

GRACE YOUTH GROUP FALL 2026 SEMESTER CALENDAR

The Story God Is Telling | September 13-December 20, 2026

CENTRAL QUESTION: Will we trust the story God is telling, or will we try to write our own?

Date	Topic	Primary Scripture	Big Idea	Takeaway
Sept. 13	Creation: Who Is God?	Genesis 1	Before the Bible tells us what went wrong with the world, it tells us that God made it good.	God is the intentional Creator, creation is good, and every human being has God-given dignity.
Sept. 20	Humanity: Who Are We?	Genesis 2	God created us to know Him, to know one another, to have purpose, and to live without hiding.	Who we are comes before what we do: we are creatures made for relationship, purpose, and trust.
Sept. 27	The Fall: Can We Trust God?	Genesis 3	Sin begins with distrust: believing we can write a better story than God.	At the root of sin, humanity stops trusting God's goodness and tries to take control of the story.
Oct. 4	Noah: God Does Not Give Up	Genesis 6-9	Humans keep breaking the story, but God remains committed to his creation.	The Flood gives creation a fresh start, but only God can address the deeper problem of the human heart.
Oct. 11	Abraham: Blessed to Be a Blessing	Genesis 12; 15; 17	God begins His rescue of the world by calling a family to trust Him and become a blessing to everyone else.	God blesses Abraham so that, through his family, all the nations of the world will be blessed.
Oct. 18	Abraham and Isaac: Trusting the Promise	Genesis 22; Hebrews 11:17-19	Faith means trusting God's character even when we cannot see how the story will work out.	We can trust the Promise-Maker even when we cannot see the path to the promise.
Oct. 24	<i>Fall Retreat: All-day event at Grace (Estimated time 9AM to 8PM)</i>			
Oct. 25	<i>No Meeting</i>			
Nov. 1	Exodus: God Hears and Rescues	Exodus 1-3; 12-14	God is not distant from suffering. He sees, hears, knows, and comes to rescue.	The God of the covenant pays attention to suffering and acts to set his people free.
Nov. 8	Sinai: Grace Before Rules	Exodus 19-20; 24	We do not obey so God will rescue us; obedience is our response to the God who already has.	Grace comes first, and God's commands teach rescued people how to live in relationship with him and one another.
Nov. 15	Wilderness and Promised Land	Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1; 24	Faith often means remembering what God has already done when we are afraid of what comes next.	Remembering God's past faithfulness gives us courage to trust Him with what comes next.
Nov. 22	Judges, Kings, and David	Judges 2; 21:25; 1 Samuel 8; 16; 2 Samuel 7	God's people keep seeking substitutes to save them, but God promises a King who will accomplish what every human king cannot.	Every substitute savior disappoints, but God's covenant with David creates hope for a faithful and lasting King.
Nov. 29	<i>No Meeting - Thanksgiving</i>			
Dec. 6	Prophets and Exile: Come Back	Isaiah 1; Micah 6:6-8; Jeremiah 29	God remains faithful when His people are unfaithful, and He keeps calling them home.	God calls His people to return, and even in exile He remains present and invites them to live faithfully where they are.
Dec. 13	Advent: Waiting for the King	Isaiah 9:1-7; 11:1-10; 40:1-5; Micah 5:2-5	Biblical hope is trusting that God will keep His promises, even while we wait.	God's people look backward at his faithfulness so they can look forward to His promised King with hope.
Dec. 20	Christmas: God With Us	Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1-2; John 1:1-14	Christmas is the turning point of the whole story: God comes to rescue His people and dwell with us again.	The Bible begins with God dwelling with humanity, and Christmas announces that God has come to restore what humanity lost.