

HIS STORY. YOUR STORY.

WEEK 1: GOD'S STORY

DISCOVERING THE OVERARCHING STORY OF THE BIBLE



BIG IDEA: We need to know God's Story in order to share His Story.

DATE: Wednesday, January 31 & Sunday, February 4

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:1-16

OPENING QUESTION

What is your favorite type of movie or book?

God's Story contains just about all of these elements – all nonfiction of course. For the next 7 weeks we are going to look at God's Story and our part in His Story. We need to know His overarching story in order to share His story!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the four parts to God's story?

2. How does knowing the big picture of God's Story change your relationship with God and others?

Let's read about when sin was first introduced into the story.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 3:1-16 (NIV)

³Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with

her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." ¹¹And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹²The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

What does this passage teach us about God?

What does this passage teach us about humanity?

But there is also hope found in these verses. Did you know the first mention of the gospel is found in these verses? Can you find which verse it is?

APPLICATION EXERCISE

The 3 Circles Exercise. (Video Link: <https://vimeo.com/227782208>)

SUPER SUNDAY REMINDER: Next week wear your team gear (most spirited LifeGroup will win a free breakfast) and bring a breakfast item to share.

CHALLENGE: Download the 3 Circles app for free at the "Life on Mission" app then you will have this tool with you wherever you go! Practice it on your kids, friends, co-workers and be open to sharing it with someone.

If you purchased the Your True Story book, follow along with this reading plan starting February 4. There are short, powerful daily readings that will greatly enhance this series.

READING PLAN

2/4: Day 1 **2/5:** Day 2 **2/6:** Day 3 **2/7:** Day 4 **2/8:** Day 5 **2/9:** Day 6 **2/10:** