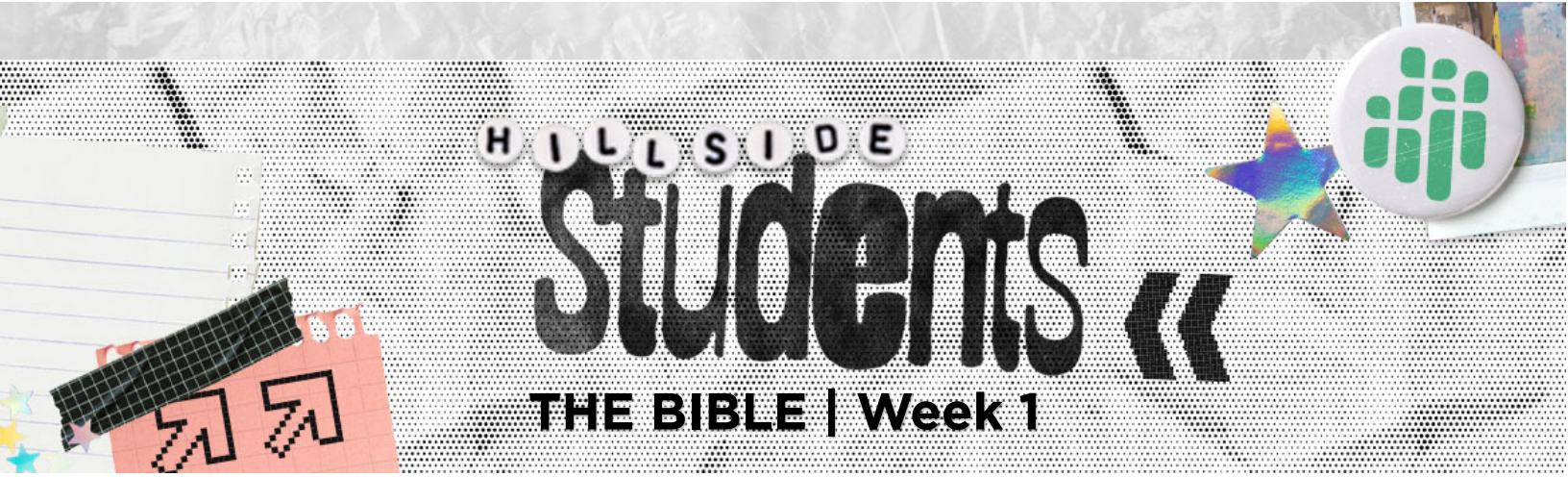




HILLSIDE

Students

THE BIBLE | Week 1

REMINDERS: Take ATTENDANCE! Use the app & let us know who to add/remove!

GAME: 🤖🤔 PLAY CHANGE PLACES IF! Form a big circle. The leader will start by saying “change places if...” with a prompt for the group (ex: change places if you’ve swam in the ocean). Anybody in your group who has done that will switch places with another person in the group. This is a great way for people in your group to get to know each other.

TOPIC OVERVIEW: Almost every one of our students owns a Bible or has access digitally to a Bible. Although access is abundant, very few of them likely can tell us where it came from, why they should trust it, or what to actually do with it. This series is a foundation for the entire school year. Our aim is to start the year rooted deeply in the Word of God. Everything we sing, teach, preach, and talk about stands upon the claim that the Bible is God’s own Word and can be trusted. We want students to walk away knowing and believing that Scripture is God-breathed, alive, active, and worth building their life upon. Ultimately, the connection is Christ. The Bible is divine revelation and the whole thing, from Genesis to Revelation, points to Jesus. The Old Testament looks forward to him, the Gospels tell his story, and the rest of the New Testament shows his church learning to follow him. When students learn to read the Bible, they’re not just learning information. They’re learning to hear from the God who wants to be known.

ICE-BREAKERS:

- If you could replace all the grass in the world with something, what would you choose? (Velcro, bubble wrap, fur, etc)
- What are you most excited for this semester?

MESSAGE DEBRIEF & BIBLE STUDY:

- As we get started, let’s see where we are right now: Is the Bible easy for you to read? Difficult to read? Why?
- How did the video change or further confirm how you think about The Bible? What’s a takeaway for you?
- Where do people normally go for answers when they need help? How would going to The Bible for guidance be different?
- **Read Romans 1:20.** What are some things in your life that point you back to God?
- **Read Hebrews 1:1-2.** How can we get more familiar with what Jesus’ voice sounds like? (Hint: Spending time in the word!)
- **Read Psalm 1:1-3.** What are some things you spend time doing because you genuinely enjoy them? Does reading The Bible feel like those things?
- What’s the difference between reading the Bible because you have to and reading it because you actually value it?
- What are some things you could do to help make reading The Bible more of something you genuinely enjoy?
- **Read Matthew 7:24.** What is one thing you want to do this week to apply what we’ve read in The Bible tonight to your life?