

Telling God's Story II

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BIBLE STORIES FOR ONE YEAR
(Through The Bible in One Year)

1. New Year / New Beginnings- Creation Story

Genesis 1 and 2

God Creates a Wonderful World for us to enjoy.

God promises us a new life in Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17)

- a. Have you experienced the New Life?
- b. Are you enjoying the things that God has given you?

2. Men walk with God – Enoch and Noah

Genesis 5, 6 and 7.

Even in a very sinful and wicked world these stories show two men who listened to God and followed His instructions.

- a. Do you spend time to listen to God?
- b. Do you try to obey God in the truths that you have learned about God?

3. Consequences to Sin – The Flood

Genesis 8 and 9

For 100 years while Noah built the Ark, he spoke to the people to repent and trust God. But they refused to listen. The whole earth was destroyed and God started all over again.

- a. Do you listen to God when he speaks to you?
- b. Do you follow God's instructions to you?

4. God is No Respector of Persons – Tower of Babel

Genesis 11

Man wants to plan his own life and live his own way with his own dreams and aspirations. God says we are all equal, whatever the language and race we belong to.

- a. Do we respect our neighbors and those who do not fit our categories of life?
- b. Do we tell our neighbors about Jesus?

5. Believe in God

Genesis 12 and 13

God promised Abraham to bless him and make him a great family and nation. Abraham believed God even though God's promises were great! (Romans 4:9)

- a. What are the promises that God has given to you in your life?
- b. Are you trusting God to fulfill these in your life?

6. Learn to live in Patient trust in God

Genesis 15-18 and chapter 21

For 25 years Abraham trusted God for a son, because that was God's promise! He was rewarded for his trust at age -100 years.

- a. Do you patiently trust God to fulfill His promise?
- b. Do your friends and family see in you a quiet trust in a God who is faithful?

7. God Answers Prayer- A Bride for Isaac

Genesis 24

Abraham sends his servant to Abraham's brother's house to find a wife for Isaac. He prays and God answers his prayer in a miraculous way.

- a. When you pray, do you expect God to answer your prayers?
- b. When was the last time that God answered a prayer you made? Did you thank God for it?

8. The Valuable things in Life

Genesis 25, 27 and 28

Esau did not value God's blessings or the family heritage and so Jacob received it all. God blessed Jacob in spite of the craftiness by which he obtained the blessing.

- a. What are the things that you value in your life?
- b. Do you value the things that God values, or are you seeking after the things of this world?

9. Putting God First in Your Life

Genesis 28-31

Jacob makes a promise to acknowledge God and give back to God from all that God would prosper him. God blesses him and gives him a family and provisions.

- a. Have you trusted God by promising to give Him 10% of all that He blesses you with?
- b. Can you share this testimony with a friend?

10. Living at Peace with your Family

Genesis 32 and 33

Esau and Jacob were estranged because Jacob cheated Esau. But God worked in Jacob's heart and he wanted to reconcile with Esau. Jacob had a big price to pay, as he sought reconciliation.

- a. What price are you willing to pay to reconcile with some one that you are estranged with?
- b. Would you write down the name of the person or persons that you are estranged from and start to pray for opportunities to reconcile?

11. Having A God Given Dream

Genesis 37

God gave Joseph a dream that was big and hard to believe. This made him unpopular in his family, but Joseph believed God and clung on to his God given dream.

- a. What is a God given dream that you are nurturing in you heart and life?
- b. If you don't have a dream, would you ask God to give you a dream, a vision a plan for your life? He has promised to do this for you in Jeremiah 29:11.

12. From Prison to Palace

Genesis 39, 40, 41

Joseph determined that he would follow God even when he was sold as a slave to some foreigners. His loyalty to God landed him in jail in Egypt. But God was faithful to Joseph, because he had honored God in the hard places, and Joseph becomes second in command in Egypt.

- a. How do you respond to what God allows to come into your life, if they are not pleasant?
- b. Are you trusting God today in the hard places of your life? Do you honor God in spite of your circumstances?

13. God Looks After His People

Genesis 42-50

Joseph leads Egypt through the good seven years and is able to help the rest of the countries through the famine years. He is re-united with his father and brothers and gives God all the glory for it. (Genesis 50: 19-21)

- a. Have you seen the hand of God turn something that you thought was bad into something that is good?
- b. Could you give God glory for some of the bad things that happened in your life?

14. God's Redeemer – A Prince of Egypt

Exodus 1 and 2

Moses survives a cruel edict and ends up as the son of the King's daughter. He receives the best education in the country and is now prepared to redeem his people, God's people, out of Egypt, where they are living as slaves.

- a. What are the incidences that God has brought you through, where you have been prepared and equipped to be a blessing in God's kingdom?
- b. What is your God given gift? If you are a follower of Christ, God has given you a gift. (1 Corinthians 12:11)

15. From Frying Pan to The Fire

Exodus 4-8

Moses is living a calm life as a shepherd for his father-in-law when he is asked by God, to go back to Egypt and confront the powerful Pharaoh and tell him “ ... Let God’s people Go!”. A suicide mission!

- a. Has God ever asked you to do some dangerous thing, and what has been your response?
- b. What “impossible” thing is God asking you to do?

16. Promises of God Come Through

Exodus 8-12

Moses finally obeys God and he sees God coming through to keep His promises to show His mighty power, and to deliver Israel from Pharaoh and the land of Egypt.

- a. Can you remember a promise that God fulfilled for you in your life, when the circumstances seemed so impossible?
- b. Do you believe that if God promises you something, that He can keep His promise?

17. God will take care of you

Exodus 14-17

God leads the people of Israel out of Egypt, performing a very special miracle in parting the Red Sea, and then providing the daily manna, and once even water from a Rock to satisfy their thirst.

- a. Can you think of a time when he provided for your daily needs, and gave you a miracle in your life?
- b. Is God a God in the Bible and in olden times only, or is He the God of the living, and “He is the same TODAY”?

18. The Word of God

Exodus 19-29

God gives the people of Israel His commandments and also instructions how and where to worship Him.

