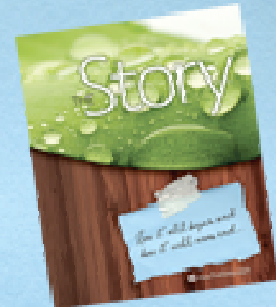


The Story Guide

A guide to help you
Live and Share
the Gospel within "The Story."



“I had always felt life first as a story and
if there is a story there is a storyteller.”

— G.K. Chesterton

Section 1:

Living in the Story

The Story **God** is telling.

Central to God's design is learning to view all 66 books and 1189 chapters of the Bible as one unified story with one foundational plotline and purpose, namely, to communicate that God Almighty is on a mission to rescue humanity from its fallen and idolatrous condition for the glory of His name.

“Know the story you profess to be participating in. Know it well and tell it with enthusiasm. Tell it like other stories that excite and compel you.”

Charlie Peacock, The New Humanity

“Many people know stories from the Bible but do not know the story of the Bible. That’s like having a handful of pearls with no string to link them together.”

Colin S. Smith

Unlocking the Bible Story

Section 2:

Understanding the Story

Reference Book Perspective

This view pictures the Bible as a series of stories that are more or less disconnected from one another. This approach is man-centered because it turns the Bible into a “how to” book for making the good life better.

One Story Perspective

This view pictures the Bible as a singular story of God who is seeking to redeem lost humanity for the glory of His name. This approach is God-centered because it views the Bible as the story of God's purposes and plans.

“The Bible isn’t mainly about you and what you should be doing. It’s about God and what he has done.”

Sally Lloyd-Jones, The Jesus Storybook Bible

e Story **Believers** Need

When we enter into the story in this way, we come to see that the gospel is for unbelievers but that it's also for believers: it saved, it saves, and it will save us by the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

Story **Unbelievers** Need

Unbelievers need to hear as much of this story as possible because they no longer have a basic understanding of it.

Main Lesson for Today Is...

The Bible is one grand story with one central plot and purpose, namely, to communicate that God Almighty is on a mission to rescue humanity from fallen and idolatrous condition for the glory of His name.