



GOD STORIES

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CHAPEL YOUNG ADULT SERIES: GOD STORIES

Welcome! We are so excited that you will be joining us for “God Stories.” Each week, we will explore a story from the New Testament with the goal of beholding Jesus, becoming more like him, and reflecting him to the world around us.

Theme Verse:

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Together, we will:

- Learn to see and reflect the glory of the Lord in our lives.
- Recognize God at work in our personal lives and in our community.
- Celebrate “God with us” and seek to become a community that beholds and reflects Jesus, together!

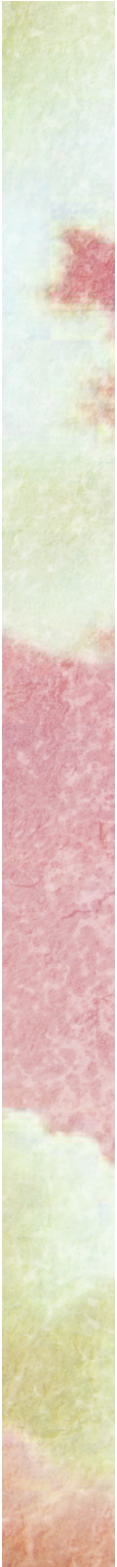


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Peter and John heal a man who had been paralyzed from birth. The man goes into the temple courts walking and jumping, praising God, and the people recognize him and are filled with wonder and amazement at what happened to him.

STRUCTURE FOR EACH SESSION

READ: Read the passages together.

REFLECT: Discuss highlights, key points, and aspects of God's character revealed in the passage. Engage in inductive study or group discussion.

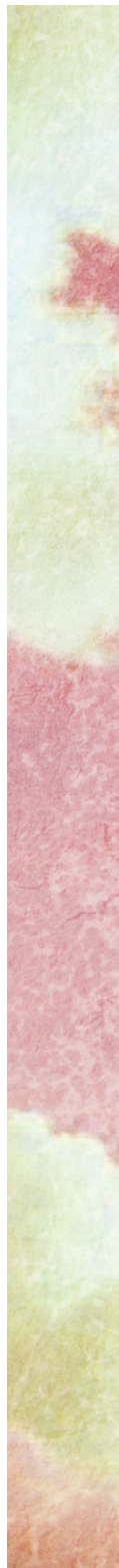
RESPOND: Share and reflect on personal God stories, recognizing God's movement in your lives. Offer prayers of gratitude and praise.

BREAKTHROUGH: Pray for areas where people in your group desire to see God move. Pray and invite God's presence and intervention.

OPENING NIGHT

The Healing of the Woman Bent Over **Luke 13:10-17, 2 Corinthians 3:18**

- This story highlights Jesus' deep compassion for those who are suffering. His authority is evident as he heals the woman from her long-term illness.
- The people's reactions, ranging from joy to anger, show the impact on those who witnessed Jesus' miracles and the challenge they posed to traditional beliefs.
- Witnessing God's restorative power at work around us gives us hope for personal transformation and community celebration.
- This story sets the stage for the themes of healing, faith, and restoration that we will explore throughout this series.



TOPIC:

Healing and Restoration

Read

Luke 13:10-17

The Healing of the Woman Bent Over

Reflect

- Jesus' compassion and authority to heal
- The woman's transformation
- The reaction of the people
- Beholding Jesus' healing power and experiencing transformation

2 Corinthians 3:18 tells us that as we behold Jesus, we are **TRANSFORMED** to **REFLECT HIS NATURE** and **GLORY**.

Key Truth:
Jesus' healing brings about physical and spiritual restoration, leading to communal joy and praise.

What aspects of God's character are revealed in this passage?

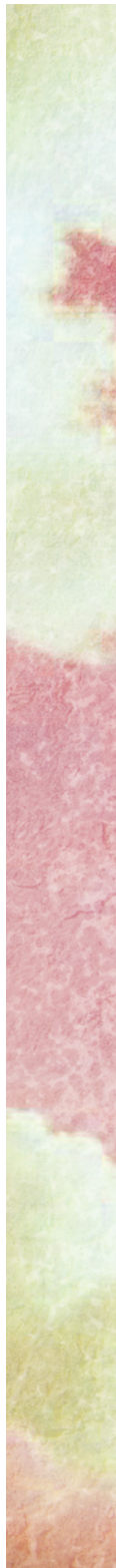
Respond

When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing. Luke 13:17

When God moves in one of our lives,
His presence is felt among all of us,
and we all share in the joy.

