

A photograph of a field of wildflowers, including purple and orange blossoms, under a clear, light blue sky. The text 'stories of wonder' is overlaid in a large, elegant, dark red serif font. The word 'wonder' is significantly larger than 'stories of' and has a decorative flourish extending from its right side.

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PROLOGUE

This 7-week series will teach us to engage with the Bible and engage with weekly topical studies throughout the Bible.

Each week we will engage with a passage of scripture in the following ways:

- Live or Video teaching
- Homework: Including reading the passage, writing the main thought of the passage, reflecting on that passage and memorizing scripture
- Reflect on the practical and spiritual application of the Word to our lives.

LEADER NOTES

SESSION PLANS

A session plan is simply a road map to guide your time with your group. The Leaders Guide has a session plan prepared for you.

REVIEW

Every week you will begin your session with reviewing the passage of scripture everyone will read during the week, homework, and memory verse. Encourage and celebrate everyone's note taking and bible memorization.

DISCUSSION

Questions for discussion are primarily based on the text and are strategic for discussion. There will be 4 types of questions every week

LAUNCHING QUESTION - starts up conversation, no right or wrong answers

UNDERSTANDING QUESTION - helps you to see if what was taught was understood

SHARING QUESTION - allow for group members to open up about their experiences

APPLICATION QUESTION - helps group members to apply what they've learned

HOMEWORK

The objective of weekly assignments is to encourage independent Bible Study. Every week, they are asked to:

READ the selected passage

WRITE what was the main thought

REFLECT and ask themselves practical and spiritual application questions as well as **PRAY**

MEMORIZE a verse that correlates with the story

HOMEWORK

1. READ

Each week we will read a selected story from the Bible. Read as you were reading any story, noticing people, places, time, setting.

2. WRITE

Write what you noticed as the MAIN POINTS of what the story is about.

3. REFLECT & PRAY

The word of God is ALIVE & ACTIVE (Hebrews 4:12). Invite the Holy Spirit into your reading and reflection. Allow Him space and time to speak to you. As you read, there will be both practical and spiritual applications.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

PRACTICAL - As you read, consider the following questions:

- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a condition to meet? *“If you..., then...”*
- Is there a prayer to repeat?
- Is there a verse to memorize?

SPIRITUAL - As you read, consider the following questions:

- What do you learn about God?
- What did you feel the Holy Spirit saying to you?
- In what ways do you feel stirred to change or correct your behavior?

PRAYER: Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you and to empower you to live out what you’ve read.

4. MEMORIZE

Each week we will offer a verse to memorize. Committing scripture to memory gives us a storehouse of wisdom and faith to fight our daily battles.

Memorizing scripture

- Renews our minds and transforms our life
- Helps against temptation
- Helps us live in obedience
- Allows us to be ready to encourage others
- Gives us an understanding of God and His will

Encourage group members to memorize verses by writing verses on post-its and placing them in areas they frequently visit around the house, like the fridge or computer. Encourage them to read them every day until memorized.

WEEK 1: SG LEADER GUIDE

SESSION PLAN

1. Icebreaker
2. Video
3. Discussion
4. Closing: Main take away / Prayer
5. Homework

**Prior to first gathering have everyone read the story of Deborah found in Judges Chapters 4 & 5.

ICE BREAKER

Introduce yourself and then go around the room and ask everyone to share their name and a little about themselves. Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to today's session.

VIDEO

The Wonder of our Yes - Pastor Lori Champion

DISCUSSION

1. What are some limitations we put on ourselves as women when faced with a challenge?
2. What can we learn from the story of Deborah that removes that limitation?
3. Share a time when you said "Yes" to God and you experienced Him do something extraordinary.
4. Share with the group what stood out to you most from this Bible story and what the Holy Spirit has spoken to you. How will you apply what you learned to your life?

CLOSING & PRAYER

Close with the following scripture and remind everyone that there is no limit to what God can do when we say YES to Him! Our yes to Him, is a yes to the good plan He has for us.

