

## **Illuminate Bible Series | Scope & Sequence (Upper Grades)**

Each volume of the curriculum is designed to thoroughly explore Bible passages that highlight the unfolding of God's glory, using key stories and passages in Scripture to exalt Jesus as the center of all things.

The volumes are divided into two semesters, each with four units consisting of four weeks each. Each week of the 32-week volumes centers on a key passage, listed below, as well as four other daily passages that relate to the story and shed light on the its *context*, *connect* it with other books and themes of the Bible, focus on its *doctrinal* truth, and look to how the believer can *apply* the truths of the week. Each week also includes two other feature articles: *The Bible* & (interesting background and cultural information) and *Worldview* (exploring how the Bible's truth conflicts with secular worldviews). The passages listed below show the key passage for each week.

## **Volume 1: God's Glory: The Reason for Everything Savior**—an exploration of the greatness of God

### *Semester 1: Who God Is*

#### **UNIT 1: God's Glory**

- *Week 1, Lesson 1 - God Shows His Glory to Israel: Exodus 19:10-25*
- *Week 2, Lesson 2 - God Shows His Glory to Isaiah: Isaiah 6:1-7*
- *Week 3, Lesson 3 - God's Glory Is Displayed by Jesus: Luke 9:28-36*
- *Week 4, Lesson 4 - God's Glory Is Displayed in Heaven: Revelation 4:1-11*

#### **UNIT 2: God's Goodness**

- *Week 1, Lesson 5 - The Lord Shows His Goodness to Moses: Exodus 33:12-23*
- *Week 2, Lesson 6 - The Lord Proclaims His Goodness to Moses: Exodus 34:1-7*
- *Week 3, Lesson 7 - Asaph Recognizes God's Goodness: Psalm 73:1-3, 21-28*
- *Week 4, Lesson 8 - David Rejoices in God's Goodness: Psalm 16:5-11*

#### **UNIT 3: God's Righteousness**

- *Week 1, Lesson 9 - Samuel Confronts Saul's Unrighteousness: 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 12-23*
- *Week 2, Lesson 10 - Amos Confronts Israel's Unrighteousness: Amos 7:10-15*
- *Week 3, Lesson 11 - Jeremiah Confronts Judah's Unrighteousness: Jeremiah 26:1-15*
- *Week 4, Lesson 12 - Ezekiel the Watchman: Ezekiel 3:16-27*

#### **UNIT 4: God's Gracious Love**

- *Week 1, Lesson 13 - Moses Declares God's Love for Israel: Deuteronomy 1:1-5; 7:7-11*
- *Week 2, Lesson 14 - God Shows His Love by Sending His Son: John 3:1-18*
- *Week 3, Lesson 15 - Jesus Demonstrates His Compassionate Love: Mark 1:40-45*
- *Week 4, Lesson 16 - Christ's Sacrifice Shows His Supreme Love: Matthew 27:27-46*

### *Semester 2: What God Has Done*

#### **UNIT 5: God Creates the World**

- *Week 1, Lesson 17 - The First Five Days of Creation: Genesis 1:1-23*
- *Week 2, Lesson 18 - God Finishes the Work of Creation: Genesis 1:24—2:3*
- *Week 3, Lesson 19 - God Makes a Beautiful Home for Man: Genesis 2:4-14*
- *Week 4, Lesson 20 - God Creates a Partner for Man: Genesis 2:15-25*

#### **UNIT 6: God Chooses a People**

- *Week 1, Lesson 21 - God Calls Abraham: Genesis 11:31—12:9*
- *Week 2, Lesson 22 - God Chooses Jacob over Esau: Genesis 25:19-26*
- *Week 3, Lesson 23 - God Calls Moses to Deliver His People: Exodus 3:1-10*
- *Week 4, Lesson 24 - The Lord Meets with His People at Sinai: Exodus 19:1-9*

#### **UNIT 7: God Sends His Son**

- *Week 1, Lesson 25 - The Birth of Christ: Matthew 1:18-25*
- *Week 2, Lesson 26 - The Early Years of Christ: Luke 2:41-52*
- *Week 3, Lesson 27 - The Baptism of Christ: Matthew 3:13-17*
- *Week 4, Lesson 28 - The Death and Resurrection of Christ: Luke 23:44-49; 24:1-12*

#### **UNIT 8: Our Future Hope**

- *Week 1, Lesson 29 - Christ's Promise to Build His Church: Matthew 16:13-20*
- *Week 2, Lesson 30 - Christ's Mission for His Church: Matthew 28:16-20*
- *Week 3, Lesson 31 - Peter Leads Gentiles into the Church: Acts 11:1-18*
- *Week 4, Lesson 32 - Paul Leads the Church's Expansion: Acts 13:13-15, 46-51*

