

## Welcome to Week 2!

If you didn't start with us last week, that's ok. Take a look at last Monday for a quick introduction. [Daily Guide Week 1](#)

If you didn't complete every day last week, this is a brand new one. God is excited to meet with you!

**Parents:** You are the most influential person in your child's life. We want to help you talk to your kids about God and the Bible, no matter their age. Be sure to look at this week's [Parent Prompt](#).

## Week 2 Memory Verse | Genesis 3:15

### Monday, January 12

If we only ever interact with the Bible a few verses at a time, we can miss the bigger picture of the story God is telling.

**Passage:** Genesis 1

**Activity:** Read the entire first chapter of Genesis, then practice the SOAP method we introduced last week. During your observations, pay special attention to what the first chapter in the Bible reveals about God's character. Not the "part He plays" in the Bible; the characteristics that make Him who He is.

### Tuesday, January 13

Part of the joy in a community like NorthRidge is learning each other's stories. We will occasionally share encouragement, testimonies, and even tips from our NorthRidge family. Here's one about the SOAP method:

"I was afraid to read the Bible on my own for a long time. I didn't know what I was doing or where to start, so all I knew was what other people said. God used SOAP to break down my fear. My biggest encouragement is to not skip or cheat

the prayer time at the end. The reading and learning are good, but the time I have with God after really helps it stay with me.” – Alex

**Passage:** Genesis 3:15

**Activity:** This verse is the first promise of the gospel, the good news. Use the SOAP method and take Alex’s advice on the prayer time. Don’t get tripped up on the application when it might not be obvious; read the verses around it for context.

### Wednesday, January 14

After getting somewhat comfortable with a method, we will give you a way to take it further in helping you as you engage the Bible.

Whenever part of your reading includes a list, spend time in observation, investigating the list with thoughtful questions... Why is the list there? Why are those items listed? Is there anything you wouldn’t expect?

**Passage:** Genesis 12:1-3

**Activity:** Would you look at that – a list! As you do SOAP, identify and write down the seven promises God makes to Abram (later changed to Abraham). Did God keep all of those promises? How?

### Thursday, January 15

One of the obvious characteristics of God we discover in Genesis 1 is creativity. Pastor Brad has often said that Christians should be creative because we know the Creator. Is it possible to be creative as we engage the Bible? Yes! In fact, the Bible is the most popular inspiration for the arts throughout human history.

**Passage:** Review the passages for the previous three days.

**Activity:** Review the notes you have recorded through the SOAP method, then create a “trptych” on a sheet of paper. A triptych is a set of three separate drawings or paintings that all connect to a common theme. Draw something for Genesis 1, then Genesis 3:15, then Genesis 12:1-3. You don’t need to be “good” at it; it’s not for anyone else but you and God. Reflect on what the experience was like, and be comfortable with wondering why you felt and experienced what you did.

### **Friday, January 16**

As we walk through the Bible together this year, resist the temptation to keep what you are experiencing and learning to yourself. God did not create you to do this alone.

**Passage:** Genesis 2:18-22

**Activity:** Practice the SOAP method, then summarize with a few sentences what God has taught you this week. Take the bold step of sharing that with someone else. God often uses what people learn and experience to impact others.

### **Saturday, January 17 – Sunday, January 18**

Next week, we will begin to explore a new method!

**Passage:** Choose any passage from the book of Genesis you want.

**Activity:** Engage with that passage any way you want to (including SOAP).