

# Through The Bible In One Year

## The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Theme: "Following God Means.....Following God"  
Week 10 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

### Open (Sharing our Own Stories & Getting To Know One Another)

1. How do you find your way to a new location? 2. What do you do if you get lost?

### Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud Numbers 9: 15-23; Psalm 51: 1-13; Mark 15: 22-39

Numbers: 1. How does the cloud (indicating God's presence) help Moses' spiritual leadership? How does God help spiritual leaders today? 2. The Israelites never knew when the movement of the cloud would signal for them to move again; yet, they remained obedient in following God's lead. What causes us to follow God, even when the way is uncertain? 3. The Israelites received the Lord's orders through Moses. How does God lead and speak to us now?

Psalm: 1. David speaks these moving words in recognition of his sins regarding Bathsheba. What qualities of God does he appeal to, in his pain? 2. What does David want, that we also want when needing forgiveness? 3. How does David plan to respond to God's forgiveness? How can we let others know about God's forgiving love?

Mark: 1. What were the ways in which Jesus suffered because he decided to follow God's will? How do we sometimes suffer? 2. Jesus cries out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" What circumstances can cause us to feel the same way? 3. After witnessing Jesus' suffering and obedience, the centurion knew he had been in the presence of God's son. How can our response to suffering help others to see God's love?

### Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. How closely are you following God? \_\_\_\_\_right behind him \_\_\_\_\_not too far back \_\_\_\_\_having trouble keeping up \_\_\_\_\_can't see him
2. What obstacles do you need to remove in your life to follow God more closely?

### Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

What is one action you can take this week to follow God's leading?