

*Junior High BDG*

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## ***These Thousand Hills Roll Ever On*** God's Never-ending Story

Note: for a more detailed explanation of our BDG theme, check the overview.

### **Lesson Overview and Summary:**

This lesson will be the introduction to our series for the year. Yes, our series is long enough to last an entire year. The series this year will focus on God's Never-ending Story. What is His story?

Simply put, His story is what we call history. You see, the Bible never ends at Revelation 22. No, the Bible does not have an ending! The reason is because God's story continues to this very day. The Bible is God's story about how He has worked—and He still continues to work to this day! In a way, it reminds us that God has not left us alone to fend for ourselves. On the contrary, He has sent His Holy Spirit to work in our lives. So God is still living among us, indeed, inside our hearts. He will continue to do so until Jesus comes and rules the earth once again.

In the history of the world, God has placed servants who have changed, shaken, and defined the world we live in today. Thus, for every BDG, we will study the "heroes of our faith" who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, did things that no ordinary nutcase would do on his or her strength alone. Some of those heroes may surprise you (example: J.S. Bach) and others may not (example: Mother Teresa). But if there's one theme that runs through the lives of all these people: God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. We're not talking walking on the water or things like that. We're talking miraculous healings, blessings that transcend time and even space. All this is done because ordinary people were willing to be filled to overflowing.

And so, just as the mystical British highland hills roll ever onwards, God's story does too, each minute bearing a footprint of His glory and His mightiness.

## Schedule Outline:

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| 1. Introducing our leaders.                            | 5 minutes?     |
| 2. Praise Song: These Thousand Hills                   | 5 minutes      |
| 3. Lesson: God's Story Never Ends (Psalm 119: 105-112) | 15 minutes     |
| 4. Discussion.   | 10 minutes     |
| 5. Activity: Decorating journals!                      | Remaining time |
| 6. Closing Prayer                                      |                |

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1. Facts of the Bible (a.k.a. potential BDG Olympics trivia questions)
  - a. 66 books: 39 OT, 27 NT
  - b. Shortest verse: John 11:35
  - c. Longest verse: Esther 8:9
  - d. Shortest chapter: Psalm 117
  - e. Longest chapter: Psalm 119
2. Why is the Bible important?
  - a. It tells the story of how God has worked through his chosen people in the past.
  - b. It also tells us about who God is through his interactions with his people.
  - c. It shapes the way we think, behave, etc. because of what we know about God.
3. Why does the Bible never end?
  - a. Because God's story does not end with Jesus!
    - i. He never left us alone (the *deists* believe that sort of trash).
  - b. Because God is still with us!
    - i. In the form of the Holy Spirit
4. DISCUSSION