- a. Do you regularly worship God with other believers in the House of God?
- b. Are you a member of a church and contribute to the work and ministry of that church?

19. God’s House

Exodus 35-40

God gives detailed instructions on how to build His house. God is not a God of confusion, but of order and of beauty. God has set the world and all of creation in complete order and has a wonderful plan for your life.

- a. Have you recognized God’s plan and purpose for your life, and are you seeking His help to fulfill it in your life?
- b. Have you prayerfully found God’s gifts and plan for you, and are you using it in the church that God has placed you in?

20. The Joy of the Lord – the Feast days

Leviticus 23-25

God is a God of Joy and of Happiness! He desires that we enjoy the blessings that He has given to us. He gives us many occasions to celebrate His love and His goodness.

- a. Are you experiencing the “joy of the Lord” in your life today? If not, do you know why? Could there be some sin in your life that is hindering you from God’s joy?
- b. Would you bless some one this week in your circumstances, and see if you will not receive God’s joy, as you bless some one else?

21. Joshua the Leader

Joshua 1-6

When a man or woman lives faithfully following God, God blesses him/her and gives them greater responsibility. God makes Joshua the leader of Israel when Moses dies.

- a. Are you being faithful in the place that God has placed you, even though it might be a small and insignificant place in life?
- b. Joshua was only Moses' assistant and Rahab just a prostitute, but God used them. Are you willing to be used by God in the small places?

22. Sin in the camp

Joshua 7-8

God gives Israel a great victory at Jericho, and places His fear in the hearts of the people that are in the land. But then He also punishes His people when they are disobedient.

- a. Are you following God in everything in your life as God has asked you to?
- b. Is there a secret sin, a very small thing that is hidden in your house or deep in your heart?

23. For Guidance seek God

Joshua 9-10

Even Joshua forgot who gives guidance and direction and power and depended on his own intellect and wisdom in deciding about the people of Gibeon.

- a. Do you always ask God to give you direction in your life for all the decisions of your life?
- b. Do you make decisions in your life without consulting God and the counsel of godly men?

24. Choose God

Joshua 18-24

God chose the Levites to lead the people in worship and in their coming to Him. Joshua then gives testimony of God's goodness and how God's Word has not failed even once in his life time, and so he and his family are choosing to follow God.

- a. Can you say that as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, because God's word has never failed even once?
- b. Do you know of one time that God has come through for you in a very special way?

25. God Uses Women

Judges 4

God's word has many examples of how God uses women in very powerful ways. Deborah and Jael win a decisive victory for Israel, as they step out courageously to do what God wanted them to do.

- a. If you are a woman, are you courageously doing what God has asked you to do?
- b. If you are a man are you listening to God and giving the women in your life and in the church, the rightful place that God has given for them to minister?

26. God will give the Victory

Judges 6-8

Gideon finds that it is God who leads and gives the victory in all circumstances. God wants to have you be His partner in the things that He is doing, and give you a mighty experience of Who He is.

- a. Are you a partner with God in the work that God is doing or are you letting the doubts in your heart and soul guide you?
- b. Are you always asking God for a sign before you step out to do anything, or are you stepping out in faith to do what God is asking you to do?

27. God walks with us through hard times

Ruth 1-4

Naomi goes through some severe trials including losing her husband and two sons. But God continues to provide for her physical needs and her emotional needs through her daughter-in-law, and the grandson she presents her!

- a. Do you feel like the bottom has fallen off the bucket?
- b. Can you trust God when everything has turned cruel and unbearable for you?

28. Why do Good People Suffer? – Why is God Silent?

Book of Job

The Bible says that Job was a righteous man. Why then did he suffer in this way? Why doesn't God defend Job before his friends and answer his prayers?

- a. Have you felt that God was unjust when He was silent when you needed him the most?
- b. Job suffered with severe sickness and pain. How and why did he still believe in God?

29. Don't Run from God.

Book of Jonah and Psalm 139

God called Jonah to be a prophet, but he feared the people of Nineveh more than God. Have we forgotten who God is? Have we forgotten His mighty power?

- a. Who is our God and what are His characteristics?
- b. What is God asking us to do and is He capable of meeting the needs of safety and provisions in this situation?

30. God's and Man's Standard

1 Samuel 9-12 and 15-16

God gives the people a king when they demand one from God. Saul is the ideal king according to man's standard. But when Saul is failing as the king, God chooses David to be the king, based on God's standard.

- a. Are you living this life according to your thoughts and standards, people's standards or God's standards?
- b. What does God see in your heart? Does He see a man after "God's heart"?

31. The Giant Killer

1 Samuel 17-20

King Saul and the Israelite army saw Goliath the giant through their own eyes, but David saw Goliath as a man who was defying the armies of "the Living God"! Goliath was waiting to be defeated!

- a. Through whose eyes do you see the problems that you face and the problems that the country is facing?
- b. Do you believe that the Living God is able to help you in times of national disaster?

32. David a Man after God's Heart, confesses his sin

2 Samuel 11-12

David whom God says is a 'man after my own heart'; commits adultery with Bathsheba. David is confronted by Prophet Nathan regarding his sin, and so he confesses and repents of his sin.

- a. Why did God call David a man after my own heart, even when he committed adultery and many other sins?
- b. Would God call you a man/woman after His heart? Why or why not?

33. Solomon- The Great and the weak.

1 Kings 1-3, 5-7, 9

Solomon was a great king and was considered to be the wisest and the richest king that lived in his day. But he also is known for not following God's commands, because he married many women, many of them with strange gods.

- a. What will God and people remember you by? What will be written on your tombstone?
- b. Solomon's wise sayings are recorded in the Book of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. Have you read them?

34. God WILL Provide

1 Kings 16-17

God had called Elijah to be his prophet in hard times, and to speak against a wicked King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. In these circumstances God provides for Elijah in unique ways.

- a. God can provide for you in very unusual and unique ways. Can you testify to this in your own life?
- b. What do we learn about Elijah and the widow woman's faith in God from this story?

