



GOD'S ROUTE 66, PART 3: FROM CREATION TO A NATION

A lot of people know the separate Bible stories, but very few know the overall story of the Bible. Without understanding the over-arching story, it can feel confusing and disconnected. Genesis through Deuteronomy show us where everything begins—creation, sin, redemption, worship, wandering, and God's faithfulness. These books don't just tell Israel's story; they help us understand our story, too.

BIG IDEA: From the beginning, God has been rescuing broken people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you think about a memorable road trip, what made it memorable—good or bad?
2. *With the Bible or Bible App, read [Genesis 1:1](#) and [Genesis 12:1-3](#).*

In the beginning God...

[*Genesis 1:1 \(NLT\)*](#)

¹ *The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."* [*Genesis 12:1-3 \(NLT\)*](#)

3. *Genesis is a book of beginnings.* Why do you think beginnings matter so much?
4. What stands out to you about God choosing Abraham? How does Abraham's story remind us that God's grace is not earned?
5. *With the Bible or Bible App, read [Exodus 1:7-12](#).*

⁷ *But their descendants, the Israelites, had many children and grandchildren. In fact, they multiplied so greatly that they became extremely powerful and filled the land. ⁸ Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the people of Israel now outnumber us and are stronger than we are. ¹⁰ We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more. If we don't, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us. Then they will escape from the country." ¹¹ So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down. ¹² But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more the Israelites multiplied and spread, and the more alarmed the Egyptians became.* [*Exodus 1:7-12 \(NLT\)*](#)

6. *Exodus is the story of deliverance from bondage.* What are some modern forms of bondage people experience today?
7. Have you ever experienced a season where God brought you out of something difficult? Why do you think people sometimes struggle to leave "Egypt" even after God opens the door?
8. *With the Bible or Bible App, read [Exodus 40:34-38](#).*

³⁴ *Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle, and the glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses could no longer enter the Tabernacle because the cloud had settled down over it, and the glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle. ³⁶ Now whenever the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out on their journey, following it. ³⁷ But if the cloud did not rise, they remained where they were until it lifted. ³⁸ The cloud of the LORD hovered over the Tabernacle during the day, and at night fire glowed inside the cloud so the whole family of Israel could see it. This continued throughout all their journeys.*

[*Exodus 40:34-38 \(NLT\)*](#)



9. God's presence filled the Tabernacle with cloud by day and fire by night. What do you think it would have been like to visibly see God leading His people?
10. How do we recognize God's presence and guidance today? What helps you trust God when you cannot clearly see where He's leading?
11. *With the Bible or Bible App, [read Leviticus 17:11](#).*

The life of the body is in its blood. I have given you the blood on the altar to purify you, making you right with the LORD. It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible.

[*Leviticus 17:11 \(NLT\)*](#)

12. How does the sacrificial system point forward to Jesus? What does authentic worship look like in everyday life—not just on Sundays?
13. The Israelites stood at the edge of the Promised Land but allowed fear to stop them. Can you think of a time fear kept you from trusting God fully?
14. Why is fear often stronger than faith in difficult moments? What helps build trust in God when the future feels uncertain?
15. *Deuteronomy is full of reminders to remember and obey God.* Why do people tend to forget God during seasons of comfort or success?
16. What practical habits help you stay spiritually grounded? Who has played a “Moses” role in your life—someone who reminded and encouraged you spiritually?
17. The sermon compared the first five books of the Bible to stages in our spiritual lives:

Genesis — beginnings

Exodus — deliverance

Leviticus — worship

Numbers — wandering

Deuteronomy — reminders

Which stage do you relate to most right now, and why?

MOVING FORWARD

This week, spend time reflecting on your spiritual journey. Where have you seen God's faithfulness in your beginnings, your deliverance, your wandering, or your growth? Ask God to help you trust Him with the next step of your journey instead of just the final destination.

WEEKLY READING

This week, spend some time reading and reflecting on Genesis 12:1-3, Matthew 22:36-40, Exodus 40:34-38, and Numbers 13.