

# Welcome to DiscipleLand!

## Unit B

### God—Up Close and Personal

Reading: selected Psalms, Philippians

Skill: O.T. Themes, Nehemiah—Daniel

### Old Testament Heroes II

Reading: Key O.T. Passages

Skill: O.T. Structure and Authors

### Powerful Messengers

Reading: Acts 10–17

Skill: N.T. Geography

### Amazing Words

Reading: Gospels

Skill: N.T. Themes, Matthew—2 Thessalonians

### Why We Got the Bible

Reading: Daniel

Skill: N.T. Structure and Authors

### Life at Work

Reading: Mark 4–7

Skill: My Amazing Mind

## Unit C

### Wanted: Dead and Alive

Reading: Psalms 79–101

Skill: O.T. Themes, Hosea—Malachi

### New Testament Heroes

Reading: Key N.T. Passages

Skill: Bible Archaeology

### Valiant Voyagers

Reading: Acts 18–28

Skill: N.T. Mastery

### Mighty Miracles

Reading: Gospels

Skill: N.T. Themes, 1 Timothy—Revelation

### What the Bible Says About...

Reading: Psalms 20–41

Skill: Battle Basics

### Life with God

Reading: Mark 8–11

Skill: Worshiping God

## Unit D

### After God's Own Heart

Reading: 1 Samuel 16–2 Samuel 24

Skill: Bible Mastery

### Christian Heroes

Reading: Psalms 62–78

Skill: History Timeline

### World Changers

Reading: Psalms 42–61

Skill: Evangelism

### Triumphant Over All

Reading: Gospels

Skill: Building Character

### The Bible, My Compass

Reading: 1 John; James

Skill: Bearing Fruit

### Village Life

Reading: Mark 12–16

Skill: N.T. Books, Matthew—Revelation

# Why We Got the Bible

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Dear Teacher,

God wants us to know Him, and He has revealed Himself to us in His Word. In this unit, your students will develop a fuller understanding of why God gave them the Bible. They will know that the Bible is significant for everyone on earth.

The Bible came from God to transform all people. In the last six lessons of this unit, your students will travel to each of the six populated continents where they will learn about a pioneer missionary who brought the Good News into a new region and another missionary who has served God there more recently.

We want to help make your teaching experience enjoyable and rewarding. **DiscipleLand** includes features that will enable you to introduce key Bible truths, guide students through life-changing exposure to the Scriptures, and then assess your impact. Because learning should be fun as well as spiritually beneficial, you will find a variety of creative activities to supplement and reinforce each Bible lesson.

A full discussion of **DiscipleLand** features is provided in this Teacher's Guide. The Contents panel will direct you to this wealth of additional resources.

It is our prayer, too, that you and your students will fall more in love with the Author of the Bible.

In the magnificent Jesus,  
**Mark Steiner**, Project Director

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# Syllabus

**1 The Bible Enters My Mind** 1 Kings 3:2-28  
*God programs my mind when I read the Bible.*

**2 The Bible Molds My Heart** Exodus 35-36  
*God shapes my heart when I respond to the Bible.*

**3 The Bible Changes My Life** Philemon  
*God transforms my life when I obey what the Bible says.*

**4 The Bible Guides My Future** Daniel 1  
*God equips me to serve Him when I choose His way.*

**5 The Bible Reaches My Friends** Esther  
*God touches my friends when I share the Good News about Jesus' love and forgiveness.*

**6 The Bible Calls to Everyone** Genesis 15  
*God's message extends around the world when I help to make disciples.*

**7 The Bible Reaches Asia** Taylor & Shetler  
*God transforms people in Asia when Christians show Jesus' love to them.*

**8 The Bible Reaches Europe** Patrick & Andrew  
*God transforms people in Europe when Christians show Jesus' love to them.*

**9 The Bible Reaches Africa** Morris & Veenstra  
*God transforms people in Africa when Christians show Jesus' love to them.*

**10 The Bible Reaches North America** Brainerd & Townsend  
*God transforms people in North America when Christians show Jesus' love.*

**11 The Bible Reaches South America** Elliot & Olson  
*God transforms people in South America when Christians show Jesus' love.*

**12 The Bible Reaches Australia** Matthews & Richardson  
*God transforms people in Australia and Oceania when Christians show Jesus' love to them.*

**12R Review: "Why We Got the Bible"**  
*Play DiscipleLand Baseball and review concepts from the entire unit.*



**By the end of this unit, students should—**

## Know:

- God truly desires to communicate with everyone.
- God gave the Bible to transform and equip people to serve Him.
- God uses ordinary people to become missionaries who serve Him on every continent.
- The Holy Spirit helps them understand God's Word.
- God wants them to tell their friends about Jesus' love and forgiveness.

