

GOD'S STORY: THE BIBLE

The Bible tells the story about God and God's people.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Discovering Wisdom/The Story Begins

- 1. <u>Jeremiah 7:21, 23</u> says that God chose you as one of his people. God tells us his story in the Bible. But his story isn't finished yet! Even today, God's story continues. And you are a part of his story. How do you see God using you in His story?
- 2. The Bible tells the story of God and his people. As you listen, think about how God is always in control throughout all the parts of his story.

Memory Verse

"This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says," ... I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you." (NIV)

Jeremiah 7:21, 23

After You Listen

Genesis 1 shows us that God is the maker of everything, and the whole world belongs to God.

Genesis 3 tells how Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned against him. The good news is that the story didn't end there. God promises to send a messiah to rescue his people and his world from sin. God chose a family that grew into a nation. This story is the part of the Bible called the Old Testament, where God begins to put his rescue plan into action.

The New Testament begins when God sends Jesus to be born in Bethlehem. Jesus spent his time on earth preaching, teaching, and healing people. Some leaders didn't believe that he was the Messiah, and they killed him. Thankfully, we know the story doesn't end there! Jesus rose from the dead in three days, just as he said He would!

Before Jesus went back into heaven, he promised he would send a helper, the Holy Spirit. With this help, Jesus' disciples began telling the story of God's rescue plan, and many people believed. Jesus' church was being built and this church continues to be built to this day!

We look forward to the day He returns and restores all things on earth. God will again walk with his people, just as he did with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

God has a special plan for you, and **you** are invited to participate in what God is doing. God is working now and calling you to find your place in the story of the Bible.

Want to dig deeper into God's rescue plan for his people? Check out some of the different times that God spoke to his people: <u>Genesis 1:28</u>, <u>Gen. 2:15-17</u>, <u>Gen. 12: 1-3</u>, <u>Exodus 6:7</u>, <u>2 Samuel 7:16</u>; <u>Zechariah 1:2</u>, <u>Jeremiah 7:21</u>, 23, and <u>Luke 3:22</u>

Challenge

God's story is still unfolding! Take a blank sheet of paper and fold it in half, like a book. On the cover, write "God's Story". Maybe draw a picture illustrating a Bible scene.

On the inside cover, print the six parts of God's story:

- 1. Creation
- 2. Fall into sin
- 3. God chose a people
- 4. God sends a savior.
- 5. God sends the Holy Spirit
- 6. God will make creation perfect again.

On the next page, write or draw how you fit into God's story. What gifts did God give you? Where will he use you? How can you help grow his kingdom?

Share your book with someone who knows you well, such as a parent, a friend, a teacher, or a coach. Ask how they see themselves as part of God's story.

Also, check out Kids Corner's Bible study, God's Big Story: The Bible.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: How many main parts does God's story have?

Answer: Six

Question 2: True or false: God's story is finished.

Answer: False. We are living in part of God's story now!

Question 3: What is the most important event of God's story?

Answer: Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried; the third day he rose again from the dead.

Question 4: What promise does the Bible end with?

Answer: "Behold, I am coming soon!" (Revelation 22:7, 12, and 20)