## **Volume 2: The Glory of Christ: The Center of History**—a focus on Christ

### *Semester 1: God's Rescue Mission*

#### **UNIT 1: The Sinfulness of Man**

- *Week 1, Lesson 1 - Sin Enters the World: Genesis 3:1-13*
- *Week 2, Lesson 2 - The Flood: Genesis 6:9-22*
- *Week 3, Lesson 3 - The Tower of Babel: Genesis 11:1-9*
- *Week 4, Lesson 4 - Sodom and Gomorrah: Genesis 18:1-2, 16-33; 19:24-29*

#### **UNIT 2: God Protects and Directs His People**

- *Week 1, Lesson 5 - God Thwarts Balaam: Numbers 22:1-6, 21-31*
- *Week 2, Lesson 6 - God Raises up Joshua: Joshua 1:1-9*
- *Week 3, Lesson 7 - Victory at Jericho: Joshua 6:1-7, 15-21*
- *Week 4, Lesson 8 - David and Goliath: 1 Samuel 17:32-51*

#### **UNIT 3: Christ Comes on a Mission of Rescue**

- *Week 1, Lesson 9 - Seeking and Saving the Lost: Luke 19:1-10*
- *Week 2, Lesson 10 - Evidence for the Savior: Matthew 11:1-6*
- *Week 3, Lesson 11 - Healing the Lepers: Luke 17:11-19*
- *Week 4, Lesson 12 - Victorious Over Evil Spirits: Mark 5:1-20*

#### **UNIT 4: The Church Spreads the Message of Rescue**

- *Week 1, Lesson 13 - Peter at Pentecost: Acts 2:1-12*
- *Week 2, Lesson 14 - Peter Heals in Christ's Name: Acts 3:1-10*
- *Week 3, Lesson 15 - The Philippian Jailer: Acts 16:25-34*
- *Week 4, Lesson 16 - Preaching to the Pagan World: Acts 17:22-34*

### *Semester 2: Christ as Prophet, Priest, and King*

#### **UNIT 5: Forerunners of Christ—Prophets**

- *Week 1, Lesson 17 - Elijah: 1 Kings 18:16-39*
- *Week 2, Lesson 18 - Elisha: 2 Kings 2:1-15, 19-21*
- *Week 3, Lesson 19 - Jonah: Jonah 1:1-17*
- *Week 4, Lesson 20 - Jeremiah: Jeremiah 1:1-19*

#### **UNIT 6: Forerunners of Christ—Priests**

- *Week 1, Lesson 21 - Melchizedek: Genesis 14:8-24*
- *Week 2, Lesson 22 - Moses: Exodus 24:1-8*
- *Week 3, Lesson 23 - The Old Testament Priesthood: Leviticus 8:1-13*
- *Week 4, Lesson 24 - Jehoiada: 2 Chronicles 22:10—23:3, 12-15*

#### **UNIT 7: Forerunners of Christ—Kings**

- *Week 1, Lesson 25 - David: 2 Samuel 2:1-11*
- *Week 2, Lesson 26 - Solomon: 1 Kings 1:28-40*
- *Week 3, Lesson 27 - Hezekiah: 2 Kings 18:1-8*
- *Week 4, Lesson 28 - Josiah: 2 Kings 22:1-13*

#### **UNIT 8: Christ the Perfect Redeemer**

- *Week 1, Lesson 29 - A Scene of Praise: Revelation 5:1-10*
- *Week 2, Lesson 30 - The Temptation of Christ: Matthew 4:1-11*
- *Week 3, Lesson 31 - Palm Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11*
- *Week 4, Lesson 32 - Christ's Sacrifice for Our Sins: Matthew 27:45-56*

## **Volume 3: Faith: The Response to God's Glory**—a study of God's relationship with His people

### *Semester 1: Examples of Faith*

#### **UNIT 1: Lives of Israel's Founders**

- *Week 1, Lesson 1 - Abraham: Genesis 12:1-9*
- *Week 2, Lesson 2 - Isaac: Genesis 26:19-25*
- *Week 3, Lesson 3 - Jacob: Genesis 28:10-22*
- *Week 4, Lesson 4 - Moses: Exodus 2:11-25*

