thursday	Exodus 12:1-13, 21-30 Exodus 12:31-33, 40-42
Friday	Exodus 13:17-14:31
Saturday	Exodus 15:22-27 Exodus 16:1-36 Exodus 17:1-7

Deliverance

The Israelites oppressed
The birth of Moses, Moses flees to Midian
Moses and the burning bush
Signs for Moses, Moses returns to Egypt
Bricks without straw, God promises deliverance
The first plague
Pharaoh's heart hardened again
The plague on the firstborn.
The Passover
The exodus
Crossing the sea
The waters of Marah and Elim
Manna and quail
Water from the rock