

# PARENT GUIDE



## Big Idea

The Bible is one unified story that explains our world's origin, human beings place in this world and how God is working to restore the world to it's true purpose through Jesus.

## Focus Verse

"For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!"

- Romans 5:17

## Resources

### Links to views on Narrative Theology

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/rogereolson/2016/01/narrative-theology-explained/>

<http://reformedanswers.org/answer.asp/file/40249>

### Story of God Books

[The Story of God: A Narrative Theology-By Michael Lodahl \(Wesleyan Tradition\)](#)

[The Story- Max Lucado \(Church of Christ\)](#)

[Telling God's Story- Preben Vang \(Baptist\)](#)

[The Art of Biblical Narrative- Robert Alter \(Scholarly Work\)](#)

## Week 2

This week we are taking an overhead view of the Story of God. We cover the whole narrative arc of the Bible with very little in the way of details. We are doing this to set up the conversation for our next series in October called The Biggest Story, which will explore in detail the different phases of the overarching story of God.

Ask your students what they learned this week and if you have time find a way to walk through the story of the Bible with them. We will be going more in depth with this in November so I've included some books from different Christian traditions on the subject on the left.

A video link on the Old Testament part of the story of God that may be helpful in discussing with your students.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l400jhY2DF0>

If you have younger children as well as teens you might want to go through something like this

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebrbdbXzMrg>

## Final Word

"Reading and understanding the Bible involves lots and lots of interpretation. Not just in light of the world and culture around us, but in reference to other parts of the Bible." -John Piper