1. Share a recent "God Story" where you saw God at work in your life or in someone else's life around you.

2. In what areas of your life can we pray together for God to show up in a meaningful way?



TOPIC:

Healing and Forgiveness

Read

Mark 2:1-12

The Healing of the Paralytic

Reflect

- Jesus' authority to forgive sins and heal people
- The faith of the friends bringing the paralytic to Jesus
- The crowd's amazement and praise to God
- Healing as a sign of God's Kingdom and restoration

Key Truth:

*When we bring others to Jesus,
we become part of God's
restorative work, witnessing the
joy and celebration of
transformation in our
communities.*

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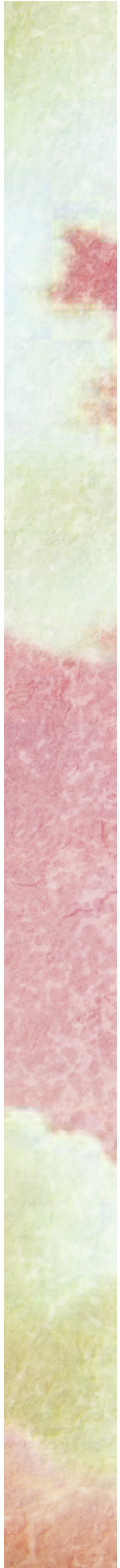
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This amazed everyone, and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!" Mark 2:12

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TOPIC:

Resurrection and Joy

Read

Mark 5:21-43

The Raising of Jairus' Daughter

Reflect

- Jesus' compassion and power over death
- The faith of Jairus in coming to Jesus for his daughter
- The family's astonishment and joy
- Healing and resurrection as evidence of God's Kingdom

Key Truth:
*In moments of despair,
Jesus brings hope and new
life. He turns our
mourning into joyful
celebration and
strengthens our faith.*

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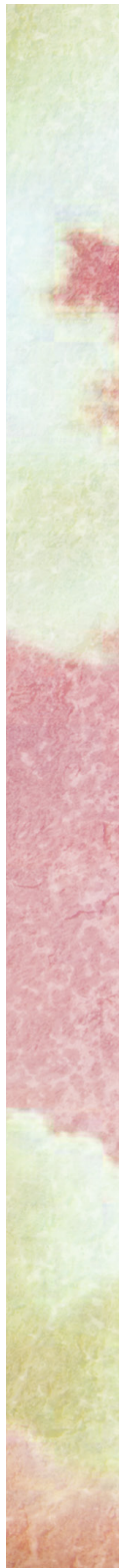
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At this they were completely astonished. Mark 5:42

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TOPIC:

Healing and Faithfulness

Read

Luke 18:35-43

The Healing of a Blind Man

Reflect

Key Truth:
Persistent faith in Jesus opens the door to His transformative power, which brings healing and leads to communal praise and celebration.

- The blind man’s persistent faith in calling out to Jesus
- Jesus’ mercy and healing power
- The people’s praise to God following the healing
- Healing as a sign of God’s Kingdom and restoration

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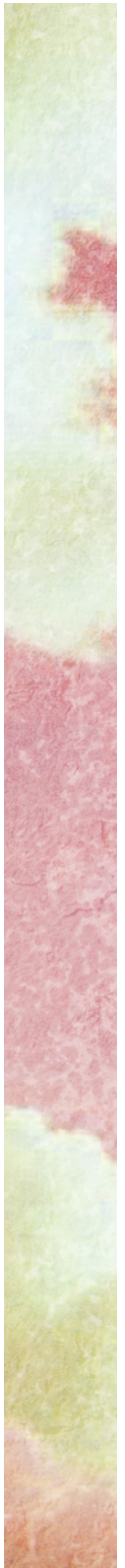
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Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God. Luke 18:43

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TOPIC:

Healing and Redemption

Read

Mark 5:1-20

The Healing of the Demon-Possessed Man

Reflect

Key Truth:

Jesus' authority brings transformation and restores dignity, leading to a powerful witness of the Kingdom that changes communities.

