



Kindergarten-2nd

May 30-31, 2015

DATE

God's Story

LESSON TITLE

The Bible (the whole story)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God Loves Us and Wants Us to be Part of His Story

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

As kids are coming in, look for kids who look reserved or seem like they don't feel like a part of anything. Ask them to play a game with you or introduce them to new friends.

check-in/out

As kids leave, encourage them to tell their parents their favorite part of God's story!

large group heads up

Kids are learning God's whole story today. That's right, they're getting an overview of the beginning of Creation through Re-creation. But what we really want kids to know is that God's story shows us his unconditional love for us.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

STORYTELLING GAME

**Break kids into small groups.*

- Pull out your **bag of story cards** (don't show kids what's inside).
- We're going to tell a story, using these pictures. But we'll have to make it up!
 - You start: Pull out a story card and make up sentence or two about what's happening. (For example, if there's a man and lady on it, you could say: "Once, a man and a lady went camping in the middle of a huge desert. All the sudden, they heard a loud crash!" Anything goes.)
 - Go around and have each kid pull out a card and add to the story.
 - Even if you recognize some of the pictures (they are from a God's Story video), these stories should be silly and fun!
- **Then ask kids about the best and worst parts of their week.**

Before you go to Large Group, ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand that God loves them, (2) recognize that the Bible is God's story and (3) identify one way they can be part of it.

Why? We hope kids understand not only what the Bible is but that God is STILL telling a story that they get to be a part of.

Tip: The "Review the Bible" activity can be something you talk about with kids while they draw or discuss in the beginning of Small Group time, if you prefer.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

(Hold up the poster; point to different components to help kids answer. Or answer the questions first; then ask kids to identify something on the poster to help them remember it!)

1. How did God create the world in the beginning? What do you think a world like that was like? (imagine)
2. What happened to ruin the perfect world?
3. What did God do to get us back from his enemy?
4. What was God's rescue plan? *(Consider this from start to finish: building a family, sending a rescuer, Jesus dying, Jesus coming to life, giving us the Holy Spirit to help us follow him and show others how to follow him, asking us to tell more and more people about him until one day God recreates the world.)*
5. How can we be part of his story? Why does he want us to be part of his story?
6. How will God's story end?

ACTIVITY: MAKE A STORY CARD

- Give kids a **blank story card** and place the color side up.
 - Ask them to draw their favorite part of God's story in the Bible on the colored side (they can copy from the poster or create a new version of the scene).
 - As kids work, ask: why is this your favorite part?
 - Share favorite parts. Compare similarities and differences at the table.
- When kids are done, turn the cards over.
 - Ask: How can WE be part of God's story? (Brainstorm ways to follow Jesus; could be reading the Bible, singing to God, obeying parents, inviting friends to Kids' Club, etc.)
 - Have kids draw a picture of themselves as part of God's story.

REVIEW THE BIBLE

- As kids work or when they wrap up, pass out a **Bible** (or two if your room has enough). Let them explore to see the different books, chapters and verses Shrimpola talked about in the video. You can ask them questions like these:
 - Have you ever read the Bible or had someone read it to you?
 - What's one of your favorite parts?
 - Is there anything confusing to you about the Bible?
 - Why do you think God wants us to read the Bible?

***Pray together, thanking God that we can learn about his story AND be part of it!**

*Then give kids a **heart coloring page** to remind them God's story is all about love. Still have extra time? Pull out the story cards from Connect Time and see if you can put them all in order (hide the poster). Or just make another silly story!*

LARGE group

special notes

***Hang up the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 before you begin.** You can hang them up along one wall or in 4 different “corners” of the presentation area, whatever works best for your group.

presenter tips

As you refer to God’s Story and talk about parts of it, assume that some kids in the room have never heard about it before!

script

***Click to play intro music.**

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids’ Club. It’s great to see you here today. I loved hearing all the stories you guys made up. They sounded so silly! Does anyone want to tell me your favorite part of your group’s story? (Let kids share.) Oh, I like those parts too!

Even though your group was telling one story, it had lots of different parts, didn’t it? And God’s Story, which we can read about in the Bible, has lots of different parts, too. Except they go together, and they all tell the story of who God is and how God loves us. And it’s a story that’s still going on! We can add to it, just like we added to the story in Connect Time.

Lots of people got to be a part of God’s story, and lots of different things happened. There are stories about wars and crazy miracles and talking animals and...even romance. But ALL of it fits together to show us who God is and how he loves us and rescued us. Most of the time in Kids’ Club, we talk about *part* of God’s story. But today, we’re going to talk about the WHOLE Bible!

CREATION AND FALL

We’re going to have to do a quick version of the whole thing, so let’s get started! And what better place to start than the beginning? In the very beginning, God created everything *perfectly*. He made grass, flowers, mountains, oceans, fluffy white clouds, the sky, everything! He created it to be a fun and perfect home for us to work and play in... and best of all, he wanted us to live in it with him forever!