#### **UNIT 2: Lives of the Judges**

- *Week 1, Lesson 5 - Deborah and Barak: Judges 4:1-16*
- *Week 2, Lesson 6 - Gideon: Judges 6:11-24*
- *Week 3, Lesson 7 - Samson: Judges 13:1-5, 24-25*
- *Week 4, Lesson 8 - Samuel: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-21*

#### **UNIT 3: Stories from Daniel**

- *Week 1, Lesson 9 - Faithfulness to God's Will: Daniel 1:8-20*
- *Week 2, Lesson 10 - The Fiery Furnace: Daniel 3:1-18*
- *Week 3, Lesson 11 - Belshazzar's Feast: Daniel 5:1-12*
- *Week 4, Lesson 12 - The Lions' Den: Daniel 6:1-14*

#### **UNIT 4: Lives of the Apostles**

- *Week 1, Lesson 13 - Peter: Matthew 4:18-20*
- *Week 2, Lesson 14 - Paul: Acts 22:1-11*
- *Week 3, Lesson 15 - John: John 20:31; 1 John 5:13; Revelation 1:1-3*
- *Week 4, Lesson 16 - The Lesser-known Apostles: John 1:35-51*

### *Semester 2: The Object of Faith*

#### **UNIT 5: Christ's Person**

- *Week 1, Lesson 17 - The Living Word: 1 John 1:1-4*
- *Week 2, Lesson 18 - The Way, the Truth, and the Life: John 14:1-7*
- *Week 3, Lesson 19 - The Good Shepherd: John 10:11-18*
- *Week 4, Lesson 20 - The Resurrected Lord: Matthew 28:1-10*

#### **UNIT 6: Christ's Teachings**

- *Week 1, Lesson 21 - Blessedness: Matthew 5:1-12*
- *Week 2, Lesson 22 - Genuine Godliness: Matthew 6:1-15*
- *Week 3, Lesson 23 - Right Thinking: Matthew 6:19-24*
- *Week 4, Lesson 24 - The Right Foundation: Matthew 7:24-29*

#### **UNIT 7: Christ's Actions**

- *Week 1, Lesson 25 - "Signs" of Who Christ Is: Mark 6:30-44*
- *Week 2, Lesson 26 - Pointing Toward Eternal Life: John 11:11-15, 32-44*
- *Week 3, Lesson 27 - Extending Forgiveness: Luke 5:17-26*
- *Week 4, Lesson 28 - Showing Compassion: Matthew 15:21-28*

#### **UNIT 8: Christ's Present Standing**

- *Week 1, Lesson 29 - The Reigning King: Acts 2:32-36*
- *Week 2, Lesson 30 - The Head of the Church: Revelation 1:9-18*
- *Week 3, Lesson 31 - The Great High Priest: John 17:6-19*
- *Week 4, Lesson 32 - The Guardian of His People: Acts 18:1-11*

## **Volume 4: God's Glory as He Builds His Kingdom**—a discussion of how God's kingdom grows

### *Semester 1: Guiding and Sustaining a Kingdom People*

#### **UNIT 1: Through Covenants**

- *Week 1, Lesson 1 - The Abrahamic Covenant: Genesis 15:1-7*
- *Week 2, Lesson 2 - The Mosaic Covenant: Exodus 20:1-17*
- *Week 3, Lesson 3 - The Davidic Covenant: 2 Samuel 7:1-17*
- *Week 4, Lesson 4 - The New Covenant: Jeremiah 31:31-34*

#### **UNIT 2: Through Law Training**

- *Week 1, Lesson 5 - Israel's Sin at Mount Sinai: Exodus 32:1-10*
- *Week 2, Lesson 6 - A Reminder Near the Promised Land: Deuteronomy 6:1-9; cf. 1:1-5*
- *Week 3, Lesson 7 - Rededication after Exile: Nehemiah 8:13-18*
- *Week 4, Lesson 8 - Jesus Uses the Law to Show the Need of Grace: Mark 10:17-22*

#### **UNIT 3: Through Relationships**

- *Week 1, Lesson 9 - Jonathan and David: 1 Samuel 20:1-17*
- *Week 2, Lesson 10 - Jesus and the Disciples: Luke 5:2-11*
- *Week 3, Lesson 11 - Paul and Barnabas: Acts 11:19-26*
- *Week 4, Lesson 12 - Philemon and Onesimus: Philemon 1:8-22*

#### **UNIT 4: Through Direct Intervention**

- *Week 1, Lesson 13 - Joshua's Victory: Joshua 10:1-14*
- *Week 2, Lesson 14 - Ananias and Sapphira: Acts 5:1-11*
- *Week 3, Lesson 15 - Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch: Acts 8:26-40*
- *Week 4, Lesson 16 - Paul and the Storm at Sea: Acts 27:13-44*

