

THE BIG STORY

FROM CREATION TO CHRIST

WEEK 1

Creation & Fall - Genesis 1–3

DAILY READING - Jan 12th to 16th

Mon – Genesis 1

Tue – Genesis 2

Wed – Genesis 3

Thu – Romans 5:12–21

Fri – John 1:1–5

DEVOTIONAL

In the Beginning: A Good World, a Broken One, and a Greater Hope

Memory Verse: *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”* **Genesis 1:1 (ESV)**

Story Thread: *“The story begins with a good world in need of a Savior.”*

Genesis opens with breathtaking clarity: the world began not in chaos, but in goodness. God did not create a broken world and then scramble to fix it. He created something beautiful, ordered, and full of purpose. That truth matters, because it tells us that brokenness is not original, it is an interruption. When life feels fractured, when relationships strain, when our hearts feel restless or weary, Scripture reminds us that this is not how things were meant to be.

Genesis 3 helps us name what we often feel but struggle to explain. The world feels broken because trust was broken between humanity and God, between people and one another, and even within our own hearts. Sin introduced fear where there were once freedom and shame where there was once joy. Yet remarkably, God did not respond by turning away. In the very moment of humanity’s failure, God spoke a promise: a Redeemer would come. Genesis 3:15 whispers hope into the darkness evil would not have the final word.

This means that even today, when your home feels strained, when your faith feels fragile, or when life feels heavier than it should, you are not living in a forgotten story. You are living in a story God has committed Himself to redeem. The same God who created in the beginning is still restoring today and He has not abandoned what He loves.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

TALK “What does Genesis 3 tell us about why the world feels broken?”

READ Genesis 3:15 the first promise of a Redeemer.

Prayer: *Lord, thank You for not abandoning us. Restore what is broken in our home, in our hearts, and in our world. Help us live today in the hope that You are still at work. Amen.*

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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In the Beginning: The World That Needed a Savior

Text: Genesis 1–3

1. **The sermon opened by asking, “What story are you living in?”**
After walking through Genesis 1–3, what story does the Bible say the world is actually living in—and how is that different from the stories our culture tells about meaning, identity, or success?
2. **Genesis describes creation as “very good” before anything goes wrong.**
Why is it important that the Big Story starts with goodness instead of sin? How does that shape the way we understand God’s intentions for the world?
3. **The Fall was described as a breakdown of trust before it was a moral failure.**
Looking at Genesis 3, what changes once Adam and Eve stop trusting God’s word and character? What relational shifts do you notice immediately after sin enters the story?
4. **Even in the moment of judgment, God makes a promise in Genesis 3:15.**
Why do you think God chose to introduce hope so early in the story? How does this promise begin pointing the whole biblical narrative toward a coming Savior?