BUT (change your tone) God has an enemy who doesn’t want us to feel loved by God. He wants us to be sad and mad and mean and sick. He wants us to do wrong things and turn away from God instead of following Jesus. He convinced the first two people, Adam and Eve, to disobey God. And when they made that choice, all the wrong things in the world began. Worst

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of all, we were separated from God. But guess what? God loved us way too much to leave us like that. *He came up with a plan to rescue us!*

GOD'S STORY IS A RESCUE STORY

(Hold up the Bible.) The Bible tells us about God's rescue plan. It's the story of how the people he loved ran away from him and how he got us back! And the really cool part is, it ALSO tells us the end of the story, which hasn't happened yet, because God's story is going on *right now!* Let's watch a video about God's whole story. You're going to find out what some of your pictures from Connect Time were, and how they all fit together! As we watch, try to pick out which part of God's Story is your favorite.

Video: God's Story: God's Story

What an amazing rescue! God certainly loves us, doesn't he? So let's think about our favorite parts of God's story from that video.

4 CORNERS GAME

To do this, we're going to play a game! And here's the thing: there are no wrong answers. EVERY part is great. But let's think about our personal favorites by playing a game. There are four numbers taped up around the room (point to the signs and ask adult leaders to help you direct kids to the right corners). I'm going to remind you of four parts of the story, and you go to the corner of your favorite! Ready?

(Read the following sets of four. Help remind kids to go to the number of their favorite. After they've chosen, add commentary based on their choices. You could even play along and go to your favorite! When appropriate, reiterate why a certain part is so great.)

(Click to show the first four images):

1. God created a perfect world.
2. All people were separated from God. *(If this is a favorite, you could spin this to say God got us back and we were able to see how much he loves us!)*
3. God planned a rescue
4. God started a family to send the rescuer through

(Click to show the next four images):

1. God's family wasn't perfect *(that helps us understand that we can be part of God's family even though we mess up)*
2. Even the kings weren't perfect
3. God showed his family what the rescue would be like
4. Jesus was born!

(Click to show the next four images):

1. Jesus showed us what it's like in God's kingdom
2. Jesus did miracles like heal, feed and raise people from the dead
3. Jesus died on the cross to take our punishment of death
4. Death can't separate us from God anymore!



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(Click to show the last four images):

1. Jesus told us to tell everybody about him
2. The Holy Spirit came to help us follow Jesus
3. God's story is still going, so we can be a part of it
4. One day, God will re-create a perfect world

Wow, so many of those are great that it's really hard to choose, isn't it?? But it's fun to think about how the Bible (**hold it up**) is really one giant rescue plan of how God rescued the people he loves. And who are the people he loves? (Let kids respond.) Yes, WE ARE!!!

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT GOD'S STORY

That's a big story, so you guys might still have questions. If you do, you can ask some of them in your small groups. But does anybody know another way you can get answers to your questions? (Let kids respond). Yes, you can talk to God by praying, because he wants to speak to you. You can ALSO read the Bible—or ask an adult to read it to you.

God gave us the Bible so that we could find out ALL about his story. God wants us to read and study the Bible. And we can visit lots of different parts. In fact, the Bible is a big book, but it's set up to help us easily find any part we want. Here to tell us a little more about this is our friend Shrimpola!

Ask Shrimpola: The Bible

I'm so glad we have God's story written down. In fact, a guy named Timothy tells us just how important the Bible is:

SLIDE: 2 Timothy 3:16-17: God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right. By using Scripture, the servant of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing.

(Hold up the Bible again.) This isn't just any book. This is the "Scripture" the verse is talking about. It's the words of *God*. And it helps us understand how to live as followers of Jesus. Pretty amazing, huh? And the best part is, when we follow him, WE get to be part of it.

RESPOND AND WORSHIP

Let's take a minute and talk to God about his story! We're going to watch a song about it. As you watch, you can ask God questions by thinking them in your head. Or you can ask him to tell you how much he loves you. You can even tell him you want to be a part of his story! For the second song, we'll stand up and give God praise by singing and dancing.

