

Origin Story — When Our Story with God Begins

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DAY 2

Read Genesis 1:1

We are starting at the very beginning! What are the first 3 words you read at the very beginning of the Bible? Please write it down here

An important truth to start with! In the beginning, God created! He IS the creator from the very, very beginning.

There’s a lot in our everyday life that we look at it and think people created.

A computer or tablet.

A gaming system.

A car.

A home.

But God is the original Creator. He created the things those things are made of. He also created the people who created those things.

Everything points back to the Creator.

So many times, we want to make the things we’ve done or what other people have done our main focus.

Or we want to make the things created our main focus. But creation points to the Creator. Do you ever look at creation and forget about the Creator? What can you do today to remind yourself that God created?

DAY 3

Read Genesis 1:27–31

We are made to know God! This is a good prayer to pray...” Lord, I want to know you.”

From the very beginning, God had a plan, and part of that plan was that He created human beings in His image!

He also created the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve lived. Now we are going to jump forward a little bit. Open up your Bible to Genesis 3:8. Let’s focus on the first part today. What was the Lord doing in the Garden? Write it down here

God was walking in the Garden, which shows us God enjoyed spending time with Adam and Eve. We are meant to live, talk, and know God daily!

What would this look like for you to hang out with God every day?

How can you listen to Him through reading the Bible?

How can you talk to Him through prayer?

How can you live for Him by how you treat others?

DAY 4

Read Genesis 2:15–17

Here we see that Adam got to live in this amazing garden with tons of animals who all got along. That's cool; even better, God was with them! So, they are just living their best lives. And then, dun, dun, dunnnn ... the serpent comes in.

Open up your Bible to Genesis 3:1-7.

Wow, here we see the serpent, the enemy, twisting God's words. Spoiler alert: the enemy is still doing this; He is still twisting God's words or tempting us to doubt that what God says is true, with things like "Did He really say ...?" That is why we need to know and believe God's Word, the Bible, for ourselves!

This was the start of all humans doing the same thing—they sinned. And we do too.

Sin is anything that goes against God and His ways—what He has said.

But thankfully, it didn't end there! God is still good, He's still faithful, and He still had a plan from the very beginning. Jesus would come and die on the cross for our sins.

DAY 5

Read Genesis 3:20–24

We see here that Adam and Eve had to leave the garden because of the sin they had committed.

God had tried to protect Adam and Eve from all of this, but now He told them how much harder their lives would be. Even though God still loved them, He knew they couldn't stay in the Garden any longer.

God made them clothes to wear from animal skins, then banished them from the Garden. He didn't want to risk them coming into the Garden, eating from the tree of life, and living forever in their cursed, sinful state.

God didn't want them to live forever apart from Him. The Bible says He placed angels and a flaming sword at the entrance to guard the way to the tree of life.

Look at how God took care of Adam and Eve even after they made a choice not to believe Him.

He could have been very angry, yet He still took care of them, even if it meant their lives would now be harder.

That's God's heart.

Journal

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How do you know you can trust God?

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Read Genesis 6:9–12

Because of sin, the beautiful, perfect world God created got really ugly, really fast.

But the Bible describes Noah as “a godly man” and that “he walked faithfully.” In other words, when everything around Noah was sinful, Noah made different choices. And because of that, God trusted Noah with a very big task.

No “godly” and “walked faithfully” doesn’t mean that Noah was perfect. He was human. But God chose Noah

because Noah wanted to follow God.

Sometimes God asks us to do things too. He trusts us with things. Maybe it’s being kind to someone new at church or school. Maybe it’s being quiet when you want to join with your friends in complaining or saying mean things. Maybe it means doing your sister’s chores because she’s not feeling well.

We can do hard things when our main desire is to do what God wants. Because we don’t do it with our own strength. We trust in Him to help us every step of the way.

DAY 3

Read John 16:33

Noah was in the midst of a lot of chaos; we read in Genesis 6:9 that wickedness was all over! Sometimes our world can seem scary, too.

Jesus has an encouraging message for you to read; He says in John 16:33, “I have told you these things, so that you can have peace because of me. In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world” (NIRV).

No matter what is happening in your home, at school, your city, your country, or the world, Jesus says we can still have peace because He’s still in control.

Ask God to help you trust Him, to encourage you, and to remember that God’s got us, no matter what.

DAY 4

Read 2 Peter 2:5

Building this HUGE boat was a big deal; no one had ever seen something like this before. People probably thought Noah was crazy for building it.

Sometimes following Jesus means doing things that other people won't understand.

Jesus says love your enemies. That seems a little crazy, doesn't it? But there's something powerful that happens when we show God's love to people who may not be showing it to us.

Jesus asks us to love Him and love others. But sometimes it's hard when we are disappointed by people or even God. But as we've learned in Genesis, God always has a plan even if we don't know what it is.

This week, ask some people these questions.

"Have you ever been asked to do something hard?"

"How did God help you?"

DAY 5

Read Genesis 7-9

Can you imagine this really quickly...You are in this huge boat, with your family, and tons, and I mean tons, of animals, that's a lot to think about! Just think about all the work that had to be done, and it probably smelled pretty bad! Do you think anyone got seasick? There were many days, nights, long months; it was a long time on this boat, and a lot of water. I mean a lot!

And one day, finally, we read in Genesis 8:15-19, they came out of the Ark (the big boat) and walked on dry ground. That must've been a great feeling! What would you have done? Run around? Roll in the grass? Go explore?

