

elements | Suffering

A 3-Lesson Bible Study

How can a loving God allow so much suffering? It's a question that people have always wrestled with. It's one that almost all of us have or will ask at some point in life. Let's face it: it's a tough question. But it's one that we don't need to be scared of or shy away from.

Suffering, one of the studies in the **elements** line of Bible study curriculum, will help students understand that while God is in control of all things, suffering is a result of our rebellion against Him, that God chose to step into the midst of our suffering--in the form of Christ's death on the cross--not to remain distant from it, and that God uses trials and suffering to accomplish His purposes and shape our faith.

Suffering Lesson Overviews

Lesson 1: Creator King

- **Learning Objectives:** Students will understand that while God is in control of all things, suffering is a result of our rebellion, and they will flesh out what clinging to God in the midst of suffering looks like in their own lives.
- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 3:14-19; Job 1:9-12; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 34:8; Job 1:20-21; Job 19:25

Lesson 2: He's Near

- **Learning Objectives:** Students will understand that God chose to step into the midst of our suffering--in the form of Christ's death on the cross--not to remain distant from it, and they will evaluate whether or not they are taking up their cross daily to follow Jesus and examine what this looks like on a consistent basis.
- **Scripture Focus:** Isaiah 53:4-10; Matthew 16:21; Matthew 8:16-17; 1 Peter 2:24-25; John 16:31-33; Matthew 16:24-26

Lesson 3: Through The Fire

- **Lesson Objectives:** Students will understand that God uses trials and suffering to accomplish His purposes and shape our faith, and they will reflect on how trials in life have impacted their own lives.
- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 50:20; 1 Peter 1:3-7; James 1:2-4; Romans 8:28; Job 2:9-10

What's included in each *elements* study?

- 3 Leader's Guides with Bible Background
- 3 weeks of Student Devotions
- 3 Parent Pages for at-home discipleship
- PowerPoint backgrounds and Promo Art
- Teacher Prep Video to help you prepare
- Social Media suggestions for each lesson

Each **elements** study features a mix of features to help you engage students before, during, and after your gathering.

The Three "Lenses" Of An *elements* Study

- **LESSON 1:** The lens of God's character
- **LESSON 2:** The lens of the Gospel
- **LESSON 3:** The lens of living as a teenage Christ-follower

elements teaches core principles using a unique three-lesson approach. It allows these short studies to pack a big punch.