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God's Story Preschool Lesson The Stories of the Old Testament

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God's Story is an initiative by Covenant Fellowship Church (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 Preschool curriculum is written for the teachers not the students as obviously the students are too young to read. Teachers should take the material and use the teaching guide to present it to their classes. The goal was to simplify the story without watering down the scripture message. When using the material, keep in mind repetition in learning and to encourage parents to review the material again in their family devotions. Younger children will hear the material a second and third time in both their younger and older grade school years, each time with increasing complexity. Our goal is that every child who graduates through the program would understand the Gospel and where they stand in respect to the Gospel.

The preschool curriculum is broken into two parts,

The Classroom Lesson is a structured lesson with a specific topic highlighted from the scripture text and with specific goals. Questions are drawn from the stories as told by the specified version, of the Bible or story book in each lesson. If you substitute a different book or Bible version be sure to review the questions to ensure the answers are covered in the story you use.

The classroom lesson is broken into three sections:

Bible Story / Discussion: The teacher reads the story from the specified book and then asks the children questions about the story.

Craft: A coloring sheet, which pertains to the lesson subject, is provided. While the children are coloring the teacher engages the children with more questions about the story / coloring sheet.

Snack: While the children are eating their morning snack, the teacher engages them with more questions about the story.

The Assembly Lesson is a more interactive time. It is a suggested lesson with ideas which may or may not coincide with the topic being highlighted in the Classroom Lesson.

The Assembly Teachers have the leeway to be creative and add their own ideas, games, etc. In addition to the Assembly Lesson, the Assembly Teachers also sing, play games and practice the memory verse (SWORD memory verse) with the children as well as engage the children in skits, puppet shows, and flannel board stories. At times the Assembly teachers will need to provide props prepared at home.

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 Bible in 365 Stories (Lion Publishing, ISBN 0-7459-3068-9), Kids 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)