## Feel:

- Concern for the many people who still do not have a Bible to learn about God.
- Fascinated with the service of missionaries around the world.
- Cheerful about meeting with God as they read their Bibles.
- Excited about their growing ability to learn Bible verses.
- Eager to reach others for Christ.

## Do:

- Pray that people around the world will respond to God's Word.
- Complete activities and applications in each lesson.
- Explain how the New Testament books fit together.
- Read the entire Book of Daniel.
- Memorize key Bible verses.

# Embrace Your Mission

## Personal Growth Ideas

Make it your personal goal to grow to love, appreciate and use God's Word more than you ever have before. Read Psalm 119 through once each week, choosing especially meaningful verses to commit to memory.

Learn to use one Bible study tool (concordance, Bible commentary, Bible maps, etc.) that you've never used before. Recommit yourself to daily, personal devotions with your Lord. As you teach your students to fall in love with the Scriptures, you'll be one step ahead of them!

## Prayer Ideas

Pray faithfully for yourself and your class:

- Pray that God will help you communicate clearly to your students.
- Pray that God will challenge one or more of your students to serve among people who still have not heard about Jesus.
- Pray that your students will develop a deep respect for God's Word.
- Pray that you and your students will draw closer to God through your time in His Word.
- Pray that people around the world will respond to the Good News about Jesus.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in individual hearts, molding each class member into a vessel to be used for Him.

*These symbols will guide you through each DiscipleLand lesson:*



## Learner Targets

This section identifies the key Bible truths and response goals for your students. By the end of each lesson, students should know, feel, and be able to do each listed item.



## Prepare Hearts

To prepare for the Bible lesson, you may want to begin each session with these activities.

*Sing with Joy:* The suggested songs help develop the lesson emphasis and unit theme.

*Memorize Bible Verse:* A proposed activity helps students remember Scripture verses.

*Pray for Power:* Each lesson suggests specific prayer guidelines for students.



## Change Lives

These sections embrace the heart of the lesson and bring your students into the Bible itself.

*Spark Interest:* Involve students and “grab” their attention with this interest-generating activity.

*Explore Scripture:* Teach the Bible lesson itself. Include appropriate exercises from the student workbooks.

*Inspire Action:* Encourage learners to apply a main Bible truth to their lives. Also refer to student workbooks for *HeartBeat* activities.



## Extend Learning

Each lesson provides several creative activities that supplement or reinforce the Bible story. These varied activities have been designed for different types of learners. Select those that best meet the needs of your students.

## Student Workbooks

Your students will enjoy every page of their carefully designed, full-color workbooks. Each exercise reinforces Bible truths and helps kids develop critical thinking skills.

**DiscipleLand** workbooks include several distinct features:



**HeartBeat:** These activities help students apply a biblical principle from the lesson.



**Bible Verse:** Each lesson suggests a memory verse that captures the central idea of the Bible passage. Lessons 6 and 12 offer opportunities for students to review verses they've learned. Or, you may choose to memorize the alternate, longer Scripture passage.



**Explore More:** During this unit, students will read through the Book of Daniel. Those who faithfully complete this section through Levels 1-12 will have read their entire Bibles!

**Bible Skill:** Each **DiscipleLand** unit introduces a new skill or reviews skills learned in previous levels.



**N.T. Structure & Authors:** Your students will understand how the New Testament fits together and be able to identify who wrote each New Testament book.

## Review Lesson

At the end of each unit, a **DiscipleLand Baseball** game will help your students review the main topics, verses, skills, and learning targets. Frequently encourage students to “brush up” on what they have been learning. Motivate them to participate successfully in the review game and solidify God’s Word as an enduring part of their lives.

## We Believe

The Bible is the inspired message from God, without error in the original writings. It shall ever remain mankind’s final authority for personal faith and all of life.

One God exists in the form of three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ is truly God and truly Man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived without sin, in perfect obedience to the Father. Christ performed great miracles and explained the kingdom of God, but was rejected by His people. He died on the cross for the sins of others, was buried, and rose victoriously to live forever.

The Holy Spirit is fully God. He convicts the world of sin, indwells believers, empowers Christians to live holy lives, and distributes spiritual gifts for the edification of the Body of Christ.

All people are sinful by nature and deed, yet can be forgiven by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ. All who genuinely trust Christ are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and united with Him for eternity.

Jesus Christ’s return is imminent. He will gather all who believe in Him and will establish His kingdom. All who reject Jesus Christ will endure eternal punishment in hell while those who place their faith in Christ will enjoy eternal life in heaven with Him.