



Chronicles of Narnia Book Club

Overview: A Journey Through Narnia and Back Home Again

This year, we will join together on a wonderful trip to a magical land called Narnia. We will meet people, creatures of all sorts, and the great Lion, Aslan. We will learn many spiritual lessons inspired by the teaching of the Bible but shared in creative and fun ways. C.S. Lewis wrote these stories for the children in his life. We pray that the child in you will meet Jesus in fresh, new ways in 2024 because we have had this time together.

Each month that we focus on one of the books, we will follow a simple pathway on our journey:

1. **The Story in Summary:** We will be sure we all have the basic storyline of the book in mind so we are traveling the journey together.
2. **The Big Picture:** What is the core spiritual message of this particular book? The person teaching will identify one big and core lesson (and a few other great lessons as well).
3. **Meet the Key Characters:** Who is this story about, and what do we learn from these interesting people and creatures?
4. Some important **Spiritual Lessons** along the way. We will dig into a few important lessons and ask how they connect to the teachings of Scripture.
5. **Bringing Narnia Home:** How might these simple and profound spiritual lessons impact our life, home, church, and even the world?

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The Magician's Nephew

THE STORY IN SUMMARY

The Magician's Nephew establishes the foundational events in the chronology of the series, revealing the beginning of Narnia. This story unfolds with Digory and Polly, two curious children, who encounter Digory's Uncle Andrew and his magical rings that take them to different worlds. They witness the creation of Narnia by Aslan and become involved in a battle against Jadis. **In this book, we will consider the themes of creation, evil, temptation, and the consequences of choices.**

THE BIG PICTURE

God created everything, but sin and Satan messed things up. God is in the business of restoring His creation, including us.

MEET THE KEY CHARACTERS

- Polly:
- Digory:
- Uncle Andrew:
- Jadis:
- Aslan:

IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL LESSONS

- 1. God is the powerful Creator of all things, and because of that, we should turn to Him.**

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Psalm 33:6

DISCUSSION: What touched you in the imagery as C.S. Lewis described the Aslan creating the world of Narnia? How does this make you think/feel about God's creation of all things?

- 2. We all know Satan is a liar, but we can sometimes forget when going through temptation.**

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44

DISCUSSION: What are some of the common tactics and lies of Satan in our world today, and why is it so important that we recognize them?

- 3. Temptation is experienced by all; it is what you do when tempted that determines the outcome. Lessons about how temptation works.**

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

DISCUSSION: What is one biblical lesson you have learned about resisting temptation in your own life?

- 4. Life is filled with crossroads and turning points, and we can choose the right path (or not).**

Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Psalm 27:11

DISCUSSION: Tell a (short) story of a time you hit a crossroad and made a wise choice (or a not-so-wise choice) and what were the consequences? What did God show you through this experience?

5. God is in the business of redeeming what is broken, and the story is still being written, even when things seem very messed up.

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Revelation 21:5

REDEMPTION OUTCOMES TO LEARN FROM

There are moments of truth that can define our future...for better or worse:

- Digory: A move toward honest confession (he is rewarded)
- Uncle Andrew makes the wrong choice over and over... with consequences.
- Queen Jardis remains evil and just seems to get worse.

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

DISCUSSION: What is one specific way God is accomplishing His redeeming work in some part of your life, and how can your group members pray for you as God continues to do this good work?