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a word about what's ahead...

The goal of *Cornerstone Connections* is to lead you to the Bible to see the big story of God and people. This big story continues from the first generation in Eden to your generation today. It's about the lives of people as the God of the universe interacts with them.

If you are looking for a word from God that is **real**, *Cornerstone Connections* captures the message of Scripture and challenges you to make the connections to your real life.

God's Word is not only real; it is rock-**solid**. For the first generation to hear God's voice in the garden as well as the last group standing before Christ at the Second Coming, the Word of God has been and continues to be reliable.

The word from God comes to us in the **stories** of people who encountered Him and made a decision to either follow Him or walk away.

Real. Solid. Stories. You will find one in *Into the Story* in each lesson. *Out of the Story* will provide you with ways to search for truth you can apply to your life. In each lesson you will also find:

- **What Do You Think?**—a mental activity to get your mind and heart in gear for the story to follow. Every time you approach a Bible story, you are coming to it in the context of the story in which you live every day.
- **Did You Know?**—a brief statistic or definition that digs a little deeper into the story or simply provides some helpful facts to bring to the lesson.
- **Key Text**—a verse that points out a key concept from the story. It is also a great place to find verses that you can memorize and store away for later use.
- **Punch Lines**—a few other verses from Scripture that punctuate key concepts of the lesson. You may see connections between them and the Bible story as well as your own life.
- **Flashlight**—a brief snapshot of Ellen White's input on the story. These glimmers that shed light onto the biblical passage will also give you a glimpse of what awaits you in the suggested weekly reading from her inspired commentary on the stories—the Conflict of the Ages.*
- **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 apply to you personally.

Welcome to *Cornerstone Connections*.

—The General Conference Sabbath School Department

PS: Don't forget to check out the reading plan.

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The early Christians faced nightmarish circumstances in order to stand for their faith. But their relationship with God was so strong that it gave them courage to face the worst.

9—The Bible and You [p. 9]

One of the greatest crimes during the Dark Ages was that of owning a Bible. But God had a remnant then—and now—who value and guard His Word.

16—Light of the World [p. 13]

Have you ever thought that God's Word is merely a collection of irrelevant muck? A dull read? Think again!

23—Standing for the Right [p. 17]

Even men such as Martin Luther, the great Reformer, struggled with their faith. No matter who we are, God has the ability to reform us into spiritual giants to accomplish His grand purposes.

30—Great Humility [p. 21]

God often chooses the humblest people to accomplish the most extraordinary things. This was true for the Reformers, and it's still true for us today.

August

6—Swimming Upstream [p. 25]

Peer pressure is unavoidable. And it doesn't stop after high school. But it can be positive if we decide what we want out of life and then hang around people who will help us get there.

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Often our problems are so bad that we try to pretend they don't exist. But acknowledging their existence and God's power over them can make all the difference!

20—Two Witnesses [p. 33]

A witness is someone who testifies to what they have seen and heard. Two witnesses give even greater clarity. What impact have the witnesses of God's Word made in your life?

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Walking with our heads down can make it so we can't see clearly enough, and we could run into something! How much more important is it to lift our heads to see spiritual things?

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Too few of us understand what it means to receive God's spiritual gifts and talents. It isn't a privilege. It's a responsibility.

10—Final Warning! [p. 45]

The early Advent believers sold everything, and waited in their homes and on hillsides for the coming of Jesus. What are we willing to do in order to give a final warning message to the world?

17—Cleaning Up [p. 49]

The ancient Jewish sanctuary service was messy—blood everywhere. But the hope that it offered ancient Israel is the same hope that it offers us today.

24—The Imprisonment of Truth [p. 53]

The Sabbath has always been controversial. And if you are a Sabbath-keeper, then sometime in your life you're bound to have this belief challenged. But what is the best defense?

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