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God's Story is an initiative by Covenant Fellowship Church ([www.covfel.org](http://www.covfel.org)) to create a comprehensive children's ministry curriculum that explains the biblical story of redemption. Each Old Testament Lesson answers the question, "Where is Jesus?" and each New Testament lesson answers the question "Where is the Gospel?" The curriculum is written on several grade levels with all children studying the same material on any given Sunday. The result is that parents are able to follow up with one lesson at home for all of their children. And, with our Get Into the Story family devotional, reviewing the lesson at home is made easy.

The curriculum starts at the beginning of the Bible and walks through the main stories of the Bible. God's Story Part One is composed of the Stories of the Old Testament and God's Story Part Two is composed of the Stories of the New Testament. With 156 lessons the curriculum is designed to cover three full years.

The Grade school lessons are composed of several sections.

**Scripture Comprehension** is a section which reviews the passage and adds a few comments to the teacher to help them understand what is going on in the covered scripture passage. Teachers may elect to read this to the class but it is more for their benefit in preparing their lesson. It can be used to generate comprehension questions for the class after reading the passage aloud. The scripture comprehension section consists of the passage main idea followed by three to four teaching points for discussion.

**Where is Jesus? and Where is the Gospel?** both look to point the students toward the cross and discovering how their particular lesson connects to the cross. The Old Testament will explore how each passage connects to Christ while the New Testament lessons explore how each passage connects to the Gospel. Additional Bible references are often listed and should be explored with the older grade school children.

**On the Road to Emmaus** is a section added for two reasons. First, we wanted to include material from the prophetic books and Psalms in the curriculum without needing to deal with the complicated themes some of these Old Testament books can represent for children. Second, we wanted to show just how all of the Old Testament points forward to Christ. You may not get to this part of the lesson depending on how much time you have. Feel free to use it as a change of pace or to help you fill out a longer time schedule. This section is included in the Get Into the Story family devotional each week.

**Sword Bible Memory** is a separate Bible Memory program designed by Covenant Fellowship for use along with God's Story and can be purchased separately.

**Activities and Object lessons** is a section that gives the teacher a number of creative ways they can present the material from the lesson. Teachers can use one or all of these lessons in the course of a class or simply make up their own. It is our hope that every teacher can find a fun activity to help them or at least have their creativity excited by what they read in this section. Keep in mind many of these activities require advanced preparation.



**For the Older Grades** offers an additional activity for the older grade school students. Often this section asks the students to work. Don't be put off by students who want you to entertain them and not do any work. Help them learn to analyze a passage or contrast it with another. This section is written with fifth and sixth graders in mind. Some of the activities may be appropriate for younger children but most will be above their learning level.

Each lesson is designed to provide enough material to occupy a class for two hours. If you only have your children for 45 minutes you will need to pick and choose what you use as you won't likely be able to complete the entire lesson even if you rush. Take time to prepare and don't be afraid to get a little creative. You might just come up with a way to present the material that is even better than what we have listed.

The lesson is based on a specific scripture text and a story read to the children from one of the following sources;

NIV Bible,

ESV Bible,

The Beginners Bible (Zondervan, ISBN 0-310-92610-6),

The Children's Bible in 365 Stories (Lion Publishing, ISBN 0-7459-3068-9),

Kid's Bible Story Book (Barbour Publishing, Inc., ISBN 1-55748-550-X),

365 Read-Aloud Bedtime Bible Stories (Barbour Publishing, Inc., ISBN 1-55748-264-0)