### *Semester 2: God's Kingdom Grows*

#### **UNIT 5: Joseph's Legacy**

- *Week 1, Lesson 17 - Joseph's Dreams: Genesis 37:1-11*
- *Week 2, Lesson 18 - Joseph's Character: Genesis 39:1-23*
- *Week 3, Lesson 19 - Joseph's Purpose: Genesis 41:1-14*
- *Week 4, Lesson 20 - Joseph's Vindication: Acts 7:9-16*

#### **UNIT 6: The Exodus**

- *Week 1, Lesson 21 - Israel's Plight: Exodus 1:1-14*
- *Week 2, Lesson 22 - The Plagues: Exodus 7:1-5, 14-24*
- *Week 3, Lesson 23 - The Passover: Exodus 12:1-14*
- *Week 4, Lesson 24 - The Red Sea Crossing: Exodus 14:1-9*

#### **UNIT 7: David and Solomon**

- *Week 1, Lesson 25 - David Consolidates His Reign: 2 Samuel 5:1-10*
- *Week 2, Lesson 26 - David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem: 2 Samuel 6:12-23*
- *Week 3, Lesson 27 - Solomon Dedicates the Temple of God: 1 Kings 8:1-11*
- *Week 4, Lesson 28 - Solomon's Reign and the Peak of Israel's Power: 1 Kings 10:1-13*

#### **UNIT 8: The Church**

- *Week 1, Lesson 29 - The Church's Mission: Acts 1:1-8*
- *Week 2, Lesson 30 - Paul's First Missionary Journey: Acts 12:25—13:12*
- *Week 3, Lesson 31 - The Church Spreads to Europe: Acts 16:6-15*
- *Week 4, Lesson 32 - Paul Is Directed to the Capital of the Roman Empire: Acts 25:1-12*

## **Volume 5: Living for God's Glory**—a survey of the ways in which we are to live for God's glory

### *Semester 1: What Life Is About*

#### **UNIT 1: Worshiping God**

- *Week 1, Lesson 1 - Prayer: Luke 18:1-8*
- *Week 2, Lesson 2 - Praise: Psalm 9:1-2, 7-11*
- *Week 3, Lesson 3 - Thanksgiving: Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12*
- *Week 4, Lesson 4 - A Living Sacrifice: Romans 12:1-2*

#### **UNIT 2: Following God's Will**

- *Week 1, Lesson 5 - A Failure to Do God's Will: 1 Samuel 13:8-14*
- *Week 2, Lesson 6 - The Heart of God's Will: Micah 6:6-8*
- *Week 3, Lesson 7 - The Two Great Commands: Mark 12:28-34*
- *Week 4, Lesson 8 - A Passion to Do God's Will: John 4:31-34*

#### **UNIT 3: Putting Off Sin**

- *Week 1, Lesson 9 - The Surprising Case of Manasseh: 2 Chronicles 33:10-20*
- *Week 2, Lesson 10 - John the Baptist's Teaching: Luke 3:7-18*
- *Week 3, Lesson 11 - Peter's Reinstatement: John 21:15-19*
- *Week 4, Lesson 12 - Jesus' Power to Forgive and Heal: Matthew 9:1-8*

#### **UNIT 4: Putting on Christ**

- *Week 1, Lesson 13 - A Servant's Heart: John 13:1-17*
- *Week 2, Lesson 14 - Taking Up Our Cross: Luke 9:23-27*
- *Week 3, Lesson 15 - Christ's Gentle Yoke: Matthew 11:25-30*
- *Week 4, Lesson 16 - Christ the Source of Life: John 15:1-8*

### *Semester 2: God's Provision for Life*

#### **UNIT 5: The Holy Spirit**

- *Week 1, Lesson 17 - The Spirit in the Old Testament: Ezekiel 39:25-29*
- *Week 2, Lesson 18 - The Spirit of Truth: John 16:5-15*
- *Week 3, Lesson 19 - The Spirit of Authority and Power: John 20:19-22*
- *Week 4, Lesson 20 - The Spirit of Life: John 7:37-39*

#### **UNIT 6: The Bible**

- *Week 1, Lesson 21 - A Book of Worship: Psalm 103:1-6*
- *Week 2, Lesson 22 - A Book of Wisdom: Job 1:8-12, 20-22*
- *Week 3, Lesson 23 - A Christ-centered Book: Luke 24:13-27*
- *Week 4, Lesson 24 - A Sure Word of Testimony: John 14:23-31*

