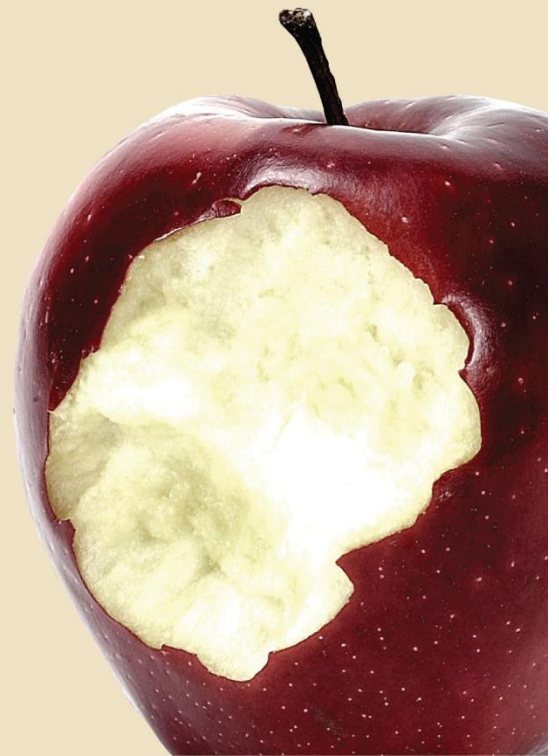


# THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



Welcome to the Story! It is God's Story & we're finding out how we fit into it this year. Whether you've been studying the scriptures for a lifetime or you're coming to this brand new as well as everywhere in-between, this story is for you! Why? Because it is the real story of how everything began and how we got to the way we are! That is what this week's chapter is about and in it we see the work of God as Creator and Savior. In His roles as friend, judge, savior and the only one worthy of all worship.

What this weekly note is designed to do is to give some added insight into the week's chapter and from there also springboard into some discussion for your family, small group or class. (but if you just want to answer them by yourself, go right ahead. :)

Taking the Story at face value our discussion and response to what we see there both as families and as a church will determine how effective the timeless words of scripture (*in this particular form*) will have an effect on our church's life, growth, and added maturity.

## Creation: the beginning of Life as we know it

1. How does the way God made the world as described here differ from the way we are often told it came into being?
2. Which way are you convicted?  
God made everything, Everything just happened, A combination of the two?
3. In what ways was life in the original creation different from life as we know it today?
4. What would be one element of this perfect world you'd love to experience?
5. Why did God create humans in His own image? What do you believe this means?
6. What was the relationship like between Adam & Eve and between the two of them and God?
7. What was the root cause of Adam & Eve's sin against God?
8. What kind of temptations do you feel most rebellious to God through?
9. Why did God put the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the garden?
10. What was the result of their rebellion? How did God curse Man, Woman, Snake?
11. What were the two sons called? What was the source of Cain's anger?
12. Within just a few generations people went from being in close relationship with God to God being grieved He had even made the Earth. What did God decide to do?
13. Why did God bring the flood upon the Earth?
14. Why did Noah find favor in God's eyes? What was particularly special about him?
15. What way did God provide salvation for Noah and his family? (and a menagerie too)
16. What does this act of judgement tell you about God's character?
17. What is the promise that capped the judgement of the flood? What does this tell you about God's relationship with what He has made?
18. The Story is the chronological look at how God is redeeming what He has made. What are two ways this is shown in this chapter?