35. God will prove himself

1 Kings 18

From the very beginning God had warned the people about following and worshipping other gods. When the people of Israel did not follow this command and wanted to do their own thing, God challenged them with a question.

- a. Do you follow this command in your life, or do you have any idols that come between you and God?
- b. Will you choose this day to get rid of your idols and follow the true and living God?

36. When you are discouraged

1 Kings 19

We all get discouraged by our life and circumstances. Elijah was a great prophet but was also a man like us. God encourages Elijah and gives him a new job to do.

- a. Can you remember a time when you were discouraged? What did you do and how did God help you?
- b. Are you discouraged now? Would you think about this story and how God is speaking to you today?

37. Elisha – An Everyday Prophet

2 Kings 2-4

Elisha was an ordinary man, doing an ordinary job, just like you and me, when God called him to be a prophet. Then he goes on to perform double the number of miracles that Elijah performed, because he asked God for a "double portion of the blessing and anointing that Elijah had.

- a. Do you desire a 'double portion' of God's blessing on your life, so that God could do a greater work in you?
- b. See in all the parts of Elisha's life the different situations and people that he was involved in. Am I like Elisha?

38. Everyone is important

2 Kings 5

God wants to and is glad to use the weakest and humblest of people in some unique ways. God uses a servant girl to help a great "army general" find God and healing.

- a. Is God calling you to be a witness to His power and His grace in the place that you are in today?
- b. Could Naaman have easily missed a great blessing if he had not fully followed God? Do we always obey God in all the details of our lives?

39. Don't compromise

Daniel 1

Daniel and his three friends were chosen by the Babylonian king to be trained in his court in leadership. Daniel had to decide whether he was going to follow God in all things or pursue his career.

- a. How did Daniel deal with a very difficult situation without compromising his God and his beliefs?
- b. Can you stand for God and what He has taught you without compromising? Can you stand for the truth and honesty in your home and at your job?

40. Don't worship other gods

Daniel 2-3

Three young men in the height of their success decide to take a stand for God even though they knew it could mean not just a loss of their position and prestige but their very lives. They stood for God!

- a. What would you do if you are faced with a decision to follow God or deny him, so that you could live?
- b. Have you faced a challenge where your faith was tested to the point of death and what helped you in that situation to trust God?

41. It pays to pray

Daniel 6

Daniel had formed the habit of praying three times a day. People did not like this and so they plot against him, but Daniel's confidence is in God even though he might die.

- a. Have you built a prayer life that would sustain you even though many trials in life might come to you?
- b. Why did Daniel have such confidence in God that God would take care of him against his enemies?

42. For such a time as this

Book of Esther

The story of Esther is filled with drama and intrigue. It might sound unique but God always has a person to meet the needs of today's situation.

- a. Do you believe that God has brought you to this world for "such a time as this"? What is the task he has for you in your life, your family, and your workplace?
- b. God has given you gifts and talents in your life that He wants to use for His glory. Are you willing to let God use you?

43. A Fore-runner to Jesus

Luke 1

God promised that He would save His people again, and that there would be a prophet who will prepare the way for the Messiah. From his birth to his death, John's life is "not a normal" life. It stands out.

- a. John said, "He must increase and I must decrease!" referring to Jesus. Do you have this same attitude about your relationship to Jesus?
- b. Do you honor other people and give them first place, instead of demanding first place to yourself in every thing?

44. The Birth of Jesus

Matthew 1 and Luke 2

Jesus' birth was a miraculous birth. Think about Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the manger, the angel that came to Joseph, to Mary and the host of angels that came to the shepherds.

- a. All of these people believed in God as they were led into the circumstances that changed their lives totally. Do you believe God when he leads you into new things?
- b. God uses ordinary people to bring Jesus to the world. Are you willing to be used by God to take Jesus to your world?

45. People who looked for Jesus

Simeon and Anna – The Magi

Luke 2 and Matthew 2

Simeon and Anna were followers of God, and the magi were not followers of God but all these people were looking for Jesus! And they all rejoiced and worshipped God when they saw him.

- a. Do you eagerly look for Jesus just like these people did? Simon and Anna had to look for Jesus for many years and the Magi had to look for Jesus at a great cost. Would you look for Jesus like them?

- b. The Magi were not people like the Jews, but they were looking for Jesus. Would you help others with strange backgrounds to find Jesus as they look for him?

46. Jesus is like us

Baptism and Temptation

Matthew 3 & 4, Mark 1 and Luke 3 & 4

Jesus is like us in that he was tempted by the devil even before he started to fulfill any ministry. God will help a person when they are been tempted by the devil.

- a. Do you think that Jesus met the same kind of temptations that you face? What do you think his day to day temptations were like?
- b. What are the things that will help you to overcome temptations in your life?

47. Jesus provides for us

John 2

Jesus and his disciples attend a wedding feast where the wine that was been served runs out. Jesus provides and helps the family avoid embarrassment.

- a. When in your life have you seen God provide for you and your family so that you are not embarrassed?
- b. Do you have a need in your life that you want God to meet? Have you asked God to provide for this need?

48. Tell Your Neighbor

John 4

Jesus went out of his way to help this lady meet her heart's loneliness and despair, and to bring her new life in Him. Jesus shows that He is not a respecter of a person's background.

- a. Have you told your neighbor that Jesus can help them in their time of need? That Jesus accepts them for who they are, without any reservation?
- b. Do you accept your neighbor without any prejudice?

49. Jesus still heals today

Matthew 8 & 9, Mark 1 & 2, Luke 4 & 5

Many stories that show that Jesus healed all kinds of sickness from many different kinds of people, young and old, rich and poor. He shows that He is a compassionate God and Saviour.

- a. Have you experienced God's healing touch on your body at any time?
- b. Do you believe that God can heal you today, just like He did when He was living on this earth?

50. Jesus mentors people

Mark 2- 3 Luke 6

Jesus called to himself twelve people who would be his disciples. They would live with him and learn from him and be like him. They would later be sent out to do the same by making more disciples.

