

# The God of Details

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**Faith Talk:** Discuss the following phrases and their meaning with a partner or in your small group. “It’s a God thing” and “The devil is in the details.”

**Introduction:** Have you ever had a time in your life when you could see how God had worked out the details and ultimately a solution to any given situation? In our Bible study, we will consider our awesome and wonderful God of details in biblical history, in His plan of salvation, and in our daily living.

**Opening Prayer:** Heavenly Father, You are our awesome God! We thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please bless our study of Your Word. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

## Detailed History

Read **Joshua 6:3–27**, the Old Testament account of the fall of Jericho at the hands of the Israelites. Note the details of this battle below:

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| verse 3 –  | verse 8 –  |
| verse 9 –  | verse 10 – |
| verse 15 – | verse 16 – |
| verse 17 – |            |

Read **Joshua 6:1**. What condition is Jericho in even before the battle?

What is the significance of the Lord’s words to Joshua in **6:2**? Since the outcome of the battle at Jericho was already assured by the Lord, why do you suppose God insisted on the details of the battle? Were the details for Himself or for the Israelites? Why?

**Faith Talk:** Share with a partner or the group a time in your history when you could see God at work in the details of the event or situation.

**If time permits:** Identify additional biblical accounts in the Old Testament that show God’s attention to detail.

## Detailed Salvation

Read **Luke 2:1–7**. What details are included in this account?

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| verse 1 – | verse 2 – |
| verse 4 – | verse 5 – |
| verse 7 – |           |

Read **Matthew 1:18–25**. What additional details about the birth of Jesus are included in **verses 21–22**?

Read **Matthew 2:1–12**. What details about the wise men’s visit are provided in the following verses?

1. **verse 1 –**
2. **verses 2, 9 –**
3. **verses 4, 5 –**

See **Romans 5:6** and **Galatians 4:4–5**. What is the message?

During the time of Jesus’ birth, life and death, the Roman rule brought about a world peace known as the *Pax Romana*. This peace was evident by increased protection and improved road conditions, both which contributed to easier travel and better communication. How could this world situation contribute to making Jesus’ birth, life, and saving work the “right time” — God’s time?

Read **John 20:1–8**. What details did God include for the disciples in **verses 6–7**?

**Faith Talk:** Jesus fulfilled all the Old Testament Messianic prophecies made concerning Him (over 300). What is the importance of this godly attention to detail?

**If time permits:** Identify additional details of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection from your knowledge of the New Testament Gospels.

## Detailed Living

Read **Psalms 119:169–176**. These words ask the Lord to help the Psalmist remember and delight in His statutes (His Law). Does God’s Word give us a detailed guide, or curb, to live our daily lives? What do we call this guide? (See **Exodus 20:1–21**.)

What does God through Peter detail for us to “put away” in **1 Peter 2:1–3**? What are we to long for? What is God’s pure spiritual milk?

What does **Colossians 3:5** encourage the Christian to do?

**Colossians 3:10** reads: “put on the new self.” The Holy Spirit uses the Means of Grace — the Word and Sacraments — to make us new creatures in Christ and to renew us daily. (See **Psalms 119:105**; **Galatians 3:27**; **1 Corinthians 11:23–25**.)

Read **Colossians 3:12–16**. Write down the specific details for Christian living included in this list.

**Faith Talk:** Is your heavenly Father interested in the details, perhaps even what we consider the trivial details, of our lives? Why or why not? Support your answer with specific examples from your life.

**Faith Walk:** Share in detail or make a list of ways that you are daily in the Word.

Identify one person to share God’s Word of salvation with this week.

Look for ways that God works daily in the details of your life.

**Closing Prayer (based on Psalm 139):** O Lord, You know me! You know every detail about me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up, and You discern my thoughts. You know what I am going to say even before I do! You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me. You created me and made me, and I praise You. O Lord, You are everywhere, and You watch over and protect me. Search me, O God, and know my heart and lead me in the way everlasting. In the precious name of Jesus. Amen!

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