

understanding the resources

the gospel project for students

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What is the secret to a great student ministry? Maybe it's a great experience, with plenty of opportunities for laughter and fun. Perhaps it's strong teaching that helps students get a grip on a growing faith. While some might think these two are opposed, we like to ask: why can't it be both?



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Deep, faithful teaching and fun experiences aren't in conflict. And that's what students and ministry leaders will find with The Gospel Project for Students, which offers them a great experience as they dive into the story of Scripture and explore the essential truths of the Christian faith.

Central to that experience in The Gospel Project for Students are the Leader Guide and Daily Discipleship Guide. Both resources combine eye-catching visual, vibrant colors, and an easy-to-follow layout for leaders and group members of any experience level.

The Leader Guide provides student ministry leaders with everything they need to lead an effective, meaningful, and fun Bible study experience. And we really do mean everything. Throughout its pages, they'll find discussion questions, biblical commentary, and activity ideas.

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The Daily Discipleship Guide gives students an outline for each session's discussion and guidance on how they will apply what they've learned to their whole lives using the "Head, Heart, and Hands" model, addressing how what they've learned shapes their thinking, their emotions, and their actions.



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To connect each session more deeply, students are encouraged to read and engage with five daily devotions that are included in the Daily Discipleship Guide and study the Bible for themselves using the Seven Arrows method. And that's important because the point isn't simply to read the passage. Students need to learn how to study the Bible for themselves. We don't want them to just take our word for what the Bible says. We want them to see that the Bible really does point to Jesus, as one big story of redemption.



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But the story isn't all that your students learn from The Gospel Project. They also discover the essential truths of the faith, seeing them drawn out from the pages of Scripture. And this matters because we want to help students gain a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the essentials. That is, the essential truths of the Christian faith, to know what Christians believe and how to meaningfully engage in discussions about real questions people have about the faith, including their own. That's why the final session of each unit is devoted to a deeper dive into how a specific essential truth of the faith is revealed throughout.



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In the first volume alone, as we explore God's work in creating the world and then people, we see how He did it all for His glory.

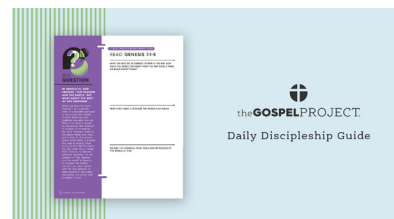
As we see humanity rebel against Him, we will explore how sin has become the default mode of the human heart.

And as we begin a survey of the family of Abraham down to Joseph, we will see how God providentially worked to preserve and build a nation from their descendants.

These sessions have a distinct look and feel from the rest of the unit to better allow for students to engage with our new doctrine discussion videos.

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This commitment to the big truths of the faith doesn't stop with the doctrine sessions, though. It's something that you'll find in every session of The Gospel Project for Students. Because many students, especially those who grew up going to church, are hesitant to ask hard questions, we've included a Big



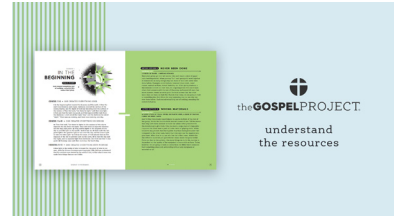
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Question feature that addresses the most difficult questions that may come from the study, and tackles them head on.

We want to help you nurture an environment where asking hard questions and finding honest answers are not only possible but encouraged, and this is one of the ways that we can do that.

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And that's what it all comes back to. Even as your groups engage with fun activities and spend time building relationships in their discussions, we want to help their faith take root and grow deep down. To help build and strengthen a foundation that will last a lifetime and stand against the challenges life brings right now. They need the gospel. They need the God of the gospel. And they'll meet Him with fresh eyes as they study the Word with The Gospel Project for Students.



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- What excites you most about what you've learned about the student Bible study resources?
- What opportunities to do you see to strengthen ministry as you use this curriculum?



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