

# Reviewing the Fundamentals

It is quite common for people to assume they have a deep understanding of the Bible. We have learned, however, that even those who have been in church their whole lives, been in small groups, and in other learning environments, often have significant gaps in their understanding of basic biblical concepts.

Surveys of self-identified “born again” believers tell us that there are widely divergent views of salvation, the Trinity, Jesus’ incarnation and resurrection, and issues of heaven and hell. Particularly in the West, there is a temptation to pick and choose the doctrines we want to believe and then either set aside or disagree with the more challenging doctrines.

*As a parent in charge of discipling your child, you need to understand that it is essential that you take the time to learn biblical truth, and to pass that truth on to your child.*

## Reviewing the Fundamentals in Three Steps

1

{ The Essential Doctrines }

In the *Aslan Academy Review of Fundamentals*, we offer two options for covering the essential doctrines of the church. We encourage each parent to read either *Basic Christianity* by John Stott or *Christianity 101* by Gilbert Bilezikian and Bill Hybels. Either of these short books will provide a clear understanding of the core beliefs of the church. Over time, parents should seek to read both and use them to refer back to address questions that come up.

2

{ The Big Picture }

Second, we offer a short, easy-to-understand book, *The Big Story: How the Bible Makes Sense Out of Life* by Justin Buzzard, which describes how the Bible is one continuous story of God’s plan to rescue us from sin. It clearly explains how the Bible is a narrative of God’s love playing out over the entire history of the universe and is not simply a collection of disjointed books that describe how we should live.

3

{ The Jesus Storybook Bible }

While written for younger children, we believe *The Jesus Storybook Bible* is a wonderful companion book for adults. *The Jesus Storybook Bible* clearly describes how the Bible fits together, with Jesus as the overall focus. Parents will gain much insight as they read along with their children.

