

The Story - 2018-2019 Calendar

Date	The Story Chapter	Bible Reference
Sept. 9	The Story Books* Available for Pick-Up	
Sept. 16	Introduction/What is The Story ?	John 1; 2 Tim. 3
Sept. 23	01 - Creation: The Beginning of Life	Gen.1
Sept. 30	02 - God Builds a Nation	Gen.15
Oct. 7	03 - Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh	Gen. 45
Oct. 14	04 - Deliverance	Exodus 3
Oct. 21	05 - New Commands and a New Covenant	Exodus 20
Oct. 28	06 - Wandering	Num 14
Nov. 4	07 - The Battle Begins	Joshua 24
Nov. 11	08 - A Few Good Men....and Women	Judges 7
Nov. 18	09 - The Faith of a Foreign Woman	Ruth 1
Nov. 25	10 - Standing Tall, Falling Hard	1 Samuel 8
Dec. 2	11 - From Shepherd to King / Advent 1	1 Sam 16
Dec. 9 - 23	<i>We will take a short break from The Story during most of the season of Advent 2018</i>	Weekend: RCL Midweek: TBA
Dec. 30	<i>Christmas Break / Lessons & Carols</i>	
Jan. 6	12 - The Trials of a King	2 Samuel 12
Jan. 13	13 – The King Who Had it All	1 Kings 3
Jan. 20	14 - A Kingdom Torn in Two	1 Kings 12
Jan. 27	15 - God's Messengers	1 Kings 17
Feb. 3	16 - The Beginning of the End	Isaiah 53
Feb.10	17 -The Kingdom's Fall	Jeremiah 21
Feb. 17	18 - Daniel in Exile	Daniel 3
Feb. 24	19 - The Return Home	Ezra 1; Isaiah 11
M ar. 3	20 - Queen of Beauty & Courage	Esther 4
M ar. 10	21 - Rebuilding the Walls	Nehemiah 8
M ar. 17	22 - The Birth of the King	John 1
Mar. 24	23 - Jesus' Ministry Begins	Matthew 4 & 5
Mar. 31	24 - No Ordinary Man	Luke 10
Apr. 7	25 - Jesus, Son of God	Mark 8 & 9
Apr. 14	26 - Hour of Darkness (Palm Sunday)	Mark 11
Apr. 21	27 – Resurrection (Easter Sunday)	John 20
Apr. 28	28 - New Beginnings	Acts 2
May 5	29 - Paul's Mission	Ephesians 3
May 12	30 - Paul's Final Days	Romans 8
May 19	31 - The End of Time	Revelation 22
May 26	Epilogue	John 21
* Reference guides for The Story available in limited quantities or by order.		



THE STORY

- THE WHOLE BIBLE
 - THE WHOLE FAMILY
 - THE WHOLE YEAR

Read *The Story* at Home

Hear *The Story* in Worship

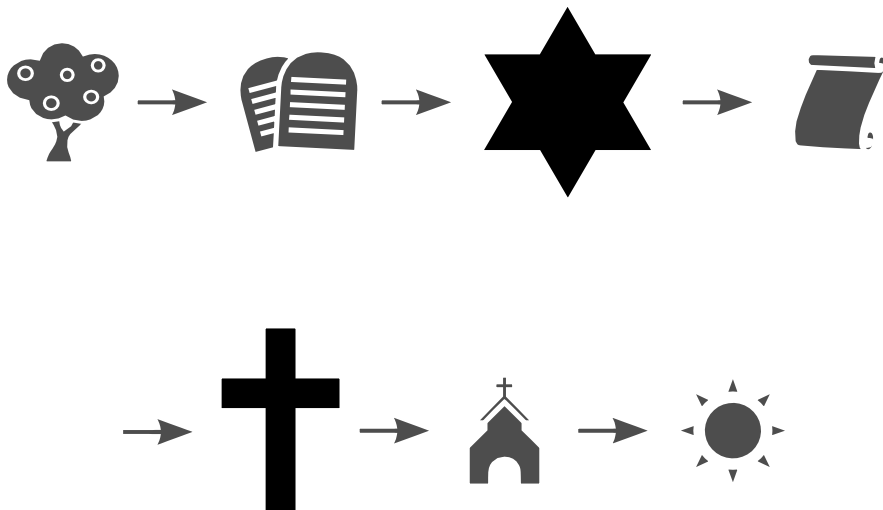
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Key Elements To THE STORY

We believe that God is alive and active in our lives and world. We also believe that knowing the stories of what God has done in the past and what God has promised to do in the future can help us see God at work in the present. **The Story** is a church-wide journey for all ages designed to help us connect with God by learning those stories. Every week this year (except during Advent and Christmas) we will engage **The Story** in worship and faith formation for all ages so that we can discover together how our stories fit into God's story.



Families will receive a hardcover copy of **The Story** and be invited to commit to reading a short chapter each week. Age appropriate books, lessons and videos will be provided to youth and children at learning times. Discussion guides and devotions are available on the website.

One free The Story hardcover book for every family, a gift to you while supply lasts. We want everyone to participate in The Story.

FAQ's

How do I participate? First, pick up a book in the fellowship hall on the week of September 9th or 16th and follow the weekly reading guide included in this brochure* and come hear **The Story** shared, sung, and preached in worship each week. Attend Adult Education between services on Sundays, after worship on Wednesdays, join one of our bible studies, or form your own small group (we will help!). Bring your children to Sunday School, Wednesday School and Spirit Trek (Confirmation).

What does it cost? Thanks to a generous donor, we were able to purchase a large number of **The Story** hardcovers in bulk and offer them as a gift to member households. If you would like to donate to cover the cost of your book that would be appreciated but it is not necessary.

Do I have to attend a group or class? No. You are welcome to read along on your own, but you are encouraged to connect with a group. There will also be online devotions and the opportunity to dialog online with one of the pastors during the week.

What will happen in worship? Each week the focus of worship will be on the theme of The Story chapter for the week. You will find that it helps to read the chapter in advance, but it is also fine to read it after worship. God's word speaks to us in many ways!

Are my children and youth studying the same stories? Yes. You are encouraged to make the story of the week a dinner or car time conversation topic. You are also encouraged to read to younger children. Please refer to THE STORY Faith 5 link on the website each week.

Why will it take so long? There are 31 chapters in The Story covering 66 books of the Bible. It is a condensed summary so we see the big picture. Knowing God's story is a life time adventure!

*Bible References are suggestions and no substitute for reading the suggested chapter. Some chapters of **The Story** summarize multiple books of the Bible.