

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Week 1 Large Group Script

Prop Suggestions: Books of the Bible printed and hung on the wall. You can make it fun by doing them in differing fonts, colors, or shapes.

LGL: Bring in your own Bible and use as your "prop" when you refer to the Bible each week.

-SLIDE- Welcome

Start kids countdown once all classes are present

-SLIDE- Series Intro (2-5 min)

Hey kids! Welcome to kids church. I'm so glad you could be here today. We're gonna have fun, right? Let's get started.

We're starting a new series today called the Storyline of the Bible! Who's excited to learn about the Bible? **(allow a few kids to answer)** Does anyone know why we read the Bible? **(allow a few kids to answer)** That's right! The Bible is God's instruction manual. It tells us everything we need to know to live a life that honors God.

(Hold up your Bible) This is a big book, isn't it? It's got lots of pages and weird names that are hard to pronounce. It talks about things that happened a long, long, long time ago. It might seem too hard to understand. But, here's the good news. It's not! You know why? Because the Bible tells a story from beginning to end.

It's not unlike any other book you have to read for school. It's a story with different characters and places. But, the bible is better than any other book because God wrote it! If God wrote it, I think we should all want to read it.

We'll talk some more about that in a few minutes but let's get ready to sing our first song. This will be our song for the series. It's about praising God for all He's done because we couldn't do anything without Him.

Let's sing nice and loud and praise Him!

-SONG- Me without You (3 min)

That was great! Good job. I think God loves to hear all your voices praising Him. Now, let's sit down so we can hear about our Big idea and Key Question for the day.

-SLIDE- Big Idea: The whole story of the Bible is about Jesus. (repeat with kids)

-SLIDE- Key Question: Why is Jesus the most important person in the Bible?

I want to find out why, don't you? Let's listen to the video to find out why Jesus is the most important person in the Bible.

-VIDEO- Storyline week 1 (2 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Who did God make a special promise to? (Abraham)
- Who comes from Abraham's family tree? (Jesus)
- Who is the Bible all about? (Jesus)

The Bible tells a story. It starts in Genesis, when God created everything. I mean, everything, even people. God wanted to be friends with us. But, before the book of Genesis even ends, people messed up. Sin entered the world and broke that friendship with God. But, thankfully, God had a plan. He used guys like Abraham, Moses and Joshua to help Him. You know what the coolest thing is? **(hold up your bible and show old testament section)** Every story from the old testament, you know the first part of your bible, points to Jesus. We don't actually meet Jesus until the new testament **(hold up bible showing new testament)** but the whole old testament is pointing to Him. See, Jesus is the hero of the story. He's the one that fixes our broken relationship with God. We'll talk more about this over the next few weeks.

Let's stand up and let's say our memory verse for this week.

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: In the beginning, God **(point to the sky)** created the heavens **(hands raised, fingers twinkling)** and the earth **(arms open wide in front of body)**. Genesis 1:1 **(Repeat)**

Great job! I hope you practice that at home this week. I challenge all of you to memorize this verse. It's nice and short.

Now let's sing again, praising God for all He's done for us. Let's worship!

-SONG- Greatly to be Praised (3 min)

Great job! Let's take a look at the Key Question again.

-SLIDE- Key Question: Why is Jesus the most important person in the Bible?

-SLIDE- Answer: Because the whole story of the Bible is about Jesus. He's the hero of the story because He came to fix our broken relationship with God. No other character in the Bible could say that. Jesus came to forgive our sins so we could be right with God and live with Him in heaven some day.

The bible is a really big book. It's the most important book you could ever read. We'll learn more about it next week, but for today, remember what it's all about.

-SLIDE- Big Idea: The whole story of the Bible is about Jesus.

Don't forget to take home your kids guide and talk about it with your parents this week!

-SLIDE- Let's Pray

-SLIDE- Let's go to small groups