- a. Are you a disciple of Jesus? Do you follow His teachings and do what he instructs you to do?
- b. Are you helping another person to become a disciple of Jesus? God wants each of us to tell others about Jesus.

51. Jesus tells stories

Luke 12, Matthew 13, Mark 4, Luke 8

Jesus spent all of his teaching time in telling stories. He did not do anything without telling a story. These are only a few of the stories that Jesus told.

- a. Do you realize that you tell stories everyday and all the time? Have you stopped to think about this?
- b. Have you told Jesus' story to anyone today? Have you told someone what Jesus has done for you today?

52. Who is my neighbor?

Luke 10

Jesus tells the story of a Good Samaritan, a man from a lower caste, a despised nation and background, who helped a man in need, while the religious and pious leaders just went by the man in need, on the other side of the road.

- a. Have you tried to help someone in need recently?
- b. Have you been too hesitant because the person in need was a stranger or was from a different background?

53. Jesus is touched by our feelings

John 11

Jesus had a good friend named Lazarus. Jesus was a family friend. But when he got ill and died, Jesus did not come for four days. But through it all He showed that He loved and cared for Lazarus and his two sisters.

- a. What great lesson do we learn from this story about the hope that we have in Jesus for our life after death?
- b. Can we help our neighbors come to know Jesus, by explaining that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life and through Him we can have Eternal Life and Hope?

54. Always be Thankful

Luke 17

Ten lepers who had been cast out of the city come to Jesus and they are healed. Jesus tells them to report to the priests in the temple of their healing. Only one turns around and returns to Jesus to give Him thanks.

- a. Do you have a thankful heart and thank God for the things He has given you?
- b. Is there someone who has blessed you in your life that you have never thanked? Would you do it this week?

55. Stretching Ourselves

Luke 15

Jesus tells three stories of people who lost something of great value, and they exerted a lot of effort, before they found it. They all rejoiced when they found the lost item.

- a. Are you willing to go an “extra mile” to look for a lost person that God has placed on your heart?
- b. Will you reach out to a person, maybe amongst your family or friends that you are estranged from and you have a lost relationship?

56. No Respector of Persons

Luke 19

Zaccheus was a rejected person in his community because he worked for “the enemy” and was considered a heartless person. But Jesus treated him as a person and made a special effort to be his friend and help him get back to God.

- a. Do you choose your friends only amongst the “good people” in your community and leave the “outcasts” be?
- b. What would Jesus do with those people that seem unlovely to you in your life?

57. Its Time for Communion and the Last Supper

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 13

Jesus sets the example for his disciples by washing the disciples feet and inviting them ALL to sit at the Passover supper with him as equal people and friends.

- a. Have you thought about what it means to wash the feet of your friends and maybe relatives?
- b. Jesus displayed true love and humility this evening. Would you be able to compare yourself with Jesus? Why or Why not?

58. Peter Denies Jesus

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22 John 18

As Jesus sat with his friends, he said that Peter would deny him. Peter vehemently protested this, but he did deny Jesus before the morning came.

- a. Have you felt like Peter that you would never deny Jesus, but you found that you did so anyway?
- b. If you do deny Jesus, what does the Bible say we should do to come back to Jesus?

59. Jesus Dies for us.

Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19

Following a gruesome trial, Jesus is crucified between two thieves, even though he was found to be without guilt. Even on the cross, He extends His love to those around Him.

- a. Who would you identify with, if you were standing watching the crucifixion of Jesus?
- b. Would you accept the fact that Jesus died for your sins, so that you could be saved and have eternal life?

60. Jesus Is Alive

Matthew 27, 28, Mark 15, 16, Luke 23, 24, John 19, 20, 21

The most unbelievable fact in history; the resurrection from the dead of a man who was verified to be dead by many witnesses. Jesus shows himself alive to many people for forty days, not just to his friends but to others.

- a. What was the result on those who saw Jesus alive after his resurrection?
- b. What does it mean for you to believe in this story of the resurrection of Jesus? Does it change your life today?

61. Jesus Goes back To Heaven

Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, Acts 1

40 days after his resurrection, Jesus gathers His followers and then tells them what they should do after He leaves them and is taken into heaven.

- a. What does the Ascension of Jesus mean to the early disciples and to us? What does it prove to us?
- b. Jesus told His followers what they should do when He is gone? This is for us too! Are you living by the commission that Jesus gave for us to follow?

62. The Holy Spirit comes

Acts 2, 3, 4

Jesus had promised that He would send the Holy Spirit to empower his followers and to enable them to do greater works even than He did. This happens on the Day of Pentecost.

- a. Have you received the power of the Holy Spirit in your life so that He could enable you live a godly life?
- b. Are you living in the power of the Holy Spirit on a daily basis? Does He help you in your life and witness today?

63. Salvation and Baptism

Acts 8 and 9

Two people come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and then they follow Jesus' example and are baptized in water, in obedience to him.

- a. Have you received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour and allowed Him to be the master of your life?
- b. Have you followed Jesus in witness of His work in your life by being baptized and testifying to the world of His saving work in your life?

64. GO into ALL the world!

Acts 9, 10

God did not send Jesus or restrict the Good News of the Gospel just to one group of people, but it was to ALL people. Paul is commissioned to go to all people, and Peter is specifically sent to a Gentile who is a Roman Centurion.

- a. Will you go across the road to your neighbor, or across the room to the person you work with and tell them the Good News of Jesus?
- b. If Jesus should call you, would you be willing to go as a missionary or Christian worker to some other group of people, here or some where else in a different country?

65. Protection for God's People

Acts 12

God has not promised that the life we live as followers of Christ is going to be easy or be free of troubles and things to worry about. But God gives Peter a peace and a deliverance that is totally unique.

- a. Are you in the midst of a problem and struggles? Are you like Peter, having committed it all to God, able to sleep and not worry?
- b. What was the church doing at this time? Would you join some people from your church to form a prayer group and pray for those who might be going through trouble?