#### **UNIT 7: The Church and Family**

- *Week 1, Lesson 25 - The Church United in Purpose: Acts 2:42-47*
- *Week 2, Lesson 26 - The Family in God's Plan: Ephesians 5:22—6:4*
- *Week 3, Lesson 27 - Spiritual Signposts: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34*
- *Week 4, Lesson 28 - Serving One Another: Acts 9:32-43*

#### **UNIT 8: God's Providential Care**

- *Week 1, Lesson 29 - Joseph: Genesis 50:15-21*
- *Week 2, Lesson 30 - Ruth: Ruth 2:1-23*
- *Week 3, Lesson 31 - Esther: Esther 3:8-11; 4:1-16*
- *Week 4, Lesson 32 - God's Providence Guides the Church: Acts 8:1-8*

## **Volume 6: The Triumph of God's Glory**—a review of how God prevails for all eternity

### *Semester 1: Contending with a Damaged World*

#### **UNIT 1: Israel Encounters Enemies**

- *Week 1, Lesson 1 - The Amalekites: Exodus 17:8-16*
- *Week 2, Lesson 2 - The Moabites and Ammonites: 2 Chronicles 20:1-13*
- *Week 3, Lesson 3 - The Assyrians: 2 Kings 19:1-19, 35-36*
- *Week 4, Lesson 4 - Political Officials: Nehemiah 4:1-12*

#### **UNIT 2: Jesus Deals with Opponents**

- *Week 1, Lesson 5 - Disputing with the Pharisees: Matthew 12:1-14*
- *Week 2, Lesson 6 - Condemning the Pharisees: Matthew 23:25-32*
- *Week 3, Lesson 7 - The Arrest of Jesus: John 18:1-13*
- *Week 4, Lesson 8 - Jesus on Trial: John 18:19-23*

#### **UNIT 3: The Church Faces Persecution**

- *Week 1, Lesson 9 - Declaring the Truth: Acts 4:1-12*
- *Week 2, Lesson 10 - Truth Will Prevail: Acts 5:17-26*
- *Week 3, Lesson 11 - Stephen the Martyr: Acts 6:8-15*
- *Week 4, Lesson 12 - God Delivers Peter: Acts 12:1-11*

#### **UNIT 4: Christ's Letters to the Seven Churches**

- *Week 1, Lesson 13 - One Big Problem: Revelation 2:1-7*
- *Week 2, Lesson 14 - A Good Example: Revelation 3:7-13*
- *Week 3, Lesson 15 - A Mixed Bag: Revelation 2:12-17*
- *Week 4, Lesson 16 - Almost Gone: Revelation 3:14-22*

### *Semester 2: What the Future Holds*

#### **UNIT 5: Resurrection**

- *Week 1, Lesson 17 - Old Testament Clues: Ezekiel 37:1-14*
- *Week 2, Lesson 18 - The Resurrection of Christ: The Foundation of Our Hope: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8*
- *Week 3, Lesson 19 - The Believer's Ultimate Resurrection: Philippians 3:7-11*
- *Week 4, Lesson 20 - A Crown of Righteousness: 2 Timothy 4:6-8*

#### **UNIT 6: God's Judgment**

- *Week 1, Lesson 21 - Foreshadowings: Joel 2:1-11*
- *Week 2, Lesson 22 - The Wheat and the Tares: Matthew 13:24-30*
- *Week 3, Lesson 23 - The Sheep and the Goats: Matthew 25:31-46*
- *Week 4, Lesson 24 - The Rich Man and Lazarus: Luke 16:19-31*

#### **UNIT 7: The Victory of God's Kingdom**

- *Week 1, Lesson 25 - Prophetic Dreams and Visions: Daniel 2:26-49*
- *Week 2, Lesson 26 - The Unity of God's Kingdom People: Matthew 8:5-13*
- *Week 3, Lesson 27 - The Growth of the Kingdom: Matthew 13:31-35*
- *Week 4, Lesson 28 - Christ's Victorious Return: Revelation 19:11-16*

#### **UNIT 8: New Heavens and a New Earth**

- *Week 1, Lesson 29 - The New Jerusalem Presented: Revelation 21:1-8*
- *Week 2, Lesson 30 - The New Jerusalem Described: Revelation 21:9-21*
- *Week 3, Lesson 31 - True Life Forever: Revelation 22:1-6*
- *Week 4, Lesson 32 - The Glory of Christ's Second Coming: Revelation 22:12-21*