

Chapter 1: The Beginning of Life as We Know It

Bible Basis: Genesis 1:1–3:24

Bible Verse: So God created man in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female. —Genesis 1:27, NIrV

Bible Point: God made everything there is. He made me to know him.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 1

Chapter 2: God Builds A Nation

Bible Basis: Genesis 12:1–15:21

Bible Verse: [God said,] “I will give you all of the land that you see. I will give it to you and your children after you forever. I will make your children like the dust of the earth.” —Genesis 13:15–16, NIrV

Bible Point: Abraham trusted God and obeyed. I can trust God too.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 2: “God Builds a Nation”

Chapter 3: Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh

Bible Basis: Genesis 37:1–36; 39:1–23; 41:1–45:7

Bible Verse: Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. ...You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good.” —Genesis 50:19–20, NIrV

Bible Point: God worked things out for Joseph’s good. God knows what’s good for me.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 3: “Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh”

Chapter 4: Out of Egypt

Bible Basis: Exodus 1:1–2:10; 3:9; 12:31; 13:21–22

Bible Verse: Moses answered the people. He said, “Don’t be afraid. Stand firm. You will see how the Lord will save you today.” —Exodus 14:13, NIrV

Bible Point: God watched over Moses and his people. God watches over me too.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 4: “Out of Egypt”

Chapter 5: New Rules

Bible Basis: Exodus 19:1–8; 20:1–17

Bible Verse: [God's people] answered with one voice. They said, "We will do everything the Lord has told us to do." —Exodus 19:8, NIV

Bible Point: God gave us rules so we can know him. I can know God by learning his laws.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 5: "New Rules"

Chapter 6: Wandering

Bible Basis: Numbers 13:1–3, 17–33; 14:1–11, 22, 34–38

Bible Verse: [Joshua and Caleb] said, "If the Lord is pleased with us, he'll lead us into that land. ...He'll give it to us." —Numbers 14:8, NIV

Bible Point: Joshua and Caleb were confident in God's promise. I can be confident no matter what.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 6: "Wandering"

Chapter 7: The Battle Begins

Bible Basis: Joshua 1:10–11, 2:1–24

Bible Verse: Be strong and very brave. Make sure you obey the whole law. ... Then you will have success everywhere you go. —Joshua 1:7, NIV

Bible Point: God sent help for his people. God sends me to help too.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 7: "The Battle Begins"

Chapter 8: A Few Good Men...And Women

Bible Basis: Judges 16:1–31

Bible Verse: [Samson] said, "Lord and King, show me that you still have concern for me. God, please make me strong just one more time." —Judges 16:28

Bible Point: God helps those who turn to him. I can depend on God.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 8: "A Few Good Men ... and Women"

Chapter 9: The Faith of a Foreign Woman

Bible Basis: Ruth 1:1–2:23

Bible Point: Boaz and Ruth are kind to others. I please God when I am kind.

Bible Verse: May the Lord reward you for what you have done. May the God of Israel bless you richly. —Ruth 2:12

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 9: “The Faith of a Foreign Woman”

Chapter 10: Messages From God

Bible Basis: 1 Samuel 1:1–2:2, 21; 3:1–10

Bible Verse: The Lord has filled my heart with joy. He has made me strong. —1 Samuel 2:1

Bible Point: God answered Hannah’s prayer. God hears me pray, too.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 10: “Messages from God”

Chapter 11: From Shepherd to King

Bible Basis: 1 Samuel 17:1–50

Bible Verse: I am coming against you in the name of the Lord who rules over all. —1 Samuel 17:45

Bible Point: David fought in God’s strength. God gives me courage when I am afraid.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 11: “From Shepherd to King”

Chapter 12: A King Makes Bad Choices

Bible Basis: Psalm 32:10–11, 51:1–12 (2 Samuel 11:1–12:24)

Bible Verse: Wash away all of the evil things I’ve done. Make me pure from my sin. —Psalm 51:2

Bible Point: God forgave David’s sins. God forgives me when I’m sorry for doing wrong things.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 12: “A King Makes Bad Choices”

Chapter 13: The King Who Had It All

Bible Basis: 1 Kings 3:1–15; 4:29–34; 2 Chronicles 9:1–9

Bible Verse: Don't be wise in your own eyes. Have respect for the Lord. —Proverbs 3:7

Bible Point: God made Solomon a wise leader. God can make me wise, too.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 13: "The King Who Had It All"

Chapter 14: A Kingdom Torn in Two

Bible Basis: 1 Kings 11:4–6; 12:1–33; 14:22–23, 26–28; 15:11–14, 16–24

Bible Verse: Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. —1 Kings 15:11

Bible Point: God uses bad things to teach his people. I can learn from mistakes.

Resource: *The Story for Children*: Chapter 14, "A Kingdom Torn in Two"

Chapter 15: God's Messengers

Bible Basis: 1 Kings 17:1–6, 18:1–2, 17–18

Bible Verse: [Elijah said,] "I serve the Lord. He is the God of Israel." —1 Kings 17:1

Bible Point: God encouraged Elijah in hard times. God encourages me.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 15: "God's Messengers"

Chapter 16: The Beginning of the End

Bible Basis: Isaiah 3:1–13, 14:1–5, 48:8–9, 53:1–2

Bible Verse: When it is time to save you, I will help you. I will keep you safe.—Isaiah 49:8

Bible Point: God doesn't give up on his people. God won't give up on me.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 16: "The Beginning of the End"

Chapter 17: The Kingdoms' Fall

Bible Basis: Jeremiah 1:4–10, 2:21–28, 5:1–2, 16:17–19; 2 Chronicles 36:1–16

Bible Verse: I say to myself, "The Lord is everything I will ever need. So I will put my hope in him." —Lamentations 3:24

