

The Story Maker

TRAINING



EQUIPPING CHILDREN TO KNOW & SHARE GOD'S STORY



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A STORY CAN DO MORE
THAN TEACH YOU.

*A story can
transform you.*

SALLY LLOYD-JONES

WELCOME TO THE STORY MAKER TRAINING

Based on *The Story Maker Film* and *The Story Maker Booklet*, this guide helps you explain God's rescue in Jesus to children. Children who know Jesus are some of the most passionate evangelists. They are positioned to reach their peers as well as the adults who know them best.

Whether you want to explain the gospel to your own children or the children you shepherd at church or school, this training is designed just for you! It walks through each part of God's Story and gives you tips for how you can share it with children at their level of understanding.

We cannot wait for more children to know the beauty of God's rescue in Jesus! Thank you for partnering with us in maximizing the reach of God's Story worldwide.

For the gospel,
Spread Truth



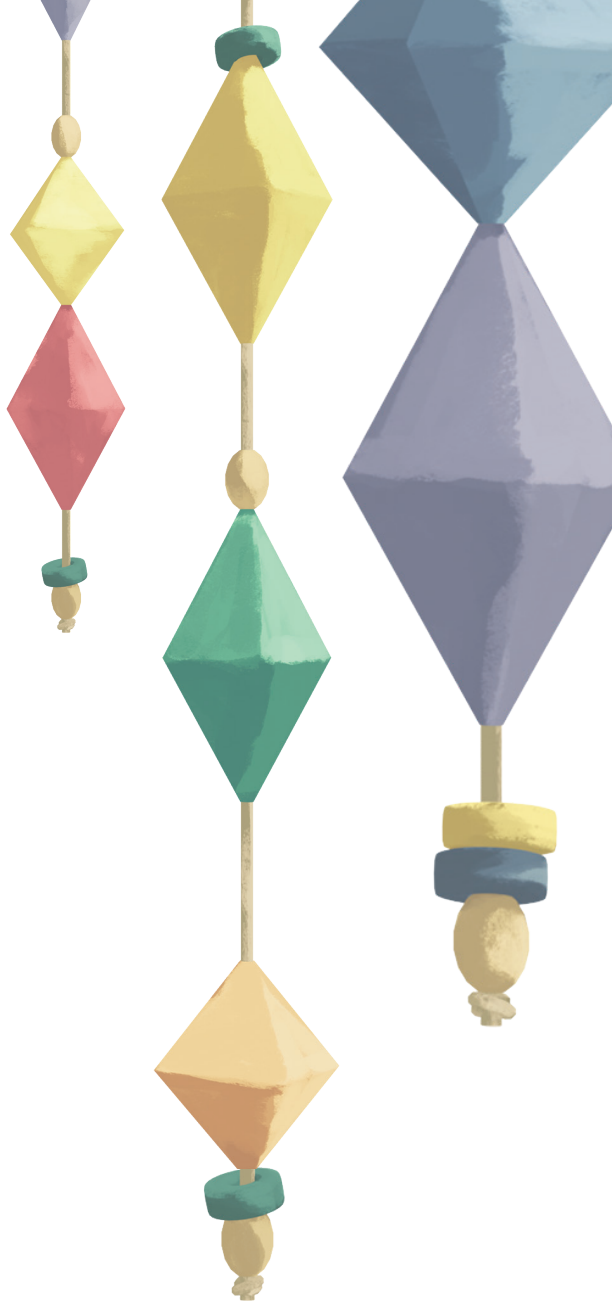
TEACHING POINT

This guide is organized to help you effectively explain the beauty of God's Story to a child. Work through each section at your own pace. Alter the structure and approach for your setting and the ages of the children you are teaching. You could do one story point a day or one a week—whatever works best for helping your children grasp God's rescue in Jesus!



ACTIVITY

Each lesson comes with several applicable activities to work through with the children if you would like. Some include downloadable content which can be found on TheStoryMaker.com/Resources. Samples can be found in the Appendix (p. 29).



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IT TAKES A
village
TO SAVE A SOUL.

LON ALLISON

CREATION

How did it all begin?



CREATION: Learning How It All Began

In addition to knowing the creation account, children must see that they are living in this part of God's true story, even today. We must share with our children that everything in the entire universe was made by God and that everyone is made in the image of God. We must help them see people through the lens of the gospel story. That is how we will spark in our children a desire to see all people find rescue in Jesus!

Lesson 1: God

Every story has an author. Even the story of you and me and the whole universe has one: It's God! God is the author of everything we know and everything we haven't even discovered yet. He has no beginning and no ending—just like His love for you and me. Let's learn more about Him.

God is powerful, majestic, and always good. God pours never-ending love into everything He does. In love He hung the stars in the sky and leaves on the trees. And before He created anything, He lovingly planned for you to come into the world and to know Him. Our Creator King delights in everything He's made, especially you. We were made in the image of God. He created us with many of His own attributes and qualities. He gave us creativity, joy, love, reason, dignity, worth, morality, justice, kindness, intelligence, and more.



TEACHING POINTS

- God is the all-powerful Creator King. (*Ps. 95:3*)
- God has no beginning and no end. (*Rev. 1:8*)
- God knew you before He created the world. (*Ps. 139:13–16*)
- God does everything out of love. (*1 John 4:7*)
- God delights in you as His creation. (*Zeph. 3:17*)



KEY VERSES

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

Psalm 90:2 ESV

"Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

1 John 4:7–8 NLT

"God is love."

1 John 4:16 ESV

"I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God."

Isaiah 45:5 ESV

"You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you."

Nehemiah 9:6 ESV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Who is God?

He is Creator King of everything.

How long has God existed?

God has existed forever and ever.

How would you describe God's heart?

God's heart is full of never-ending love.

BIBLE STUDY

Read Psalm 90:1–2, Psalm 18:30, and 1 Timothy 1:17.

What did you learn about God in these verses?

He is the King! God has no beginning and no end, God lives forever. God is eternal and immortal and invisible. He is perfect and never changes.

Read Ephesians 4:6, Zechariah 14:9, and Psalm 95:3 and ask:

Why is God the King of everything?

Because God made everything, He is the rightful owner and ruler and King over all.



ACTIVITIES

Help the children process the concepts from the lesson by completing one or more of the following activities.

- Download the **Truth or Trash card game** available at TheStoryMaker.com.
- Download the **Bible Code worksheet** available at TheStoryMaker.com.
- Download and print the **God coloring sheet** for each child. As the children color the picture, have each one summarize *Lesson 1: God* out loud and in their own words.

