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TEACHER'S GUIDE



Going the Distance

- **Further Insight**—one or two quotes that will provide further insight into the central message of the lesson.
- **Connecting to Life**—the guide to making the truths about God in this story your very own. Study the Bible lesson during the week in preparation for Sabbath School. On Sabbath you will have the opportunity to review, discuss, and elaborate on what you learned with your teacher and other students in your Sabbath School class. Each day of the week you will be directed to explore one of the sections of the lesson, to relate it to the story you live, and to make the message from God’s Word apply to you personally.

WHY THE BIBLE STORY APPROACH? (teacher introduction)

There is a tendency to neglect God’s Word because the Bible seems so old and the issues of life today don’t seem to automatically connect with the ancient, inspired text. But the Bible was never meant to be just read. It was meant to be studied, reflected on, and integrated into life. It wasn’t written to be analyzed as much as it was to be obeyed. It takes effort. If you simply want a story to entertain you, then the Bible isn’t for you.

The Bible is not a novel that grips you, but if you get a firm hold on the message of the Bible with a teachable heart and an eye that seeks God, you will find something more than entertaining. You will discover a message just for you. “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13, NKJV). Jesus said, “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock” (Matthew 7:24, NKJV).

The Bible is the tool used by the promised Teacher—the Holy Spirit. We, the earthly teachers, will be effective as we first let the Spirit teach us. Each of these lessons is built around a specific Bible story. You will lead the students through *Into the Story* and help them mine truth for their lives *Out of the Story*. The gems of truth are not already mined for you. You and your students will have an opportunity to dig for yourselves.

“In daily study the verse-by-verse method is often most helpful. Let the student take one verse, and concentrate the mind on ascertaining the thought that God has put into that verse for him, and then dwell upon the thought until it becomes his own. One passage thus studied until its significance is clear is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view and no positive instruction gained” (*Education*, p. 189).

Welcome to *Cornerstone Connections*.

—General Conference Sabbath School Department

The third Sabbath in March is Global Youth Day. To learn more about Global Youth Day visit www.youth.adventist.org. You may also want to download the Global Youth Day app. You can start planning with your Sabbath School class ways to get involved and participate in a community service project or a mission initiative on that day. The possibilities for service are endless. Some examples may include: visiting a nursing home, hospital, orphanage, or prison to comfort, sing, and pray for those who are sick, needy, and destitute, feeding the homeless, inviting people from the community to an open house event, and so on.

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what tools are provided for teaching the stories?

❶ With each lesson in this *Teacher's Guide* you will find an *Explore* section with topics listed that relate to each week's story. We have provided a variety of resources for exploring the topic you choose—from discussion questions to illustrations, from reader's theater scripts to learning activities. **Use the resources at www.cornerstoneconnections.net to create a "program" that is relevant to your group.**

❷ **Begin the actual "lesson" time with the *What Do You Think?* activity (and the *Did You Know?* information)** in the student lesson. The activities are designed to get your students to think, respond, and share with one another. The rich discussion that can grow out of this exercise is a great entry point. The key question to ask at the end is "Why did you respond the way you did?"

❸ Your *Teacher's Guide* provides an illustration, along with a short "bridge" thought that will help you **lead your students into the Bible passage itself.**

❹ The heart of the lesson experience is to **read the Bible passage, *Into the Story***, together and to **discuss it** with the help of your *Out of the Story for Teachers* questions. Other passages to compare to this one for further study of the Word are sometimes provided as well.

❺ Then **share the information about context and background** that will make the story become more understandable for you and your students.

❻ You are provided with a short guide to help you **unpack the other sections of the student lesson with your class.** (Your stu-

dents are also directed to work through one section of their lesson on their own each day by following the instructions in *Connecting to Life*.) Encourage students to study the Bible lesson during the week in preparation for Sabbath School. On Sabbath you will review the lesson and will help them elaborate on it. This process will strengthen in students a sense of accountability and will facilitate a deeper spiritual understanding of the content under study in Sabbath School.

❼ Each week's *Teacher's Guide* includes a teaching tip in *Rabbi 101* that will be helpful for you to keep for future reference. You are also provided an activity and a summary that helps to **draw the lesson together and close.**

❽ In each lesson students are provided with a reference to the volume from the Conflict of the Ages Series, by Ellen White, that corresponds with the week's story. Students who follow the reading plan included in these Sabbath School Bible study guides will be able to read the entire series in four years. The audio and e-book versions of the *Conflict of the Ages Series in Today's Language* are now available online at www.cornerstoneconnections.net. The prayerful study of God's Word along with the reading of these books promise to help students grow in their relationship with God!

