

The **Family**  
**project**<sup>™</sup>  
A Divine Reflection

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## PROLOGUE

### WELCOME TO THE FAMILY PROJECT CURRICULUM!

Thank you for investing the time and effort to learn more about God’s design for the family and how it reflects His very own nature.

As we will see in session 1 of this curriculum, as we explore the meaning of family, we’re also embarking on a journey to answer three key questions that all human beings ask in some form:

*Where do we come from?*

*What are we?*

*Where are we going?*

In this pursuit, we will encounter two primary reference points to help us find answers. ►



# PROLOGUE

Just as every town has main roads that serve as the common reference points for getting around, so also there are two main “intersecting roads” in our journey.

## OUR EAST-WEST PATHWAY: FULLER WORLDVIEW BOULEVARD

The Christian worldview is typically understood in three parts:

**Creation**  
**Fall**  
**Redemption**

But in looking at the big picture, we see there are really four additional parts, with the other parts in the smaller arrows below:

PRE-CREATION

CREATION

FALL

INCARNATION

REDEMPTION

ASCENSION

CONSUMMATION

As we move through each session, the significance of each will be made clear.

1  
GENESIS  
1:26

2  
GENESIS  
2:18

3  
GENESIS  
3:22

4  
REVELATION  
21:5

## OUR NORTH-SOUTH PATHWAY: DEFINITIVE STATEMENT AVENUE

This second main thoroughfare consists of four definitive statements from God that give meaning and understanding to where we come from, what we are, and where we’re going:

- 1 **God’s First Definitive Statement:**  
“Let us make man in our image...”  
(Genesis 1:26).
- 2 **God’s Second Definitive Statement:**  
“It is not good that the man should be alone...” (Genesis 2:18).
- 3 **God’s Third Definitive Statement:**  
“Behold, the man has become like one of us...” (Genesis 3:22).
- 4 **God’s Fourth Definitive Statement:**  
“Behold, I am making all things new”  
(Revelation 21:5).

Look for these worldview parts and definitive statements as they address those three key human questions in order through the sessions that follow.

For more resources on Christian worldview and God’s plan for the family, please visit [familyproject.com](http://familyproject.com).