66. God is Everywhere

Acts 16

All through this story, many weird things happen and Paul and Silas end up in prison after having been beaten up mercilessly. But God shows up with a big powerful earthquake and mercy for a jailer and his family!

- a. Do you know that God is with you even when you are going through a big problem or trial? He is there!
- b. How do you react and respond to difficult situations? Do you recognize that Jesus is with you at all times?

67. Jesus is Coming Again!

1 Thessalonians 4, 5: 2 Thessalonians 2, 3, Revelation

Jesus promised that He was going to come back to earth after He had a prepared a place for us in heaven. What a glorious event this will be for all who believe in Jesus.

- a. Are you ready to meet Jesus when He comes?
- b. If not, and if you die before that, are you ready to meet your Saviour when he returns?

Stories about God's Power

1. God's Power to create – Genesis chapters 1 & 2
2. God's Power over nature – Mark 4:35- 41, Matthew 8: 18, 23-27, Luke 8: 22-25
3. God's Power over Spirit World – Mark 5: 1-20, Matthew 8: 28-34, Luke 8: 26-37
4. God's Power to forgive sin – John 4: 1- 42
5. God's Power to transform lives – John 3: 1-21
6. God's Power to Heal – Matthew 9: 27-33

Stories for a Baby Dedication

1. Elkanah, Hannah and Samuel – 1 Samuel 1 and 2.
2. Zacharias, Elizabeth and John the Baptist – Luke 1: 5-25, Luke 1: 57-80
3. Joseph, Mary and Jesus – Matthew 1: 18-25, 2: 1-12, Luke 1: 26-38, 2:1-20, 2: 21-40
4. Jesus brought up to love God – Luke 2: 41-52
5. James and John's mother – Matthew 20: 20-28
6. Boaz, Ruth, Obed and Naomi – Ruth 4: 13-22
7. Teaching discipline in the home – 1 Samuel 3: 1-21
8. A Homemade coat - 1 Samuel 2: 19
9. Joseph (A beautiful coat) - Genesis 37: 3

Stories for Dedication of a House/ A House Warming

(Psalm 127: 1 and 2)

1. The Wise Man and the Foolish Man – Matthew 7: 24-27
2. The Tabernacle – Exodus chapters 35 – 40.
3. King David's preparation for the Temple – 2 Samuel chapter 7
4. King Solomon builds the temple – 1 Kings chapters 6 – 8.
5. Ezra rebuilds the Temple – Ezra chapters 1- 6
6. Jeremiah buys a field – Jeremiah chapters 32 and 33

Stories for encouraging Discipleship To Jesus!



1. Under New management - Paul's change of direction – Acts 9: 1- 19
2. The Rich Man and Lazarus – Eternal Values – Luke 16: 19-31
3. Parable of the Great Banquet – kingdom Priorities – Luke 14: 15-24
4. Developing A Quiet Time - Jesus' example – Mark 1: 29-39
5. Being a servant – The Last supper – Luke 22: 7-34

6. Being a witness – Don't just stand there – Acts 1: 1-11
7. Developing our Spiritual Life – Matthew 13: 1-23
8. Developing our Physical Life – (Stay Clean) – Daniel 1: 1-21
9. Developing our Vocation in Life – Talents – Matthew 25: 14-30
10. Developing our Emotions – Depression – 1 Kings 19: 1-18
11. Developing our Relationships – Numbers 12: 1-16

Stories for encouraging Women!

1. Jesus affirms you – John 7: 53 – 8:11
2. A Good image – 1 Kings 10: 1-13
3. Achieving Real beauty – Luke 1: 39-56
4. Being – very loved – Genesis 29: 1-30
5. Using God given gifts – Priscilla – Acts 18: 1-4, 18-28
6. Caring for Others – 2 Kings 4: 8-37
7. A Bold Beauty Queen – Book of Esther
8. Trusting God when the future is unsure – Book of Ruth
9. Believing God's promise – Genesis 18: 1-15
10. Am I a Martha or a Mary? – Luke 10: 38-42
11. A Strong Woman Leader – Judges 4: 1-24
12. A Woman Business Leader – Acts 16: 11-15
13. Jesus heals a bleeding woman- Mark 5: 24-34
14. Dealing with the loss of a loved one- John 11: 1-44
15. When a child is growing up – Luke 2: 41-52

Stories of Women in Grief

1. Eve's Story – The First Sorrow –
Genesis chap. 1- 4 and 5:1-4
2. Four Women who lost their families –
Genesis 5; 28- 30, chap. 6: 1 - 7: 10 and 23;
Genesis 8: 16, 18 and 9: 1
3. A Servant Girl's Cry –
Genesis 12:16; 16:1-16; 17:10, 23-27; 21:8-21;
25:12-18;
4. Where is the Son that God Promised? –
Genesis 11:26-31; 12:1-5, 10-20; 15:1-5; 16:1-16;
17:15-226; 18:1-15; 21:1-21; Joshua 24:2;
5. A mother fear's for her favorite son –
Genesis 23:1; 24:2-4, 51, 57-58, 63-67; 25:19-34;
27:1-28:9
6. An Unloved Wife and a Barren Wife
Genesis 23:1; 24:2-4, 51, 57-58, 63-67; 25:19-34;
27:1-28:9
7. The Ordeal of Tamar the Widow –
Genesis 38:1-30; 46:12; Leviticus 18:15; 20:12
8. A Sister's Mistake –
Exodus 2:1-9; 15:20-21; Numbers 12:1-15;
Deuteronomy 24:9; Micah 6:4
9. The Prostitute who saved her family –
Joshua 2:1-21; 6:17, 20-25; Matthew 1:5; Hebrews
11:31; James 2:25
10. A Young Woman's Only Hope-
Numbers 25:1-2; Ruth 1-4; 1 Kings 11:7; 2 Kings
3:27; Jeremiah 48:35
11. God Answered Hannah's Prayer –
1 Samuel 1:1-2:11, 18-21, 26