❾ Teachers, in your role as a discipler of youth, the GC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department wants to help you in every way possible to be equipped for this important work. You are encouraged to go to www.growingfruitfuldisciples.com. There you will find resources to help you be more intentional and fruitful in the discipling of your students.

scope & sequence

2019

1st Quarter

1. Adam and Eve
2. The Serpent
3. Cain and Abel
4. Seth and Enoch
5. Noah
6. Tower People
7. Abraham
8. Isaac
9. Lot
10. Rebekah
11. Jacob and Esau
12. Jacob
13. Israel

2nd Quarter

1. Joseph
2. The Brothers
3. Moses
4. Egyptians
5. Fleeing Slaves
6. Unhappy Campers
7. Chosen Nation
8. Aaron
9. The Tabernacle
10. Miriam and Zipporah
11. Twelve Spies
12. Korah
13. The Bronze Serpent

3rd Quarter

1. The Borders Revisited
2. Balaam
3. Questionable Neighbors
4. Law Review
5. Moses' Death
6. Crossing Jordan
7. Rahab
8. Blessings and Curses
9. Gibeonites
10. Canaan Divided
11. Last Words of Joshua
12. Annual Feasts
13. Early Judges

4th Quarter

1. Samson
2. Samuel
3. Eli
4. Philistines
5. First King
6. Saul's Death
7. Anointed
8. Fugitive
9. Lunatic
10. Crowned King
11. Incumbent
12. Sinner
13. Fathers

2020

1st Quarter

1. God's People
2. Solomon
3. Temple Builder
4. Proud Potentate
5. Repentant Author
6. Rehoboam
7. Jeroboam
8. Asa, Ahab, Jezebel
9. Elijah
10. Evangelist
11. Coward
12. The Sabbath
13. Jehoshaphat

2nd Quarter

1. Ahab
2. Elisha
3. Prophet
4. Naaman
5. Jonah
6. Hosea
7. Isaiah
8. Jehovah
9. Ahaz
10. Hezekiah
11. Assyria
12. Manasseh
13. Josiah

3rd Quarter

1. Jeremiah
2. Approaching Doom
3. Last King
4. Captives
5. Daniel
6. The Dream
7. Three Hebrews
8. Nebuchadnezzar
9. Belshazzar
10. Daniel
11. Daniel 7
12. Daniel 8, 9
13. Daniel 10-12

4th Quarter

1. Haggai/Zerubbabel
2. Zechariah
3. Temple Two
4. Esther
5. Queen
6. Ezra
7. Nehemiah
8. Builders
9. Plotters
10. Reformers
11. Jesus
12. Deliverer
13. The Sabbath

2021

1st Quarter

1. Jesus
2. It's Time
3. Mary
4. Simeon/Anna
5. The Wise Men
6. The Child Jesus
7. The Voice
8. Victory
9. Messiah Found
10. Marriage Feast
11. The Temple
12. Nicodemus
13. John the Baptist

2nd Quarter

1. Samaritan Woman
2. The Nobleman
3. The Lame Man
4. John the Baptist
5. The Anointed One
6. Peter
7. Capernaum
8. The Leper
9. Levi-Matthew
10. The Sabbath
11. The Disciples
12. The Centurion
13. The Demoniac

3rd Quarter

1. Woman/Jairus
2. The Seventy
3. The Disciples
4. Misunderstandings
5. Broken Barriers
6. Jesus' Ministry
7. Who Is Jesus?
8. Lawyer/Ruler
9. The Children
10. Lazarus's Family
11. Zacchaeus
12. Mary
13. James and John

4th Quarter

1. The King Comes
2. The Pharisees
3. The End of Time
4. Servanthood
5. The Last Supper
6. Gethsemane
7. The Trial
8. Calvary
9. Resurrection
10. Mary Magdalene
11. The Emmaus Road
12. By the Sea
13. Jesus' Ascension

2022

1st Quarter

1. The Mission
2. The Holy Spirit
3. The Lame Man
4. Ananias/Sapphira
5. God's People
6. Stephen
7. Paul
8. Peter
9. Paul/Barnabas
10. Gentiles Included
11. Spreading Good News
12. The Thessalonians
13. The Ephesians