Music Video: The Story Song

Song: Jesus Loves Me (with hand motions)

PRAY

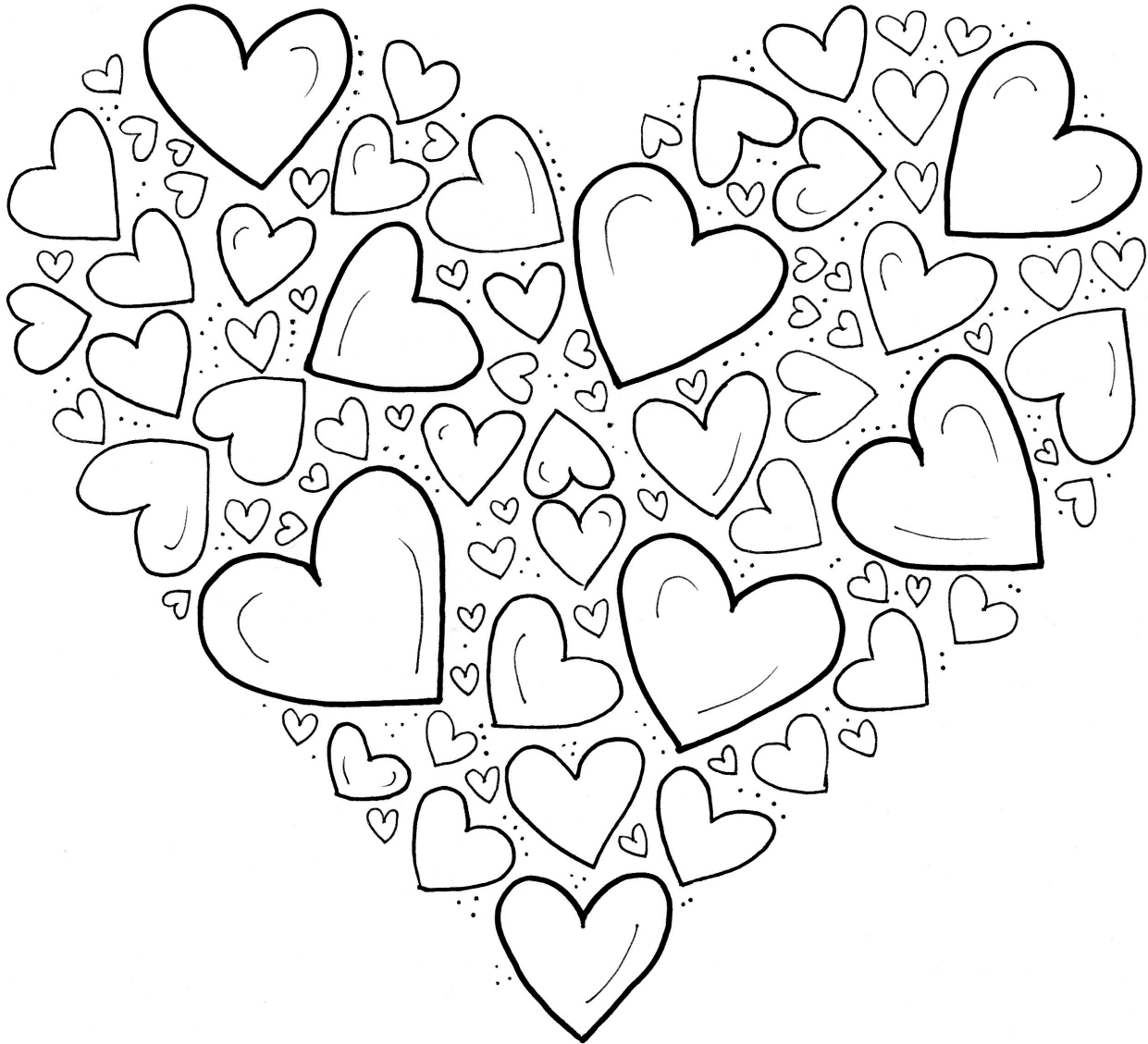
Ask somebody to come and thank God that he wants US to be part of his story.



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per Group

1 set of story cards in a brown paper bag (printed on cardstock in color)- reused

small group supplies

Per kid

1 blank story card (printed in color on cardstock; any variety of colors per room)
Coloring page: Hearts

Per group

Markers

1 Bible

1 poster

large group supplies

Bible

4 pieces of cardstock (numbered 1-4; can be re-used per service)

tape

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. God's Story: God's Story (<https://vimeo.com/85213037>)
3. Slide with 4 images, in this order: (1) top left, (2) top right, (3) bottom left, (4) bottom right:
 - a. Perfect world
 - b. Separated
 - c. Rescue plan
 - d. Family
4. Slide with 4 images (same order):
 - a. Imperfect family
 - b. Imperfect kings
 - c. God shows the plan
 - d. Jesus is born
5. Slide with 4 images (same order):
 - a. God's kingdom
 - b. miracles
 - c. Cross
 - d. Not separated
6. Slide with 4 images (same order):
 - a. Tell everybody
 - b. Holy Spirit
 - c. Story still going
 - d. Re-Creation
7. Video: Shrimpola: The Bible (<https://vimeo.com/30334648>)
8. SLIDE: 2 Timothy 3:16-17: God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right. By using Scripture, the servant of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing.
9. Music Video: Story Song (<https://vimeo.com/75333293>)
10. Jesus Loves Me (<https://vimeo.com/44164426>)

connect questions

Tell me about God's story.

How can we be part of God's story?

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