12. A Good Wife and a Surly Husband –
1 Samuel 25:2-42; 1 Chronicles 3:1
13. God Redeemed Bathsheba's sorrow –
2 Samuel 11:1-25; 23:13-17, 27, 34, 39; 1 Kings
1:11-21, 28-31;
1 Chronicles 3:5
14. The Wise Woman's Two Sons
2 Samuel 14:1-24
15. Two Prostitutes and a Wise King
Deuteronomy 17:15, 17; 1 Kings 3:16-28; 4:29, 30,
32; 11:1-8
16. A Starving Widow's Last Meal –
1 Kings 17:1-24; Luke 4:25-26
17. The Widow's Oil –
2 Kings 4:1-7
18. The Shunamite Woman's Lament –
2 Kings 4:8-37; 8:1-6
19. Two Wicked Women who came to grief –
a. Queen Jezebel
b. Athaliah the Wicked Grandmother -
1 Kings 16:30-33; 19:1-2; 21:1-16; 2 Kings 8:26;
11:1-20; 9:30-37; 2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21
20. The Queen Who Risked Her Life –
Esther 2:7, 10, 12-17, 4:1-17; 5:1-8; 7:1-8; 8:3-7
21. Good News and a Big Problem for Mary –
Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-56
22. A Sinful Woman Seeks Forgiveness
Luke 7:36-50
23. Where Are Your Accusers –
Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 20:10; John 8:1-11
24. Living Water for a Thirsty Woman –
2 Kings 17:24, 33-34;
John 4:4-29, 39-42; 6:35; 7:37-39
25. The Widow's only son died –
Luke 7:11-17
26. The Persistent Widow –
Exodus 22:22; Proverbs 21:13; Isaiah 1:17;
Luke 18:1-8; James 1:27
27. The Widow's Offering –
Deuteronomy 10:18; 26:12; Mark 12:41-44;
Luke 21:1-4
28. The Sick Woman Who touched Jesus –
Leviticus 15:25-30; Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-
34; Luke 8:43-48
29. The Woman Who was bound by Satan –
Isaiah 53:4; Luke 13:10-17; John 5:19
30. The Woman who cried for Mercy –
Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 3:11-12; 7:24-30
31. The Plight of Two Sisters –
Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:1-9; Luke 10:38-42 ;
John 11:1-45; 12:1-8
32. Five Foolish Virgins –
Matthew 25:1-13; 2 Peter 3:11-12;
Revelation 16:15
33. A Sword will pierce your soul –
Luke 1:29, 34; 2:34-35, 49-51; 8:19-21
(Mark 3:20-35); John 19:25-27; Acts 1:14
34. Sorrow in the Garden –
Matthew 12:40; 28:1-10; Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-
34; 16:1-10;
Luke 24:1-11; John 20:1-2, 10-18
35. A Good Woman Who Died –
Acts 9:32-43; Matthew 10:1-2a; John 11:21-27
36. Lydia, A woman who opened her heart –
Acts 16:13-40

Stories for Young People!

1. God says, "Its not good to be alone" – Genesis 2: 4-25
2. Need for a loving touch – Luke 7: 36-50
3. Busyness vs. Loneliness – Mark 1: 29-39
4. Making your own living – 2 kings 4: 1-7
5. Holding out under pressure – Genesis 39: 1 -23
6. Jesus heals a long sickness – John 5: 1-15
7. Making the best of my talents – Matthew 25: 14-30
8. God supports in family issues – Genesis 21: 1- 21
9. Where should I look for a mate? – Genesis 24: 1-29 and 50-67.
10. When Temptation comes – Judges 14: 1-20
11. Finding the correct partner – Book of Ruth
12. Solomon desires God's best – 2 Kings 3: 1-28
13. Overcoming your fears – Judges 6: 1- 40
14. When you have to wait – Genesis 29: 1-30
15. Picking friends - 1 Samuel 20: 1-42
16. Dealing with prejudice – Luke 10: 25- 37
17. Having the correct attitude – Genesis 37: 1-11
18. Being raised by a relative – Esther 2: 1- 18
19. Forgiveness in extreme cases – Luke 15: 11-32
20. Being Real – Luke 18: 9-14
21. Different personalities – Luke 10: 38-42
22. Following Jesus all the way – Luke 5: 1-11
23. Struggling for acceptance – Acts 9: 20-31
24. God looks at the heart – 1 Samuel 16: 1-13
25. Being yourself and not under peer pressure – 1 Samuel 17: 12-50
26. Having good friends – Mark 2: 1-12
27. When storms of life stress you out – Mark 4: 35-41

28. Bound by circumstances too hard to bear - Exodus 5: 1-21
29. Jesus and his mother attend a wedding – John 2: 1-11
30. A mother's dream – Matthew 20: 20-28
31. Keeping yourself true to your principles – Daniel 1: 1-21
32. When everything goes against you - Daniel 6: 1- 24

Stories for helping Men follow Jesus!

1. Jesus is God – Matthew 1: 18-25
2. Jesus is Human too – Luke 4: 14-30
3. Jesus was like us – Matthew 3: 13- 4: 11
4. Jesus was Tough and Strong – Mark 11: 12- 19
5. Jesus was tender and kind – John 11: 1-44
6. Jesus was Triumphant – Luke 23: 44-49
7. Men need to care and help friends – Mark 2: 1-12
8. Men need to be accountable – 2 Kings 5: 1-27
9. Men need supporting friends – 2 Samuel 23: 8-23
10. Men need Counsel – 1 Kings 12: 1-24
11. Men need Correction – 2 Samuel 12: 1-14
12. Men need mentors – Numbers 27: 12- 23
13. Having a Bold fighting spirit – 1 Samuel 17:12-50
14. Facing Pressures in life – Daniel 3: 1-30
15. When a man blows it – Luke 22: 54-62
16. Dealing with Family problems – Luke 15: 11-32
17. When temptation comes (1) – 2 Samuel 11: 1-27
18. When temptation comes (2) – Genesis 39: 1-23