2nd Quarter

1. The Corinthians
2. Workers for Christ
3. Romans/Galatians
4. Last Journey
5. Adventures and Trials
6. Philemon
7. Colossians/Philippians
8. Final Arrest
9. Before Nero
10. John the Beloved
11. Patmos
12. The Revelation
13. Church Triumphant

3rd Quarter

1. First Believers
2. Seekers
3. Wycliffe
4. Luther
5. Zwingli
6. French Reformation
7. English Reformers
8. French Revolution
9. American Reformers
10. William Miller
11. Prophecy Fulfilled
12. The Sanctuary
13. God's Law

4th Quarter

1. Future Glory
2. Renewal
3. Investigative Judgment
4. Origin of Evil
5. Snares
6. Great Deception
7. The Papacy
8. Spiritual Challenge
9. The Bible
10. Last Chance
11. Time of Trouble
12. Deliverance
13. The End
14. The Beginning

2022 scope & sequence

1st Quarter

1. Last Words and Witnesses
2. The Promised Gift
3. Reflecting Jesus
4. Truth and You
5. Power. Perseverance. Purpose.
6. The First Christian Martyr
7. Go the Distance
8. Evidence of Conversion
9. The Epicenter for Missions
10. Us and Them
11. Faith Works
12. Hope Against Hope
13. The Inspiring Minority

Scripture Story: Acts 1:1-11.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 1-3.
Scripture Story: Acts 2:1-39.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 4, 5.
Scripture Story: Acts 3; Acts 4:1-31.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 6.
Scripture Story: Acts 4:32-5:11.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 7.
Scripture Story: Acts 5:12-6:7.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 8, 9.
Scripture Story: Acts 6:8-15; 7:44-49.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 10, 11.
Scripture Story: Acts 9:1-18.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 12-14.
Scripture Story: Acts 12:1-23; 1 Peter; 2 Peter.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 15, 51, 52.
Scripture Story: Acts 11:19-26; Acts 13; Acts 14:1-26.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 16-18.
Scripture Story: Acts 15:1-17.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 19-21.
Scripture Story: Acts 17:1-34; Acts 18:1-17.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 22-24.
Scripture Story: Acts 18:18-28; 1 and 2 Thessalonians.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 25, 26.
Scripture Story: Acts 19; Acts 20:1.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 27, 28.

2nd Quarter

1. Love Is Patient
2. More Than a Job
3. God's Heart for You
4. That's My Story
5. Lasting Loyalty
6. Trading Places
7. A Good Report
8. A Part. Not Apart.
9. Army of One
10. Love Power
11. The Revelation
12. Forever Faithful
13. Like Light

Scripture Story: 1 Corinthians; 2 Corinthians.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 29-32.
Scripture Story: 1 Thessalonians 2:6, 9; 2 Thessalonians 3:8-12; 2 Corinthians 11; 1 Timothy 6:10-19; Colossians 1:25-29; Titus 2:6-8.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 33, 34.
Scripture Story: Romans; Galatians.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 35, 36.
Scripture Story: Acts 20:4-23:35.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 37, 38.
Scripture Story: Acts 25:1-12.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 39-42.
Scripture Story: Acts 28:11-31; Philemon.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 43.
Scripture Story: Colossians; Philippians.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 44, 45.
Scripture Story: 2 Timothy.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 46, 47.
Scripture Story: Luke 21:12; 2 Timothy.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 48, 49.
Scripture Story: 1 John 1:5-10; 1 John 4:7-16; 2 John 1:7-11.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 53-55.
Scripture Story: Revelation 1:9.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 56.
Scripture Story: Revelation.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 57.
Scripture Story: Matthew 16:18; Revelation 7:9-17; Ephesians 2:19-22.
Commentary: *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 58.

3rd Quarter

1. A High Price for Faith
2. The Bible and You
3. Light of the World
4. Standing for the Right
5. Great Humility
6. Swimming Upstream
7. Commitment Under Fire
8. Two Witnesses
9. Lift Up Your Head
10. You Are Gifted
11. Final Warning!
12. Cleaning Up
13. Truth Shackled

Scripture Story: Matthew 24; 2 Timothy 3:12.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 1, 2.
Scripture Story: Daniel 7:25; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-7; Revelation 12:6.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 3, 4.
Scripture Story: Psalm 119:105; Matthew 10:17-22.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 5, 6.
Scripture Story: Romans 1-3; John 15:19, 20.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 7, 8.
Scripture Story: Isaiah 57:15; James 4:6; Isaiah 41:10.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 9, 10.
Scripture Story: Acts 5:25-42.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 11, 12.
Scripture Story: Romans 1:8-17.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 13, 14.
Scripture Story: Revelation 11:1-14.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapter 15.
Scripture Story: Luke 21:7-28.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 16, 17.
Scripture Story: 1 Corinthians 12:4-28.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 18-20.
Scripture Story: Revelation 14:6-8; Matthew 25:1-13.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 21, 22.
Scripture Story: Hebrews 8:1-6; Hebrews 9:11-15, 18-25.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 23, 24.
Scripture Story: Matthew 5:17-22.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 25, 26.

