



THE STORY BEGINS

LESSON PLANS

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INTRODUCTION



Wesleyan Publishing House is happy to provide Speed Sketch Bible Stories customers with these free lesson plans and resources, which offer options and ideas for how to build a children's lesson around a Speed Sketch Bible Stories video. The "Review and Memory Time" options provided at the bottom of each lesson page refers to the additional Review Options PDF resource also available at www.speedsketchbible.com. Some of the options provided in the Review Options resource suggest the use of an additional product available for purchase: BibleStoryCards, which is available for purchase at www.wphresources.com/biblestorycards.

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CREATION



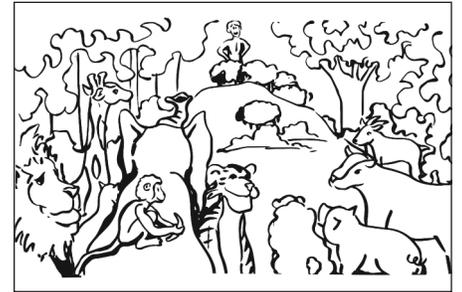
Story Reference: Genesis 1

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:1 — "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

STORYTELLING TIME

To the Storyteller

Your children may have heard the creation story many times, but don't let that keep you from telling this story as if they've never heard it before. It is so important that children be taught the essential doctrines of creation, its care, and the Sabbath.



Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

Memory Object: Leaf

Giveaway: A leaf

Story/Object Association: God created all of nature.

Review Questions

1. What is the name of the book in the Bible that has the story of creation? (**Genesis**)
2. What were some things God first created and then separated? (**Light and darkness, the earth and sky, water and land, the sun for the day and moon and stars for the night**)
3. After God created animals, what did he tell them to do? (**Reproduce, multiply**)
4. At the end of each day, what did God say about all he had created? (**It was good.**)
5. What was the last thing God did for his creation? (**Made a special, holy day for rest**)

Life Application Question: How can you take care of God's creation? (**Recycle, plant trees, pick up trash**)
And how can you follow God's example of keeping a special, seventh day of rest? (**Go with family to church and Sunday school; rest from school and be with family**)

Prayer Focus

Thankfulness for God's creation

REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

Review Options

- (Creation Order) Scramble #1
- Bible Pictionary #9
- Balloon Pop Review #13
- Bible Story Mural #26

Memory Verse Options

- Memory Verse Book #1
- Memory Verse Envelope #3
- Guess a Letter #13

CREATION OF ADAM AND EVE



Story Reference: Genesis 2

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:27 — "In the image of God he created them."

STORYTELLING TIME

To the Storyteller

Your children may have heard the creation story of Adam and Eve many times, but don't let that keep you from telling this story as if they've never heard it before. It is so important that children be taught the essential doctrine of humans being created in God's likeness; that is, moral persons who can love, create, and choose right from wrong.



Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

Memory Object: Ziplock plastic bag of dirt

Giveaway: Ziplock plastic bag of dirt

Story/Object Association: Humans were created from dust.

Review Questions

1. What are ways God made people to be like him? (**Able to love, create, and choose right from wrong**)
2. What did God use to make Adam? (**The dust of the earth**)
3. What garden did Adam take care of? (**The garden of Eden**)
4. What did God take from Adam to make Eve? (**One of Adam's ribs**)
5. Why do men and women leave their parents to be married? (**Love—to become like one**)

Life Application Question: What are ways you can show you are created in God's likeness?

(**Encourage specific examples of loving others, obeying God and parents, and being creative**)

Prayer Focus

Thankfulness for God's making people to be like him

REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

Review Options

- What Am I? #10
- Bible Charades #14
- Beach Ball Review #15
- Bible Story Mural #26

Memory Verse Options

- Memory Verse Book #1
- Memory Verse Match #7
- Memory Ladder #16

THE FIRST SIN



Story Reference: Genesis 3

Memory Verse: 1 John 1:9 — "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

STORYTELLING TIME

To the Storyteller

When teaching children, many people try to "soften" the word *sin* because it sounds harsh. Don't hesitate to call it what it is; sin is sin and it is something of which we have all been guilty. The modern world often teaches that each person has his or her own definition of right and wrong. Whatever *feels* right is right, no matter what it may be. What will happen to our world if there are no absolutes? Through this story, children should learn that anytime we consciously decide to disregard or disobey what God has commanded, we have sinned and need to ask for his forgiveness.



Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

Memory Object: A piece of fruit

Giveaway: A small apple

Story/Object Association: The forbidden fruit that Adam and Eve ate

Review Questions

1. Where did Adam and Eve live? (**In the garden of Eden**)
2. What tree was in the middle of the garden? (**The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil**)
3. What did God tell them about the tree? (**Not to eat the fruit from the tree**)
4. Who tricked Adam and Eve into eating the fruit? (**The serpent/Satan**)
5. How did God punish Adam and Eve? (**By making them leave the garden**)

Life Application Question: What should we do if we disobey God (sin)? (**Ask God to forgive us**)

Prayer Focus

Forgiveness and wisdom in making correct choices

REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

Review Options

- Overhead Game #3
- Bible Tic-Tac-Toe #4
- Bible Bingo #5
- Bible Basketball #6

Memory Verse Options

- Memory Verse Mix #2
- Memory Verse Packet #6
- Clue Word Memory Cards #8

CAIN & ABEL



Story Reference: Genesis 4

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:26 — "Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other."

