

Big Questions | Semester 1

Big Questions Semester 1 expands on students' Bible knowledge and aims to explore contemporary issues from a biblical perspective.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
1	<p>Theme: Who am I?</p> <p>Lesson aim: For students to understand that the Bible teaches that God is generous and he promises that those who search for him will find him.</p> <p>To introduce students to their teacher and to the Big Questions curriculum.</p>	Matthew 7:7–12
2	<p>Theme: Who really knows me?</p> <p>Lesson aim: To help each student appreciate what the Bible says about how intimately God knows every person and that he is ultimately in charge.</p>	Psalms 39:1–16; 23–24
3	<p>Theme: Where does our world come from?</p> <p>Lesson aim: To show that the Bible teaches that the world was created by God and is maintained by him.</p>	Genesis 1:1—2:4; Hebrews 1:3
4	<p>Theme: Why are we here?</p> <p>Lesson aim: To help the students to understand that the Bible teaches that God made people in his image, he loves us and wants us to live his way.</p>	Genesis 1–2
5	<p>Theme: What's wrong with the world?</p> <p>Lesson aim: To help the students understand that because of an initial lack of faith and disobedience, the world has become a difficult place in which to live.</p>	Genesis 3
6	<p>Theme: What's gone wrong with people?</p> <p>Lesson aim: To show the students that beginning with the disobedience of Adam and Eve, people continue to disobey God and feel the effects of sin.</p>	Genesis 37
7	<p>Theme: What is God really like?</p> <p>Lesson aim: To encourage the students to develop a clearer understanding of who the Bible says God is and how people can draw near to him.</p>	Psalms 47
8	<p>Theme: Does God really care?</p> <p>Lesson aim: To help students to appreciate from the Bible that God cares about the suffering of his people and promises to care for them like a shepherd.</p>	Psalms 23
9	<p>Theme: Does God speak to me?</p> <p>Lesson aim: To help students understand that the Bible is historically reliable and relevant to people today, and why Christians believe that the Bible is God's word.</p>	2 Timothy 3:16; 1 John 1:1–2; Luke 1:1–4
10	<p>Theme: How do I read the Bible?</p> <p>Lesson aim: To encourage the students to read the Bible for themselves.</p>	2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:105, 110–111

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11	Theme: How does God forgive us? Lesson aim: To help students to understand that God offers forgiveness to those who put their faith in Jesus.	Matthew 18:21–35; Colossians 3:13
12	Theme: Who is Jesus? Lesson aim: To encourage the students to understand that the unique circumstances of Jesus’ birth described in the Bible show that he is God’s Son.	Luke 1–3; Matthew 1–2
13	Theme: Is Jesus so special? Lesson aim: To encourage students to understand from the Bible that Jesus demonstrated by his actions and attitudes his uniqueness as God’s Son.	Luke, various passages
14	Theme: What can he do? Lesson aim: To encourage the students to consider different responses to Jesus, God’s Son.	Luke, various passages
15	Theme: Why did Jesus die? Lesson aim: To help students gain an understanding of why Jesus died on the cross and how this made the way open for people to become friends with God.	Luke 22–23; Romans 5:10
16	Theme: Did Jesus really rise from the dead? Lesson aim: To encourage the students to consider the evidence for, and the significance of, Jesus’ resurrection.	Luke 24
17	Theme: What difference does Jesus make? Lesson aim: To encourage students to begin to understand how following Jesus changes someone’s life.	Luke’s Gospel
18	Theme: Responses to Jesus Lesson aim: To encourage students to reflect on what different responses to Jesus and the invitation to live as God’s friends look like.	Luke 8:4–15
19	Theme: Will Jesus return? Lesson aim: To help the students understand that the Bible tells us that Jesus will return and what it will be like.	John 14:1–4