Stories for Evangelism

1. Jesus and Zaccheus – Luke 19: 1-10
2. Jesus and the Samaritan Woman – John 4
3. Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler – Matthew 19: 16-30
4. Mark 10: 17-31, Luke 18: 18-30
5. Jesus and Nicodemus - John 3
6. Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch – Acts 8
7. Peter and Cornelius – Acts 10
8. Ananias and Saul - Acts 9
9. Paul and Silas and the Philippian Jailer – Acts 16
10. Rich Man and Lazarus – Eternal Values – Luke 16:19-31
11. Parable of the Banquet – Kingdom Priorities - Luke 14: 15-24
12. Jonah runs away from God's call – Jonah 1: 1-17
13. Parable of the Sower – Matthew 13: 1-23
14. Parable of the Talents – Matthew 25: 14-30
15. Four friends who cared – Mark 2: 1-12

Stories How God Provides Food for Us

1. God Provided Food for All His Creation – Genesis 1
2. God Provided Food for Adam and Eve – Genesis 1:26-29; 2:7-17, 20-22; 3:1-24
3. Noah—Food for the Family and Animals – Genesis 6:5-22; 7:1-24; 8:1,15-21; 9:1-4, 12-13
4. Abraham—Food for Three Visitors- Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-6, 15-19; 18:1-14;21:1-2
5. Jacob and Esau—Birthright for a Bowl of Stew – Genesis 25:19-34; Hebrews 12:16-17

6. Jacob and Isaac—Meal of Deception for a Blessing- Genesis 27:1-47
7. Joseph—Famine and Forgiveness – Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; 39:11-20; 40:1- 23; 41:1-57; 42:1-25; 43:1-2, 24-34; 45:1-7; 47:11-25
8. The Passover Meal—a Memorial – Exodus 12:1-30
9. A Craving—Meat and Manna – Genesis 16:1-35; Numbers 11:3-33
10. The People Complained About Their Food – Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 78: 17-19, 20b, 22-29
11. Ruth: A Young Woman Who Gleaned In a Barley Field – Ruth chapters 1-4
12. A Double Portion for Hannah – Leviticus 7:11-21; 1 Samuel 1:1-28
13. A Table in the Presence of My Enemies – Psalm 23
14. Abigail's Wise Provision – 1 Samuel 25:1-42
15. David: The King Who Shared His Food – 2 Samuel 9:1-13
16. A Prophet Fed by Birds and a Meal Cooked by an Angel 1 Kings 16:30-31, 33; 17:1-6;19:1-18
17. A Starving Widow's Last Meal – 1 Kings 17:7-16
18. Feeding the Enemy – 2 Kings 6:8-23
19. When Lepers Shared Their Food – 2 Kings 6:24-7:20
20. Hezekiah—the Great Passover Celebration – 2 Kings 18:1-7; 2 Chronicles 29:1-24;30:1-27

21. Daniel and Friends Eat Wisely –
Daniel 1:1-20
22. Jeremiah— A Starving Prophet –
Jeremiah 1:4, 7-8; 7:1-3; 19:14-15; 20:1- 2; 26:7-8;
37:2-31
23. When Jesus Fasted in the Desert –
Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13
24. Eating with Unwashed Hands –
Matthew 15:1-20; Mark 7:1-23; John 7:1
25. Eating with Sinners at Matthew’s House –
Matthew 9:9-17; Mark 2:13-22; Luke 5:27-39
26. The Sinful Woman at Simon’s Supper –
Luke 7:36-50
27. Lazarus—A Starving Beggar –
Luke 16:14-15, 19-31
28. The Rich Fool –
Luke 12:13, 15-21
29. A Starving Son Who Repented –
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32
30. Food for the Hungry Multitude –
Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17;
John 6:1-15
31. Jesus—the Bread Come Down from Heaven –
John 6: 1-15, 25-51
32. The Great Feast and Refused Invitations –
Luke 14:15-24
33. The Last Supper—Fellowship, Covenant And Betrayal –
Matthew 26:28; Mark 10:33; 14:12-26; John 13:33,
36; 14:1-4, 6, 10, 23;
34. Jesus—Do You Have Anything to Eat? –
Luke 24:13-49; Mark 16:14;
35. Breakfast on the Beach –
John 21:1-18
36. The Believers Broke Bread Together –
Acts 2:42; 16:34
37. Peter’s Strange Dream –
Acts 10:1-48; 11:1-18
38. Eating Food Offered to Idols –
1 Corinthians 8:1-11
39. Eating Worthily at the Lord’s Table –
Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
40. Tree of Life Bearing Fruit for Life And Healing –
Genesis 2:9; 3:22; Psalm 1; Ezekiel 47:7,
Revelation 2:7; 23:1-3
41. A Place at the Table Saved for You –
Isaiah 25:6; Matthew 22:2-14; Luke 22:27-30

Stories to encourage Church Planting!

1. Following Jesus a High calling – Luke 5: 1-11
2. Parable of the Talents – Matthew 25: 14-30
3. Parable of the Sower – Matthew 13: 1- 23
4. Elijah in the Pits – (Depression) – 1 Kings 19: 1-18
5. Believers share their possessions - Acts 4: 32- 37
6. God empowers Moses – Exodus 4: 1-17
7. Parable of the Persistent Widow – Luke 18: 1-8

Stories to tell at a wedding!

1. Finding the correct person – Genesis 24: 1- 29, 50-67
2. Loving, honoring and cherishing – Book of Ruth
3. Waiting for your true love – Genesis 29: 1-30
4. Serving one another – John 12: 1- 10, John 13: 1-17
5. Friends and Companions – Genesis 2: 4-25
6. Lovers in Marriage – Song of Songs
7. Working together – Acts 18: 1-4, 18-28
8. Committed to each other in love – Matthew 1: 18-25
9. Stress in marriage – Genesis 29: 31 – 30: 24
10. If and when disagreements come – Genesis 21: 1-21

Stories when visiting a sick person or for a home visitation **(Exodus 15:26 and Mark 1: 32, 33)**

1. Changing water into wine –
John 2:1-11.
2. Healing of the royal official's son
John 4: 46-54
3. Healing of the possessed man in Capernaum-
Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:33-37.
4. Healing of Peter's mother-in-law
Matthew 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39.
5. Catching a large number of fish
Luke 5:3-10.
6. Healing a leper
- Matthew 8:1-3; Mark 1:40-42; Luke 5: 12-13.
7. Healing a centurion's servant
Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10.