Scripture: *For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 NIV*

Pray with the group for the upcoming weeks of Bible Study together

HOMEWORK

- * **Read** the story of Mary in Luke 1
- * **Write** out the main parts of the story
- * **Reflect** on the the Bible story and ask yourself the application questions provided
- * **Memorize** *“Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord.” Luke 1:45 NAS*

WEEK 2: SG LEADER GUIDE

SESSION PLAN

1. Welcome & Review
2. Video
3. Discussion
4. Closing: Main take away / Prayer
5. Homework

WELCOME & REVIEW

Welcome everyone and discuss their engagement with the week's story of Mary in Luke 1. Include the following questions:

- What stood out to you in this week's story?
- Can anyone share the memory verse, by memory.

Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to today's session.

VIDEO

The Wonder of Who God Uses - Karisa Tolley

DISCUSSION

1. According to the world's standards, why was Mary the least likely person God would use?
2. What in Mary's response to the angel resonated with you most? Why?
3. Share a time when you submitted your will to God's will and saw Him do the impossible.
4. Share with the group what stood out to you most from this Bible story and what the Holy Spirit has spoken to you. How will you apply what you learned to your life?

CLOSING & PRAYER

Close with the following scripture and remind everyone how God does the impossible when we surrender our will, our plans, to Him.

Scripture: *“Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord.” Luke 1:45 NAS*

Pray with the group.

HOMEWORK

- * **Read** the story of Joseph Genesis chapters 37, 39 - 46
- * **Write** out the main parts of the story
- * **Reflect** on the Bible story and ask yourself the application questions
- * **Memorize** *God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28 NAS*

WEEK 3: SG LEADER GUIDE

SESSION PLAN

1. Welcome & Review
2. Video
3. Discussion
4. Closing: Main take away / Prayer
5. Homework

WELCOME & REVIEW

Welcome everyone and discuss their engagement with the week's passage Include the following questions:

- What stood out to you in this week's story?
- Can anyone share the memory verse, by memory.

Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to today's session.

VIDEO

The Wonder of a Dream - Barbie Acevedo

DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think God chose to give Joseph a glimpse of how He would use Him in the future?
2. In what ways did Joseph's obedience to God preserve him through challenging times?
3. Share a time when you honored God through a tough situation while waiting for what He promised. What was the outcome?
4. Share with the group what stood out to you most from this Bible story and what the Holy Spirit has spoken to you. How will you apply what you learned to your life?

CLOSING & PRAYER

Close with the following scripture and remind everyone that God is in every season of our life and uses it all to fulfill what He has purposed.

Scripture: *God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28 NAS*

Pray with the group

HOMEWORK

- * **Read** the story of Abraham and Sarah, Genesis 15-18
- * **Write** out the main parts of the story
- * **Reflect** on the Bible story and ask yourself the application questions provided
- * **Memorize** *Those who hope in me will not be disappointed. Isaiah 49:23 (NIV)*

WEEK 4: SG LEADER GUIDE

SESSION PLAN

1. Welcome & Review
2. Video
3. Discussion
4. Closing: Main take away / Prayer
5. Homework

WELCOME & REVIEW

Welcome everyone and discuss their engagement with the week's passage
Include the following questions:

- What stood out to you in this week's story?
- Can anyone share the memory verse, by memory.

Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to today's session.

VIDEO

The Wonder of our Wait - Abby Lee

DISCUSSION

1. What are some reasons why waiting is so difficult for us to do?
2. What do we learn from Abraham and Sarah's story about waiting?
3. Share a time when you stepped in to "help" God fulfill a promise to you. What was the outcome?
4. Share with the group what stood out to you most from this Bible story and what the Holy Spirit has spoken to you. How will you apply what you learned to your life?

CLOSING & PRAYER

Close with the following scripture and remind everyone that it's worth the wait when it comes to God's promises. We don't need to worry or step in to help!

