

# The Thread

Discovering The Thread of the Gospel Through The Big-Picture Story of the Bible

Dear Parents,

Hello! I wanted to remind you about the study we're doing on teaching our students the big-picture story of the Bible. It's a 52-week Bible study called *The Thread*, and this week was lesson 1. The lesson was entitled "Seeing The Gospel In All Of Scripture," and was an introductory lesson to how we will be studying the Bible. In this lesson, we helped students learn that the story of the Bible points to Jesus as God's Son, the promised rescuer of humankind; and that Jesus was God's Word made flesh, both the messenger and the message of God's salvation for all people. Your teenager was challenged to commit to learning God's story, and drawing closer to Jesus as a result.

## **We looked at the following Scripture passages:**

- John 1:1
- John 5:31-40
- 1 John 1:1-4

It would be great if you could find some time today or tomorrow to take a few minutes and read these passages.

## **Next Steps . . .**

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, remember that one way that will help him or her to understand and apply what he or she has learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- You looked at the passage in John 1 where Jesus was described as the Word. Do you remember why He was described that way?
- How would you describe your attitude toward the Bible? Do you find some parts of it hard to understand? (It's OK to admit that MOST Christ-followers find parts of the Bible tricky.)
- Are you excited about having a better understanding of the big-picture story of the Bible? How do you think that might make some of what you read less confusing?
- I'd like to support you as you spend the next year learning about the story of the Bible. What are some ways that I can do that for you?

Thank you for all you that you do. If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to call me.