



How to Use This Curriculum

The Biggest Story Curriculum includes 104 lessons designed to help children understand God’s plan to redeem the world through his Son, Jesus, by leading them through the overarching story of the Bible over the course of roughly two years. Created from the ground up by a team of pastors, children’s ministry workers, and content creators, the curriculum features guided lessons that can be used in Sunday school, children’s church, or homeschooling contexts.

A major strength of *The Biggest Story Curriculum* is its modular design, allowing teachers to pick and choose which components to use based on the age of the students, specific educational goals, or available time.

The chart below shows suggested components for 30-, 45-, and 60-minute class times. For a complete set of sample lesson plans for Sunday school, children’s church, and homeschooling contexts, see Sample Lesson Plans on page x.

Available Time for Lesson				
Lesson Components		30 minutes	45 minutes	60 minutes
Teach	The Big Picture (5 minutes)		✓	✓
	Tell the Story (5–10 minutes)	✓	✓	✓
	Teach the Story (10 minutes)		✓	✓
	Gospel Connection (5 minutes)	✓	✓	✓
Engage	Discuss the Story (10 minutes)			✓
	Activities (10–15 minutes)	✓	✓	✓
	Crafts (10–15 minutes)			✓

Lesson Components

The lesson components are grouped into three major lesson phases: Read, Teach, and Engage. The Read phase includes a brief set of prelesson prompts including the most important step—reading and meditating on the Bible passage itself. The Teach phase includes all the tools needed to help kids understand the story and how it fits into the grand narrative of the Bible. The Engage phase includes multiple components to help kids thoughtfully, creatively, and physically engage with the story in memorable ways. Below is a description of each component within these three phases.

1 **Read**

BEFORE THE LESSON

This section highlights the Bible passage that teachers should read and meditate on before teaching the lesson. For a few lessons that cover longer passages, this section offers a focus passage to review within that larger context. It also includes a simple checklist designed to guide teachers as they review the lesson and prepare to teach.

2 **Teach**

THE BIG PICTURE

5 minutes

This section helps the teacher understand and summarize how the lesson connects with previous lessons and the overarching story of the Bible. Teachers are encouraged to review this section ahead of time, summarizing it in their own words at the beginning of the class.

TELL THE STORY

5–10 minutes

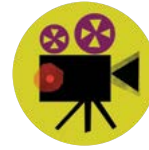
After reviewing how the lesson fits into the preceding lessons and the overarching story of the Bible, teachers progress to telling the current week's story. This can be done in one of three ways: (1) reading the relevant Bible passage out loud to the class, (2) reading the relevant story from *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook*, or (3) watching the relevant animated video for that particular story (found at TheBiggestStory.com). In each lesson, these options will be presented to you in the following way:



Read the
Bible passage
together



Read from
The Biggest Story
Bible Storybook



Play *The*
Biggest Story
video

TEACH THE STORY

10 minutes

This section provides some suggested teaching points to emphasize as teachers seek to reiterate the key themes from the story. While this section is written as a script, it can also be used as a launching pad for teachers to unpack the story for their class in ways that will serve their specific students. Don't miss the Big Truth. In the margin next to this section, teachers will find the Big Truth—a short sentence summarizing the main point of the lesson. Consider emphasizing the Big Truth throughout the lesson by saying it together as a class, incorporating it into an activity, or writing it on a craft.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

5 minutes

Similar to the Teach the Story section, this section can be used as a script or as a guide to help teachers show their kids how the lesson connects to the Bible's big story of redemption through Christ. Teachers are encouraged to close the teaching portion of the lesson by emphasizing how the story points to Jesus—the Snake Crusher—and his plan to save people from their sin.

DISCUSS THE STORY

10 minutes

Designed for use in smaller groups, the discussion questions listed in this section are a great way to help kids go deeper in their understanding of the story and why it matters. The questions listed here are intended to foster interactive group conversation between teachers and students.

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Engage

Don't miss the Memory Verse. In the margin next to this section, teachers will find a Memory Verse for the lesson. These verses reinforce the main point of the lesson and are short enough for kids to memorize in a week. Consider handing out a Biggest Story Verse Card to each child as a fun tool to take home as they seek to memorize the verse. Learn more about the Verse Cards at TheBiggestStory.com.

ACTIVITIES

10–15 minutes

Each lesson includes a number of suggested activities that are designed to pair well with the story. These activities are broken up into two age ranges (K–2nd and 3rd–5th) and include simple instructions along with a list of necessary supplies. Teachers can also download and print a coloring page and an activity page for each lesson for each student to work on in class or take home.

