

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson Title	Problem Statement	Key Verse
Canon	I don't know why the Bible is so special, why certain parts made the cut, and who had the right to decide.	2 Timothy 3:16
The Hebrew Bible	I don't know why the Hebrew Bible is part of the Christian Bible.	Deuteronomy 6:6
Genesis	I don't know why Genesis matters when science has already disproven the stories.	Genesis 1:27
Exodus	I don't understand why (or how) God plays favorites with Moses and the Israelites.	Exodus 33:17
Law	I don't understand why we observe some parts of the law but not others.	Deuteronomy 5:2
Judges	I don't know what judges are at all.	Judges 6:24
Ruth	I don't know why Ruth would willingly become an outsider in a foreign land.	Ruth 1:16
Kings	I don't know where kings fit into the story of Israel.	1 Samuel 8:7
Babylonian Captivity	I don't get why God would free the people only to let them be captured again.	Jeremiah 25:7
Prophets	I don't understand what qualifies someone to be a prophet.	Deuteronomy 18:22
Psalms	I don't know what purpose the psalms serve.	Psalms 1:2
Wisdom	I don't know what makes wisdom books more wise than the rest of the Bible.	Proverbs 2:6
Job	I don't know why bad things happen to good people.	Job 1:22
Esther	I don't know why Esther's story matters when it doesn't mention God.	Esther 4:14
The Rise of Rome	What happened in the world between the Old Testament and New Testament?	Ezra 1:3

NEW TESTAMENT

Lesson Title	Problem Statement	Key Verse
Maps	I don't know where all this Bible stuff happened.	Acts 14:27
The New Testament	If the whole Bible is so important, I don't understand why it is split into two parts.	John 12:50
Jesus	I don't understand how Jesus could be fully human and fully divine.	Philippians 2:5-7
Matthew	I don't know why Matthew refers to the Old Testament all the time.	Matthew 1:22-23
Mark	I don't get why Mark skips stuff and ends before the story does.	Mark 1:15
Luke	I'm not sure why Luke is so fixated on the Roman Empire and people on the fringes of society.	Luke 2:49
John	I don't get why John is SO different from the other Gospels and changes the order of events.	John 14:10
Acts	I don't know if church today is supposed to look like the church in Acts.	Acts 1:8
Paul and the Early Church	I don't know why we hold Paul in such high esteem when he started out as an enemy of Christians.	Acts 9:15
Paul's Theology	I'm not sure why Paul's ideas are so important to Christians.	1 Thessalonians 1:8
Romans	I don't know why Paul felt the need to cram so many diverse issues and topics into one letter.	Romans 1:16-17
1 and 2 Corinthians	I don't know why the church in Corinth seemed so messed up and confused.	2 Corinthians 5:17
Galatians	I don't know what to do when Christians disagree.	Galatians 1:6
Letters	I don't know why so many letters are considered Holy Scripture.	1 Timothy 1:5
Revelation	I don't understand all the strange and scary images in the book of Revelation.	Revelation 21:3-4