

* MORE TO EXPLORE

WEEK OF SEPT. 25, 2022

GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

LUKE

Today's story comes from the book of Luke. Luke is one of the four Gospels and is the third book in the New Testament. It was written so all would know that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

SINCE GOD IS PERFECT, WHY WOULD HE WANT TO FORGIVE A SINNER LIKE ME?

We are God's creation, and He cares for us. In the New Testament book of John, God tells us why He wants to forgive us. John 3:16 says: *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."* God wants to forgive us because He loves us. All we need to do is ask.

OT-NT CONNECTION

Throughout the Bible, God continually demonstrates His great mercy toward His children and His incredible capacity for forgiveness. Read **Psalm 86**, a prayer of David. David makes several requests of the Lord.

- Find some of the requests David makes.
- For what things have you asked (or could you ask) the Lord to forgive?

Our God is powerful enough to forgive all of our sins!

JOURNAL

Find a notebook or small journal and write "Forgiveness Journal" on the front with this week's verse underneath. Each day this week, think of one reason you are thankful for God's forgiveness and write it down.

This activity doesn't have to end at the end of this week! Keep it going as long as you can.

IF I'M FORGIVEN, ARE THERE STILL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WRONG THINGS I DO?

Yes. Like Romans 6:23 says, our sins eternally separate us from God. That is the penalty for sin. Anyone who accepts God's gift of salvation will not go to hell, but instead will receive eternal life and forgiveness of their sins. However, there are still consequences for the wrong things we do. In the first book of the Bible called Genesis, Adam and Eve experienced this when they sinned in the Garden of Eden and sin entered the world.

READ



Read the full story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32. How did each of the sons mess up? Despite their wrongs, the father still loved them both. Both the older son and younger son could be forgiven. Forgiveness and salvation are available to everyone.