Bible Point: God's people suffer because of their sin, but God still loves them. His love for me will never end.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 17: "The Kingdoms' Fall"

Chapter 18: God Watches Over Daniel

Bible Basis: Daniel 6:1–13, 16–23

Bible Verse: [Daniel] went to his room three times a day to pray. He got down on his knees and gave thanks to his God. —Daniel 6:10

Bible Point: Daniel is loyal to God and God protects him. I can be loyal to God.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 18: “God Watches over Daniel”

Chapter 19: The Return Home

Bible Basis: Ezra 1:1–7, 3:10–13; Haggai 1:2–11; Zechariah 8:2–22

Bible Verse: “...they will be my people. I will be their faithful God, I will keep my promises to them.” —Zechariah 8:8

Bible Point: God’s people promise to follow his ways. God wants me to follow him.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 19: “The Return Home”

Chapter 20: The Queen of Beauty and Courage

Bible Basis: Esther 1–9

Bible Verse: ... Don’t eat or drink anything for three days. ... I and my attendants will fast just as you do. Then I’ll go to the king. —Esther 4:16

Bible Point: Esther gets her heart ready for a hard job. God helps me when it’s hard.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 20: “The Queen of Beauty and Courage”

Chapter 21: Rebuilding the Walls

Bible Basis: Ezra 7:1, 7, 10–11; Nehemiah 1:2–6, 11; 4:4–6, 13–23, 8:1–12

Bible Verse: Don’t be afraid of your enemies. Remember the Lord. He is great and powerful. —Nehemiah 4:14

Bible Point: Nehemiah was sure of God’s power. God is on my side.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 21: “Rebuilding the Walls”

Chapter 22: The Birth of the King

Bible Basis: John 1:1–18; Luke 1:26–2:20

Bible Verse: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord. —Luke 2:11

Bible Point: God sent a Savior for the world. I can believe Jesus is my Savior.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 22: “The Birth of the King”

Chapter 23: Jesus’ Ministry Begins

Bible Basis: Matthew 3:1–17, 4:1–11, 24–25; Mark 1:31–2:12, 3:9–15; Luke 8:1–3

Bible Verse: ... People brought to him all who were ill with different kinds of sicknesses ... Jesus healed all of them. Matthew 4:24

Bible Point: Jesus shows people the power of God. I can look for God’s power in my life.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 23: “Jesus’ Ministry Begins”

Chapter 24: No Ordinary Man

Bible Basis: Matthew 5:2–12, 6:5–15, 14:22–32; Mark 4:30–41, 6:30–44; Luke 10:25–37, 15:1–7; John 6:66–71

Bible Verse: We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God. —John 6:69

Bible Point: Jesus teaches his friends and the crowds. I can learn from Jesus.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 24: “No Ordinary Man”

Chapter 25: Jesus, the Son of God

Bible Basis: Matthew 21:10–11; Mark 8:27–30, 34–48, 9:30–32, 10:13–16, 11:2–10, 14:1–2; Luke 22:3–6; John 7:11–15, 25–31, 8:12–14, 31, 11:55–57, 12:27–33

Bible Verse: ... they shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David.” “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” “Hosanna in the highest heaven.” —Matthew 21:9

Bible Point: Jesus, the Son of God, deserves our worship. I can give him my best praise.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 25: “Jesus, the Son of God”

Chapter 26: The Hour of Darkness

Bible Basis: Matthew 26:26–28, 33–35, 27:46–49; Luke 22:51, 55–62, 23:32–41; John 13:21–24, 25–30, 14:1–15, 18:4–10, 19:30

Bible Verse: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust in me also.” —John 14:1

Bible Point: Jesus died for our sins so we can be with him forever. I can accept his love.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 26: “The Hour of Darkness”

Chapter 27: The Resurrection

Bible Basis: Matthew 28:2–8, 16–20; Luke 24:36–49; John 21:1–6

Bible Verse: “He is not here! He is risen, just as he said he would.” —Matthew 28:6

Bible Point: God raised Jesus from the dead. God gives me new life, too.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 27: “The Resurrection”

Chapter 28: New Beginnings

Bible Basis: Acts 1:2–11, 2:1–6, 23–24, 32–33, 43–48, 8:4–8, 9:1–9, 17–19

Bible Verse: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known. The Spirit gave them the ability to do this. —Acts 2:4

Bible Point: God gives his people the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can live inside me.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 28: “New Beginnings”

Chapter 29: Paul’s Mission

Bible Basis: Acts 16:26–36; 1 Thessalonians 1:3–5, 3:9–13, 4:16–18, 5:16–28; 1

Corinthians 1:10, 12:12–18, 27, 13:1–7, 15:21, 16:23–24; Galatians 5:22–25, 6:18

Bible Verse: He asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus.” —Acts 16:30–31

Bible Point: Jesus saves us if we believe in him. I can choose to believe.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 29: “Paul’s Mission”

Chapter 30: Paul's Final Days

Bible Basis: Acts 20:22–28, 36–38, 22:22–29, 27:1, 9–41, 28:1–10

Bible Verse: ... I only want to complete the work the Lord Jesus has given me. He wants me to give witness to others about the good news of God's grace. —Acts 20:24

Bible Point: Paul served God with his whole life. God wants me to serve him, too.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 30: "Paul's Final Days"

Chapter 31: Revelation

Bible Basis: Revelation 1:1–20, 4:1–11, 5:13–14, 19:11–15, 21:10–18, 21–27, 22:7–14, 16:21

Bible Verse: Look! He is coming with the clouds. Every eye will see him. —Revelation 1:7

Bible Point: Jesus is coming again. I can live in his kingdom forever.

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 31: "Revelation"