





# Using God's Big Story for Planning Curriculum

				
Essential Questions	<p>What is God's intention for this idea or concept?</p> <p>What is God's purpose for creation?</p> <p>What is our relationship with God?</p> <p>What is our role as humans?</p>	<p>What went wrong and how has God's purpose been distorted?</p> <p>What went wrong?</p> <p>How has God's purpose been distorted?</p> <p>How has the view of what is real, true and of value been changed?</p>	<p>How does God want us to respond and care? What should our response be?</p> <p>How can we care for others?</p> <p>How does Christ's example guide the way we live?</p>	<p>Where is future hope found and what would restoration look like?</p> <p>What would restoration of God's purpose look like?</p> <p>To what direction is creation headed?</p> <p>What does the future hold?</p>
An Overview of God's Big Story	<p>God spoke the universe into existence and created humanity in his image.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» God pre-exists creation.</li> <li>» God created the heavens and the earth for his pleasure and delight. Everything works according to his purpose and plan.</li> <li>» He created us in his image and declares all things he has made to be good.</li> <li>» He gives human beings the mandate to inhabit and steward the earth.</li> <li>» All human beings have identity and significance, are creative, relational and self-aware beings.</li> <li>» Humans are rational, emotional and moral, capable of perceiving truth and making decisions.</li> </ul>	<p>The human condition is marred by sin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» God's intentions and purposes are distorted.</li> <li>» The consequences of sin affect all.</li> <li>» Relationship with God is damaged, and the creation suffers alienation from God.</li> <li>» God's intentions and purposes are distorted.</li> <li>» Death, decay, fractured relationships, alienation, and power struggles are consequences of sin.</li> <li>» Sin distorts our ability to discern truth.</li> </ul>	<p>God in his grace provided a way to be reconciled to himself and all creation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» God completes his plan of redemption and reconciliation by sending Christ into the world as the ultimate sacrifice for sin.</li> <li>» Jesus, by dying in our place, provides salvation for those who believe in him, winning the victory over sin and death.</li> <li>» We are re-created in Christ and become God's agents of peace and reconciliation.</li> <li>» We enjoy God's grace through faith and are given good works to do as stewards of creation.</li> <li>» We are to follow the example of Christ and care for others and creation.</li> <li>» We can enjoy a personal relationship with God with freedom and confidence.</li> </ul>	<p>The Bible gives us hope of a glorious future. God has promised to renew the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» God's plan will be fulfilled and righteousness and peace will prevail when Christ returns.</li> <li>» The restoration of all things will take place and everything will be made new.</li> <li>» We will live in the new heaven and earth, stewarding creation.</li> <li>» We can already share the future peace of God's kingdom through faith in Christ.</li> <li>» We are called to be continually transformed into the likeness of Christ and use our skills and talents for God's purpose.</li> <li>» We are called to bring hope into every area of life and create a new culture.</li> </ul>
Where in the Bible	<p>All God made was very good:</p> <p>Genesis 1:31 Ecclesiastes 3:11 Acts 17:24 Gen 1:28-30</p>	<p>All have sinned and fall short:</p> <p>Romans 3:23 Genesis 3:1-19 Isaiah 53:6 Romans 1:21-23 Romans 1:28-32 Galatians 5:19-21</p>	<p>In Jesus we have redemption:</p> <p>Ephesians 1:7 John 1:14 John 3:16 Romans 5:12-21 Matthew 28:18-20 1 Timothy 2:5</p>	<p>The Glory of God gives light:</p> <p>Revelation 21: 23-24 2 Corinthians 5:17, Micah 6:8 Revelation 22:7 Jeremiah 29:11 Proverbs 23:18.</p>