Let's see what Noah did. Genesis 8:20-21 says he built an altar to the Lord, made an offering, and worshipped God. God saved his family and all the animals on the boat, so he worshipped.

Like Noah, we have the choice to worship the Lord, in the highs and lows, in the hard times and in the good times.

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Journal writing lines for the question: When is it hard to trust God?

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Read Hebrews 11:1

Today, go outside, then go back inside, and look around everywhere inside and outside. What are some things you know are there but can’t see? Get a paper and write down a list titled “Things I can’t see but know are there.” (Need some help? Maybe when the sun is hiding behind some clouds, tiny bugs, etc.)

Now, below it, write down this: “What is faith? Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.”

Faith is knowing something is going to happen, even if you haven’t seen it yet. God is good, and you can trust Him. You can live your life knowing that God keeps His promises.

Just as you see the trees move but don’t see the wind making them move. Or you know you are breathing but don’t see the air. We can have faith in God, even if we don’t see Him with our eyes.

Day 3

Read Hebrews 11:8–12

There is so much to learn about Abraham and Sarah! I mean, what a story, right? Abraham and Sarah moved to a new land, God showed Abraham that a great nation would come from him, and Abraham and Sarah had a baby when they were really, really old! So much happened in their lives. What is the common theme throughout their lives?

Write it here _____

Faith! They didn’t see much in front of their eyes...they didn’t wait to obey until everything magically appeared before them. They believed, they moved, and they had faith. Do you remember what faith means? Give your answer here. Hint: read Hebrews 11:1

Do you want to have faith? Well, here’s an easy way to start. Believe. Just believe. Like Sarah in Hebrews 11:11, “But Sarah believed that the God who made the promise was faithful.”

Read Hebrews 11

I bet they have some stories to share. And it's possible that you will walk away with even more faith than before.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:7

At some point, you have to add action to what you believe. What's one step you need to take to add action to your faith this week?

What does it look like to trust God?

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Read Genesis 25:19–26

God's family continued! Now we meet Abraham's grandsons, Jacob and Esau.

Here's a question for you: Have you ever gotten so used to hearing about Bible stories that you kind of forget that they were real people? They had real stories, real struggles, and even had...family drama, yep.

We see this play out with Jacob and Esau!

When you read the story in Genesis (above), you see that

before they were even born, these twins were struggling with each other. Have you ever not gotten along with a sibling, cousin, or friend? Jacob and Esau can relate for sure.

This family had a lot of family drama. But drama doesn't scare God. He still shows up for us.

While we were still sinners, Jesus died for us. Not when we were perfect—that's impossible to be perfect. He died for us when we were sinners.

DAY 3

Read Genesis 25:27–34

The drama continues into today's reading. Imagine sitting here watching this story happen live in person!

Here, we see two brothers, both really good at things and both with some things they need to work on.

Jacob is good at tricks and lying.

Esau seems to do things suddenly without thinking about them carefully first. Recipe for disaster!

Jacob tricked Esau into selling his birthright (being the oldest), all because Esau wanted a bowl of stew!

It's so easy to see something we want RIGHT NOW instead of trusting God's plan that is best for us.

Today, ask God to help you trust in Him, even if it means waiting.

Read Genesis 27

Talk to God today, asking Him for His best for you!

you ever feel surrounded by lots of tough situations, bad choices, or hurt, go to God with them.

What helps you remember that God is with you?

Read Genesis 28:10-22

This week, we read about a lot of drama and mess-ups, but even then, God did not abandon them; God had a plan. If

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Read Genesis 37

Jacob, remember that guy? Keep in mind now that God actually changed his name, you can read that in Genesis 35:10-11, his new name was "Israel." Sound familiar? There is now the country of Israel. God's promise was fulfilled! Back to the story... at this point, Israel (Jacob) had a lot of sons.

Remember that family drama? It continued on. Joseph, who was 17 at the time, was the all-time favorite. Yes, parents aren't supposed to have favorites and love their kids equally, but apparently his dad didn't pay attention to that.

His dad loved him so much that he got Joseph a nice fancy coat with all the colors, and you can probably guess just how the brothers reacted...not well, to the point that they hated him. More and more, the brothers wanted to get rid of Joseph, and that's what they did. They threw him into an empty well and then sold him as a slave.

Circle Yes or No to these Questions

Do you think Joseph was scared? **YES NO**

Do you think God still had a plan? **YES NO**

I'm sure Joseph was so scared, but you can be 100 percent sure that God still had a plan!

DAY 3

Read Genesis 39:1-6

Here we find ourselves reading today that Joseph has now been sold as a slave to work in Potiphar's house.

Write down what you read in verse 2.

The Lord WAS WITH Joseph and gave him SUCCESS. So basically, he did an amazing job, why? Because the Lord was with him. Even in the tough situation he had ended up in.

Pray and ask the Lord to be with you and help you do a great job with the things you do at home, school, and in your home.

Genesis 39:21-23

You know what? Even in a mess, it's a "piece of cake" for God to help us in the ups and downs, as Joseph could tell you and many others. Joseph eventually was able to be freed from prison, and God was going to use him even more for His great big plan! Even though it may feel like a mess, God has a plan. We can trust Him!

We can too.

Genesis 42–45

Go to the end of Genesis, chapter 50, verse 20. Joseph tells his brothers, “You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good.” Joseph could see that God was doing something bigger; he didn’t get hung up on the drama.

When has something bad turned into something good?

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