- Jesus' authority over demons and His compassion to restore
- The transformation of the man from being possessed to being in his right mind
- The people's reaction of amazement and fear, spreading the news of what Jesus had done
- Healing as evidence of God's Kingdom and restoration

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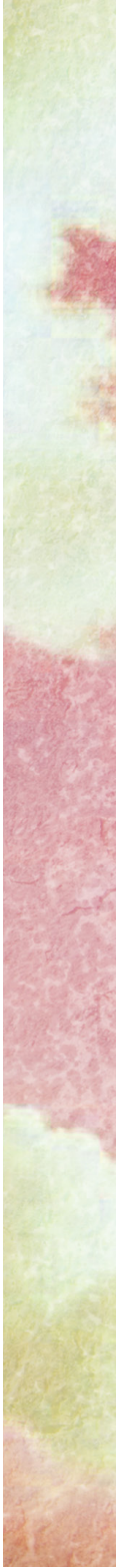
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So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.” Mark 5:20

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TOPIC:

Resurrection and Hope

Read

Luke 7:11-17

The Raising of the Widow's Son

Reflect

- Jesus' compassion for the widow and her son
- The power of Jesus to bring life from death
- The people's awe and praise to God
- Resurrection as a sign of God's Kingdom and new creation

2 Corinthians 3:18 tells us that as we behold Jesus, we are **TRANSFORMED** to **REFLECT HIS NATURE** and **GLORY**.

Key Truth:
Jesus' compassion brings life and hope into our darkest moments, transforming sorrow into communal joy and worship.

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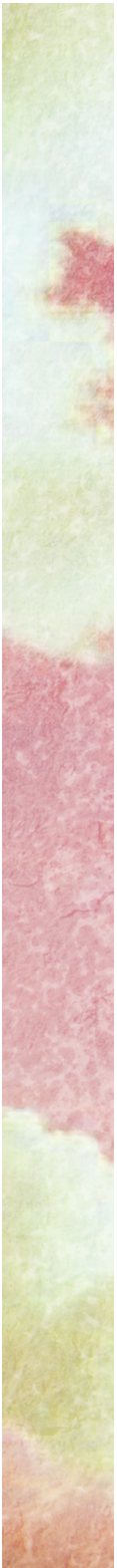
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They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." Luke 7:16

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TOPIC:

Healing and Wonder

Read

Acts 3:1-10

The Healing of the paralyzed Beggar

Reflect

- Peter and John's faith in Jesus' name to heal
- The transformation of the crippled man from begging to walking and praising God
- The people's reaction of wonder and amazement at the healing
- Healing as a sign of God's Kingdom and the power of Jesus' name

2 Corinthians 3:18 tells us that as we behold Jesus, we are **TRANSFORMED** to **REFLECT HIS NATURE** and **GLORY**.

Key Truth:

The power of Jesus, working through His disciples by the Holy Spirit, brings miraculous transformation, leading to a deeper communal awareness of God's presence.

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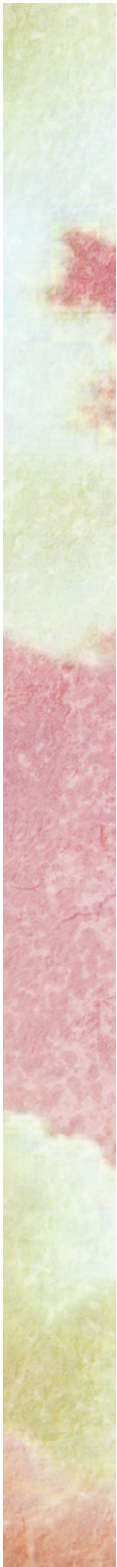
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When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. Acts 3:9-10

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CHAPEL GROUPS

Come Alive to God Together

As you come alive to God and share your experience with others, it helps them come alive to God as well! The guidelines below are designed to create spaces for healthy and helpful conversations that lead others to learn about God and be more like Jesus.

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

COME REGULARLY

Just like any friendship, cultivating a healthy relationship with Jesus and others in your group starts with showing up! When you prioritize regular attendance with your group, you make a difference for yourself and others participating as well.

PARTICIPATE

Your story and life experience is a testimony to the character of God. When you share what God is doing in and around you, it helps everyone in your group understand more of who God is and build meaningful relationships within your group.

KEEP IT SAFE

During discussion, everyone is responsible for helping maintain an environment where people can be heard and feel loved. Please allow everyone an opportunity to speak and refrain from quick answers, snap judgments, or simple fixes.

CONFIDENTIALITY

We encourage and value honesty, transparency, and vulnerability. To help protect these values and each other, please keep anything shared in your group strictly confidential.

KNOW & BE KNOWN

In group discussions, pay attention to the stories people share about their lives. As you get to know each other and learn about what is happening in each others' lives you will have opportunities to pray heaven to earth and see God's kingdom advance.

NOTE FOR GROUP LEADERS: *If there is something shared in your group that you believe is serious, involves potential or existing harm to a person, or requires additional pastoral care, please encourage that group member to share with a pastor at your campus or bring the situation to a pastor's attention.*