Scripture: *Those who hope in me will not be disappointed. Isaiah 49:23 (NIV)*

Pray with the group

HOMEWORK

- * **Read** the story of Ruth in Ruth chapters 1-4
- * **Write** out the main parts of the story
- * **Reflect** on the Bible story and ask yourself the application questions provided
- * **Memorize** *Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine Isaiah 43:1*
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WEEK 5: SG LEADER GUIDE

SESSION PLAN

1. Welcome & Review
2. Video
3. Discussion
4. Closing: Main take away / Prayer
5. Homework

WELCOME & REVIEW

Welcome everyone and discuss their engagement with the week's passage
Include the following questions:

- What stood out to you in this week's story?
- Can anyone share the memory verse, by memory.

Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to today's session.

VIDEO

The Wonder of Redemption - Zion Montgomery

DISCUSSION

1. In times of hardship, how do we generally respond? Why do we tend to complain, question, or take matters into our own hands?
2. How does Ruth's obedience to Naomi and Boaz make way for redemption?
3. Share how you've experienced God's redemption in your life and how it will impact the legacy you leave behind.
4. Share with the group what stood out to you most from this Bible story and what the Holy Spirit has spoken to you. How will you apply what you learned to your life?

CLOSING & PRAYER

Close with the following scripture and remind everyone that God has redeemed us, knows us, and that we are His!

Scripture: *Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine Isaiah 43:1 ESV*

Pray with the group

HOMEWORK

- * **Read** the story of David & Goliath 1 Sam. 17
- * **Write** out the main parts of the story
- * **Reflect** on the Bible story and ask yourself the application questions provided
- * **Memorize** *If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31 NIV*

WEEK 6: SG LEADER GUIDE

SESSION PLAN

1. Welcome & Review
2. Video
3. Discussion
4. Closing: Main take away / Prayer
5. Homework

WELCOME & REVIEW

Welcome everyone and discuss their engagement with the week's passage
Include the following questions:

- What stood out to you in this week's story?
- Can anyone share the memory verse, by memory.

Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to today's session.

VIDEO

The Wonder of God's Power - Celeste Gonzales

DISCUSSION

1. What are some reasons why we allow the voice of the enemy to intimidate us?
2. What was David's confidence in? What do we learn from his actions when facing a giant?
3. Are you facing a giant right now? Are you running away from him or are you running towards him like David?
4. Share with the group what stood out to you most from this Bible story and what the Holy Spirit has spoken to you. How will you apply what you learned to your life?

CLOSING & PRAYER

Close with the following scripture and remind everyone that when God is for you there is no giant that can't be taken down!

Scripture: *If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31 NIV*

Pray with the group

HOMEWORK

- * **Read** the parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32
- * **Write** out the main parts of the story
- * **Reflect** on the Bible story and ask yourself the application questions provided
- * **Memorize** *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1 NIV*

WEEK 7: SG LEADER GUIDE

SESSION PLAN

1. Welcome & Review
2. Video
3. Discussion
4. Closing: Main take away / Prayer
5. Homework

WELCOME & REVIEW

Welcome everyone and discuss their engagement with the week's passage
Include the following questions:

- What stood out to you in this week's story?
- Can anyone share the memory verse, by memory.

Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to today's session.

VIDEO

The Wonder of God's Love - Ashley Self

DISCUSSION

1. What does the word UNCONDITIONAL mean? How does that describe the love of God?
2. What do we learn in this parable about God's response when we repent from sin?
3. When do you struggle to see yourself as God's cherished daughter and tend to view yourself primarily as a servant? What do we learn in the parable about how God sees us?
4. Share with the group what stood out to you most from this Bible story and what the Holy Spirit has spoken to you. How will you apply what you learned to your life?

CLOSING & PRAYER

Close with the following scripture and remind everyone that we are daughters loved and cherished by God!

Scripture: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1 NIV

Pray with the group