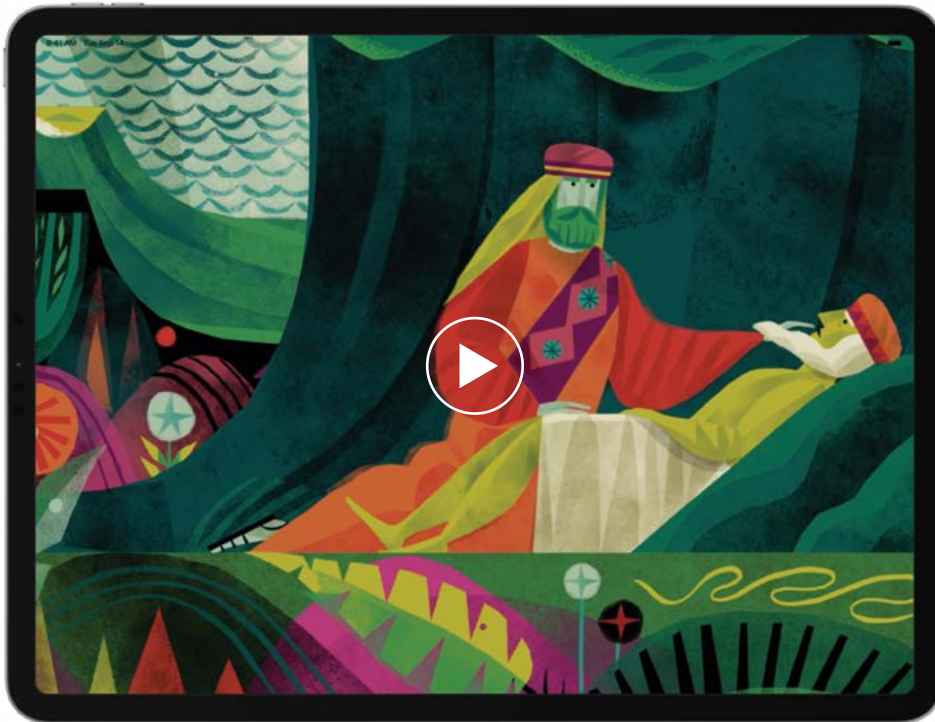
CRAFTS

10–15 minutes

Each lesson includes a number of suggested crafts that connect to the story in some way. These crafts are broken up into two age ranges (K–2nd and 3rd–5th) and include recommended preparation before the class begins, a list of necessary supplies, and simple instructions for doing the craft in class.

A Note on Artwork

Users will notice that some stories within *The Biggest Story Curriculum* include pictures of Jesus. The illustration style shows that these are not meant to be depictions of Jesus as he really was on earth. Instead, the artwork used here recognizes that Jesus is indeed the main character of the Biggest Story.



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Visit TheBiggestStory.com to stream or download free materials designed to complement *The Biggest Story Curriculum*.

Featuring beautiful animation and custom sound design, *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook Videos* help bring the Bible to life for children in a home or classroom setting. The videos are available to stream for free.

Downloadable and printable worksheets give kids fresh ways to engage with and review each of the 104 Bible lessons from *The Biggest Story Curriculum*. Each activity page encourages children to recap key points from the story, helping them apply what they have learned throughout the week, and the coloring pages give them a creative way to meditate on the story.

Sample Lesson Plans

The Biggest Story Curriculum consists of lesson components that can be customized for various church, home, and classroom contexts. The following sample lesson plans are intended to serve as inspiration as you develop the plan that is right for your context. A blank worksheet is provided at the end of this section for you to build your own lesson plan.

● Sunday School: Small Group/Large Group Plan

This 60-minute lesson plan was developed for a Sunday school format that includes small groups led by volunteer leaders and a single large group teaching time led by a primary teacher.

Time/Day	Duration	Lesson Component	Notes
8:30 a.m.	5 min	Welcome, Activity Sheets	Led by small group volunteers
	5 min	Transition to large group	
8:40 a.m.	5 min	The Big Picture	Led by large group teacher
	5 min	Tell the Story	Video or Storybook
	10 min	Teach the Story	
	5 min	Gospel Connection	
	5 min	Transition to small groups	
9:10 a.m.	10 min	Discuss the Story	Led by small group volunteers
	10 min	Craft or Activity	

● Sunday School: Simple Plan

This 45-minute lesson plan was developed for a one-room Sunday school context. It is simple and fast-moving to help younger kids stay engaged.

Time/Day	Duration	Lesson Component	Notes
9:30 a.m.	5 min	Welcome, Coloring Sheets	Room Leader, Volunteer 1
	10 min	Activity	Volunteer 2
9:45 a.m.	10 min	Tell the Story	Room Leader, Video or Storybook
	5 min	Gospel Connection	Room Leader
10:00 a.m.	5 min	Snack	Volunteer 3
10:05 a.m.	10 min	Craft	Volunteer 1

● Homeschool or Classroom: Daily Plan

This lesson plan was developed for a daily homeschool or classroom learning environment. Two stories are covered each week and Fridays are used for review and Scripture memory.

Time/Day	Duration	Lesson Component	Notes
Mon	5 min	The Big Picture (Story 1)	
	10 min	Tell the Story (Story 1)	Storybook or Video
	10 min	Craft or Activity (Story 1)	
Tue	10 min	Teach the Story (Story 1)	
	5 min	Gospel Connection (Story 1)	
	10 min	Discuss the Story (Story 1)	
Wed	5 min	The Big Picture (Story 2)	
	10 min	Tell the Story (Story 2)	Storybook or Video
	10 min	Craft or Activity (Story 2)	
Thu	10 min	Teach the Story (Story 2)	
	5 min	Gospel Connection (Story 2)	
	10 min	Discuss the Story (Story 2)	
Fri	5 min	Review	
	10 min	Scripture Memory	Choose one of the two verses
	10 min	Bonus Craft or Activity	