

# God's BIG story

A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt, is seen from behind with his arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. He is looking up at a bright blue sky filled with fluffy white clouds. The overall mood is one of hope and faith.

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*discussion guide*

Gather a group of people (consider all ages) to watch the video and then to explore, discuss and consider some action steps that may follow.

## DEFINE

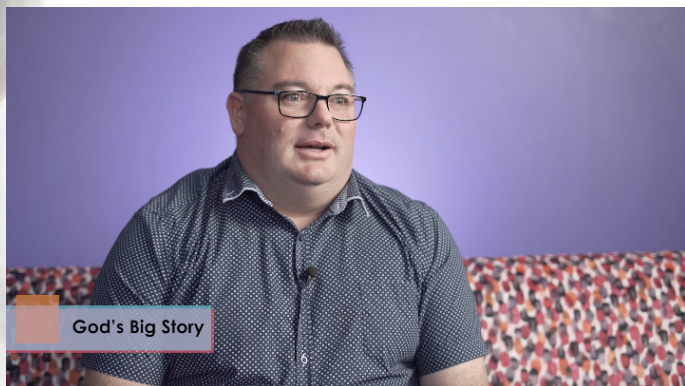
What is 'God's Big Story' and where do you fit in?

*Every part of the Bible, each event, book, character, commands, prophecy - must be understood in the context of one storyline. As we enter this story it is important that we discover not only the content but also that we are a part of this story – God's story. It is our privilege to help others find their place in God's big story.*

## WATCH THE VIDEO

This is ONE example of ONE aspect of what 'God's Big Story' could be. Spend time exploring more of this topic and consider some of the opportunities around this final question,

- ❖ *"What will history record as your contribution to God's Big story?"*



# DISCUSSION

## *Reflecting on the story.*

- ❖ When are the times in your life when you “question” the meaning of life?
- ❖ When did you really know that you were a part of God’s big story?
- ❖ Who inspires you today by the way they live out God’s big story in their life?

# DEEPER

## *Unpacking the building blocks listed on the video.*

- The experiences of life raises questions
- Look for meaning in God’s story
- Knowing God’s big story helps us
- Understand you are part of God’s big story
- Invite others to explore God’s story for themselves
  
- ❖ What life experiences raise questions of faith?
- ❖ What building block is most challenging for you and why?
- ❖ If someone asked you today...could you explain God’s big story and where you fit in?

# DISCOVER

*Digging into stories in the Bible that reinforce these building blocks.*

## KEY VERSE

**Ps 119:105** “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”

- ❖ What are some challenges that prevent you from engaging with God’s Word on a daily basis?

## BIBLE

**Read Matthew 11:2-5**

- ❖ What questions did John the Baptist ask Jesus? Why? (Matthew 11:11 is a great encouragement that even the greatest of these has questions)

**Read John 1:19-29**

- ❖ What was John the Baptist’s message? What meaning do we still find in that message today?

**Read: Matthew 3:1-6**

- ❖ What was unique about John the Baptist? How do you think him knowing ‘God’s big story’ helped him?

**Read John 1:23**

- ❖ Discuss the power of John’s life being prophesied so many years ago?
- ❖ How does knowing your place in God’s big story affect your life choices?

# DECIDE

*Make an intentional plan to implement something from this discussion*

## **1 The experiences of life raises questions**

- ❖ Who around you is asking the big questions of life right now?
- ❖ What are the big questions in life that people are asking?
- ❖ How can God's Big Story speak into these?

## **2 Look for meaning in God's story/Knowing God's big story helps us**

- ❖ Do you have a life verse or favourite character that God has used to teach you?

## **3 Understand you are part of God's big story**

- ❖ Take time to prepare your response to the question, "What difference does knowing that I am part of God's big story make in my life?"

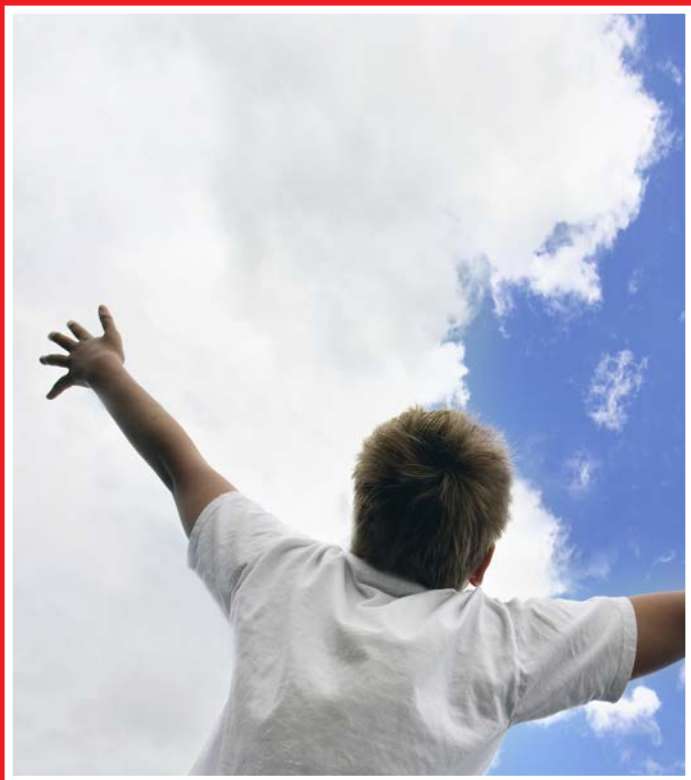
## **4 Invite others to explore God's story for themselves**

- ❖ Who are you praying for that needs to hear God's big story?

# DARE

Why don't you share your own "God's Big Story" story. Film it and send it to us. If it is 3-5 minutes long ... we would love to share it with others.

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