

# ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION



## CHOOSE COMMUNITY

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### GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y.

SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

The word **Gospel** means **Good News**. It was used to announce good news about a new king. The good news told about the king’s message, actions, and victories. The Gospel of Jesus is found in the Bible. It is the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Gospel story also tells us who we are, why we are broken, and how Jesus is the King who gave His life to rescue us. We are invited to be a part of God’s story by trusting and following Jesus.

 <b>SCRIPTURE</b> tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.	<p>Have you ever wished that you could be a part of a story that is bigger than yourself? Jesus invited people into a story that changed everything. He invited people into community with God. All people can be a part of God’s family by believing in Jesus. But why is it such a big deal that Jesus invited us into the Gospel story? It is because of who He is.</p> <p>The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.</p>
 <b>TRUE</b> identity begins with knowing that God created us.	<p>The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made, good. He created humans to know Him and to represent Him on the earth (Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He has created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity. God also created you to have community with Him.</p> <p>Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.</p>
 <b>OUR</b> lives are broken by sin.	<p>The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God’s purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. Instead of feeling like we belong in community with God and others, we often feel isolated and alone. We need someone to rescue us and bring us back into community with God.</p>
 <b>REAL</b> love is Jesus giving His life for ours.	<p>Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins. He died and was buried, but on the third day, God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true King who rescued us by His love. He has invited us back into community with God.</p>
 <b>You</b> are invited into God’s story.	<p>Jesus invited everyone to follow Him and join His community. No matter who you are or what you have done, you are invited into God’s community. You are invited into God’s story. This new life can begin by trusting and following Jesus.</p> <hr/> <p>If you would like to begin a relationship with God, I would like to invite you to pray with me. <b>PRAY:</b> “God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen.”</p> <p>(Pass out <b>Student Response Cards</b> while the Host shares <b>Response Time</b> from <b>Part 3</b>.)</p>