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life on another level

Student Workbook

YEAR 1

The Big Story
The Fall

Bible Readings

Genesis 3

Genesis 4

Romans 1:18 to Romans 2:16



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate the story of the Fall in the Bible.
- Express the meaning of the story.
- Apply your learning from the story to your own life.

Notes from Bible Reading

Scripture A word or phrase that stood out to me:

Observation What is happening in this Bible reading?

Application Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

Prayer What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

Key Question Why do you think this part of the story is often referred to as “the Fall”?

Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

As you hold onto a broken piece of pottery think about what it feels like:

- What was it like before it was broken?
- What may have caused it to break?
- Of what use might it be now?

Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

Read together: Romans 1:18-23, 28-2:1

You may remember that our story started with “beginnings” – a Creation story that speaks of a definite beginning, one Almighty God who stands apart from the created world, a good world, loving relationships, of responsibility being given to people, of men and women being created equally created in God’s image.

The next instalment of this story is where things take a dramatic turn. Those who were created in the image of God listen to some shaky advice given about a choice that had been placed before them.

And the consequences of the decision they made have echoed down through history; suffering, pain, competition, guilt, fear, relational tension and division, separation, death.

The CREATION has plummeted into CRISIS – the brokenness of our world finds its origin in this part of God’s story.

What will it take to heal creation from this great crisis?

You may wish to explore the story of the Fall and how this “original sin” impacts us today with your coach.

Explore – Express

As a group, brainstorm examples of brokenness in your community that might echo the same sort of separation experienced in the story of the Fall.

Explore – Integrate

- What part of this story stands out to you?
- What does it make you wonder about?
- In what way can you see brokenness in our world today?
- In what way does this part of God's story help you understand the world?

Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need.

Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

Finish with the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in Heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us,
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
Amen*