4th Quarter

1. Know God, Know Yourself
2. Shut Door. Open Books.
3. The SInDrome
4. Good Over Evil
5. The Deadly Lie
6. True Power
7. The World's Worst Terrorist
8. Discovering Daily Disciplines
9. Run for Your Life
10. The Time of Trouble
11. The End of the World as We Know It
12. Wiping the Slate Clean
13. Earth's Makeover
14. Eternal Liberation

Scripture Story: 1 Samuel 17.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapter 27.
Scripture Story: Genesis 7:6-23.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapter 28.
Scripture Story: Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:11-17; Revelation 12:7-9.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 29, 30.
Scripture Story: Mark 5:1-19.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 31, 32.
Scripture Story: Genesis 3:1-5; Psalm 146:4; Isaiah 38:18, 19; Revelation 16:13, 14.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapters 33, 34.
Scripture Story: 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4; Revelation 13.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapter 35.
Scripture Story: Revelation 12:17; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2 Peter 3.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapter 36.
Scripture Story: Daniel 6:3-10; Exodus 20:8-11.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapter 37.
Scripture Story: Revelation 18:1-14.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapter 38.
Scripture Story: John 20:1-18.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapter 39.
Scripture Story: Daniel 12:1, 2; Revelation 1:7; Revelation 7; Revelation 14-17; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; John 14:1-4.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapter 40.
Scripture Story: 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 20.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapter 41.
Scripture Story: Revelation 15:1-4; Revelation 20:7-15; Revelation 21 and 22.
Commentary: *The Great Controversy*, chapter 42.
Scripture Story: Malachi 3 and 4.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 60.

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January

1—Last Words and Witnesses [p. 11]

The last words a person speaks are usually of utmost importance—especially if they *know* they’re the last words they will speak. Christ’s last words were no different.

8—The Promised Gift [p. 19]

The Holy Spirit is one of the greatest gifts that God offers us. But do we see Him as a gift worth receiving?

15—Reflecting Jesus [p. 27]

It was evident when talking with Peter and John that they had spent time with Jesus. Can people say that about us?

22—Truth and You [p. 35]

God calls us to radical authenticity and uncompromising character. Unfortunately, Ananias and Sapphira didn’t heed the call.

29—Power. Perseverance. Purpose. [p. 43]

Whether as a religious leader or a teenager, we are empowered by God not only to overcome tribulation, but also to develop our giftedness to be used for His glory.

February

5—The First Christian Martyr [p. 51]

Stephen was brought to court on trumped-up charges, permitted a brief defense, and then executed. Serving God exacted a price then—and it does now.

12—Go the Distance [p. 59]

Saul’s work of destruction was so thorough that Jesus had to arrest him, change his name, and set him on a different road. A road with a purpose.

19—Evidence of Conversion [p. 67]

As demonstrated in Peter’s life, Jesus isn’t looking for perfect people to follow Him. He’s looking for real people who can be changed by His love.

26—The Epicenter for Missions [p. 75]

Antioch was the crossroads of the Roman Empire from which God launched His people full throttle into missionary work. But it doesn’t stop there.

March

5—Us and Them [p. 83]

Tensions arose between the Gentile and Jewish believers. But through sharing stories of how God was working among them, they rekindled the heart of their mission to the world.

12—Faith Works [p. 91]

Merely believing in the “right” things isn’t enough in this world. We must be firmly grounded in God’s Word in order to make right choices.

19—Hope Against Hope [p. 99]

When we have heard the good news repeatedly, the effect seems to wear off. But where would we be without hope?

26—The Inspiring Minority [p. 107]

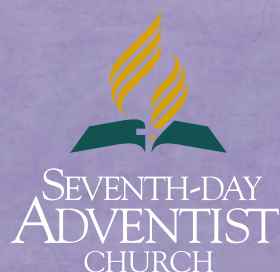
Paul made some enemies by his preaching—he cut into the sale of idols. But God never said that standing for what is right would make us popular.

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