

BIG IDEA:	God's plan take's shape
BIBLE BASIS:	The New Testament
KEY VERSE:	"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" Romans 8:28 NIV

THE BIG BIBLE STORY

Watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/Q0BrP8bqj0c>

Last week we learned about how John The Baptist paved the way for the main character of the New Testament – Jesus! Let's take a moment to briefly go over the importance New Testament. The New Testament is more connected to the Old Testament more than you think. New Testament authors were steeped in Old Testament imagery, prophecies, and writing styles.

The New Testament is not as disconnected from the Old Testament as some might assume. The similarities are evident in the writings of the New Testament where authors often reference back to Old Testament scriptures. The New Testament Overview video linked at the top of the page shows the connection between the testaments and how the Bible is a unified story that leads to Jesus. The New Testament is not a whole "new" story, but a continuation of the entire Bible so far. The Old Testament, also known as the Hebrew Bible, tells an incomplete story about God and Israel and their continual failings to be the people God calls them to be but also gives us hope of a coming Messiah. Do you remember how long God's people waited to hear from God at the end of the Old Testament? It was four hundred years! But, God never leaves us or lies to us, so the Messiah did eventually come. Like mentioned before, The New Testament tells the story of that long awaited Messiah, who is also the main character of the New Testament (It's Jesus!).

We know that we have been in the Old Testament for a while now, so we are excited to take this journey together through the New Testament! Today you and your family will learn the first three motions of our "Walk Through The Bible" New Testament, so pay close attention and get to moving!

BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

For Preschoolers:

- What was your favorite part of the story?
- Why do you think God gave us the New Testament?

For Elementary:

- What was your favorite part of this story?
- What do you think about the Old Testament and The New Testament being so connected ?
- What do you think the New Testament says about Jesus?

BIG BIBLE STORY ACTIVITIES

Prayer: Write a prayer to God. Thank Him for giving us a continuation of the Bible (The New Testament).

Journal: What is your favorite move from “Walk Through The Bible” that you learned today? Write about why it is your favorite.

Bible: Go over our memory verse for this week, Romans 8:28. Discuss it with your parents. Tell them why you think God works for our good. How does this relate to The New Testament as a whole?

Art: God has wants you to learn to walk with Jesus through The New Testament. Draw a picture of you and Jesus walking through a scene of a story of The New Testament together.