

# Finding the Scarlet Thread

As you read through *The Story*, keep an eye out for ways the characters and events foreshadow, and reflect back upon, the central place that Jesus takes in The Story. This is what we call the Scarlet Thread. The Story is all about God's desire to be with His people (that's you and me). In Jesus, the Father accomplishes His plan to be near to us. In the end, The Story is really the story of Jesus. So as we read God's story, the Old Testament anticipates God's arrival on earth in the person of Jesus, and the New Testament anticipates His return. Here are some cues to look for as you read:

## **PRESENCE**

Remember, The Story is about God being present with his people after they have been separated by sin. How does the current narrative you're reading move The Story toward that purpose?

## **PROMISES**

What kind of promises does God make to His people? How do they point to Jesus as their ultimate fulfillment?

## **PATTERNS**

Are there people or things that remind you of Jesus? Why?

## **THEMES**

Where do you see grace? Love? Justice? Wisdom? Do you see other characteristics of Jesus played out through The Story?

## **SCRIPTURE CROSS-REFERENCES**

If you're using a Study Bible, what Scripture cross-references do you find? What do New Testament writers say about Old Testament events?

## **DEVOTIONAL CUES**

As you read in your daily devotions, use the following questions to apply the reading:

- What does the current story teach me about the Father and His desire to be with me?
- How can I anticipate and desire Jesus through this story?
- How can this story help me respond to the near presence of the Holy Spirit, today?

# THE STORY

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