8. Healing a paralytic
Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:18-26.
9. Healing a withered hand
- Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6: 6-10..
10. Raising a widow's son
- Luke 7:11-17.
11. Calming the stormy sea
- Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25.
12. Healing the Gerasene demoniac
- Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-13; Luke 8:26-33.
13. Healing a woman with internal bleeding
Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48.
14. Raising Jairus' daughter
Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25; Mark 5:22-24, 35-43;
Luke 8:41-42, 49-56.
15. Healing two blind men
- Matthew 9:27-31.
16. Healing a mute demoniac
- Matthew 9:32-33.
17. Healing a 38 year invalid
- John 5:5-17.

18. Feeding 5000 men and their families
Matthew 14:16-21; Mark 6:35-44; Luke 9:12-17;
John 6:5-14.

19. Walking on water
Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21.

20. Healing a demoniac girl
- Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30.

21. Healing a deaf man with a speech impediment
- Mark 7:31-37.

22. Feeding the 4000 men and their families
Matthew 15:29-39; Mark 8:1-10.

23. Healing a blind man
- Mark 8:22-26.

24. Healing a man born blind
- John 9:1-41.

25. Healing a demoniac boy
- Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:17-29; Luke 9:37-43.

26. Catching a fish with a coin in its mouth
- Matthew 17:24-27.

27. Healing a blind and mute demoniac
- Matthew 12:22; Luke 11:14.

28. Healing a woman with an 18 year infirmity
- Luke 13:10-13.

29. Healing a man with dropsy
- Luke 14:1-6.

30. Healing 10 lepers
- Luke 17:11-19.

31. Raising of Lazarus
- John 11:1-44.."

32. Healing Bartimaeus of blindness
- Mark 10:46-52.

33. Restoring a severed ear
- Luke 22:45-54.

34. Catching a great number of fish
- John 21:4-11.

Stories when you visit a home

1. Jesus feeds the 5000 people
Matthew 14: 15-21, Mark 6- 35-44, John 6:5-13
2. Jesus feeds the 4000
Matthew 15: 32-38, Mark 8:1-9
3. Coin in the Fish – Matthew 17: 24-27
4. Large catch of Fish – Luke 5: 4-11
5. Water turned into wine – John 2: 1-11
6. Another large catch of fish – John 21: 1- 11
7. Elisha feeds 500 people – 2 Kings 4: 42-44
8. Elisha and the widow's jar of oil – 2 Kings 4: 1-7
9. A Famine then Plenty – 2 Kings 6: 24 through 7: 20
10. Land restored to a woman – 2 Kings 8: 1-6

DAVID THE LEADER

1. Jesus' disciples are chosen by God.

David is anointed. 1 Samuel 16:1-13

2. Jesus' disciples rely on God's strength and not their own.

David and Goliath. 1 Samuel 17

3. Jesus' disciples will experience difficult times because of their faith.

David spares Saul.

1 Samuel 24; 1 Samuel 26; Psalm 54

4. Jesus' disciples have compassion on others.

David and Mephibosheth.

1 Samuel 18:1-3; 20:12-17; 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13

5. Jesus' disciples lead pure lives.

David and Bathsheba. 2 Samuel 11

6. Jesus' disciples are accountable to God and to others for their actions.

Nathan rebukes David. 2 Samuel 12

7. Jesus' disciples manage their families well.

David and his children.

2 Samuel 13; 14:23-28, 33; 15:13-14; 18:32-19:8;

1 Kings 2:1-4

8. Jesus' disciples honor God with their lives.

A Psalm of David. Psalm 139

Stories for Training – (TEN STORIES)

1. The Fall of Humankind.

Genesis 3

2. God's Covenant with Abraham.

Genesis 12:1-9; 14:18-24; 15:1-21

3. Moses before Pharaoh.

Exodus 4:29 - 12:1-42

4. Elijah and the Prophets of Baal.

1 Kings 16:29-33; 17:1-6; 18:16-45

5. The Birth of Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20

6. Jesus Heals a Demon-possessed Man.

Mark 5:1-20

7. Jesus and Nicodemus.

John 3

8. The Crucifixion.

Luke 22:54-71; Matthew 27:1-10, 27-31; Luke 23

9. The Resurrection.

Luke 24:1-49; Acts 1:3-11

10. Judgment & Heaven

Rev 20:11-22:7

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GOD'S STORY IN 21 STORIES

1. Creation: Gen 1:1-31
2. Adam and Eve: Gen 3:1-8
3. Abraham & Sarai: Gen. 12:1-5
4. Binding of Isaac: Gen 22:1-18
5. Moses found by Pharaoh's daughter Ex. 1:8-2:9
6. Moses and burning bush: Ex. 3:1-10
7. Blood on the doorpost Ex. 12: 1-23
8. Moses parting the Red Sea: Ex. 14:10-28
9. Serpent in the wilderness: Num. 21:4-9
10. Gabriel appears to Mary: Luke 1:26-33
11. Mary and Baby Jesus: Luke 2:1-20
12. Baptism of Jesus: Matt. 3:11-17,
John 1:29
13. Jesus in the boat: Luke 8:22-24
14. Jesus with Demoniac: Luke 8:26-37
15. Jesus raises Jairus' daughter: Luke 8:40-56
16. Feeding 5,000: Matthew 14: 15-
21, John 6: 1-10
17. Priests plot against Jesus Matthew 12:14,
John 11: 49-53
18. Jesus and the Last Supper Luke 22: 7-38
19. Crucifixion: John 19:16-37
20. Empty tomb: Luke 24:1-9
21. Ascension: Acts 1:2-11