STORYTELLING TIME

To the Storyteller

Our society, especially the media, is continually reinforcing the idea to children (and to us) that people need to have material things to be important. With this mind-set, jealousy can creep in and make people act in ways that normally they would not. When a child sees another person who seems to have it all, or seems to get all of the attention, jealousy can easily creep in. This story should prove to children that being jealous only causes pain and that Christ doesn't want people to feel jealousy toward others.



Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

Memory Object: Shredded Wheat box

Giveaway: A sugar-coated shredded wheat square

Story/Object Association: The grain sacrifice that Cain brought to God

Review Questions

1. Who were the two sons in this story? **(Cain and Abel)**
2. What did Cain bring as an offering to God? **(Crops he had grown)**
3. What did Abel bring as an offering to God? **(The best sheep from his flock)**
4. Why was Cain jealous of Abel? **(Because God accepted Abel's offering but not Cain's)**
5. What terrible thing did Cain do to Abel? **(He killed Abel.)**

Life Application Question: What does jealousy cause people to do? **(It causes them to sin.)**

Prayer Focus

Repentance for jealous feelings toward others

REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

Review Options

- Story Diorama #22
- Bible Story Mural #26
- Bible Story Bag #27
- Change the Bible Story #28

Memory Verse Options

- Pass the Hat #9
- Round Table Memory #14
- Memory Verse Square #17

NOAH'S ARK



Story Reference: Genesis 6

Memory Verse: Genesis 6:8 — "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD."

STORYTELLING TIME

To the Storyteller

When God chose Noah to build the ark, He saw a man who would obey His commands even though Noah would be mocked and ridiculed for doing something that, in people's eyes, was foolish. Noah trusted God completely, and because he did, he found favor in God's eyes. This story shows how important it was for Noah to obey God. His obedience meant not only saving his own life, but also the lives of his family members. For us today, finding favor with God means the assurance of eternal life in heaven.



Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

Memory Object: Animal Crackers or a toy boat

Giveaway: An animal cracker

Story/Object Association: The animals that Noah took with him onto the ark

Review Questions

1. Why did God choose Noah to build the ark? **(Because Noah had obeyed God)**
2. Why did God want to destroy all of the people? **(Because they were wicked and full of violence)**
3. What was Noah supposed to take on the ark? **(Two of every animal)**
4. Who were Noah's three sons? **(Shem, Ham, and Japheth)**
5. Why do people sometimes laugh at God? **(Because they don't love him)**

Life Application Question: How can we find favor with God? **(By loving him and obeying his commands)**

Prayer Focus

Strength to obey God's commands

REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

Review Options

- Bible Bingo #5
- What Am I? #10
- Balloon Pop Review #14
- Beach Ball Review #15

Memory Verse Options

- Memory Verse Book #1
- Balloon Pop Race #21
- Name That Verse #23

THE TOWER OF BABEL



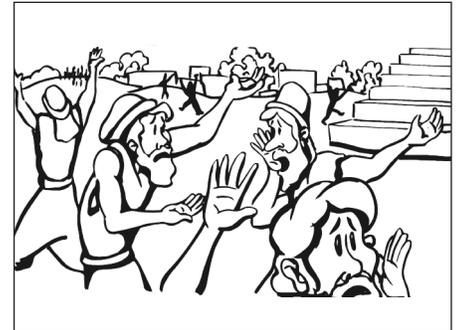
Story Reference: Genesis 11:1-9

Memory Verse: Proverbs 16:18 — "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."

STORYTELLING TIME

To the Storyteller

This story proves that when we become too proud or feel completely self-sufficient God seems to have a way of stopping us in our tracks and letting us know that we need to get our focus back on him. What children should learn from this story is that it is OK for a person to feel proud of his or her accomplishments, but when a person's motive is solely for personal gain or glory, it is sinful pride.



Storytelling Methods

Show Speed Sketch Bible Stories video.

Memory Object: Legos

Giveaway: Sand-colored sponges cut into rectangular pieces

Story/Object Association: The blocks the men used to build the Tower of Babel

Review Questions

1. When did everyone understand each other? **(In early Bible times)**
2. What did some men decide to build? **(A city and a tower)**
3. How tall did the men want the tower to be? **(Tall enough to reach to the sky)**
4. Why did the men want to build the tower? **(So the people would tell them how great they were)**
5. Why did God mix up the language? **(So the men could not understand each other and would have to stop building the tower)**

Life Application Question: When is it wrong to be proud? **(When we forget about God and don't thank him for the good things that happen to us)**

Prayer Focus

Forgiveness of sinful pride

REVIEW AND MEMORY TIME

Review Options

- Give Me a Clue #2
- Name Scramble #7
- Bible Pictionary #9
- Bible Baseball #12

Memory Verse Options

- Memory Verse Mix #2
- Memory Verse Match #7
- Catch a Verse #12

Memory Object Options

- Bible Biography #1
- Object Sequence #5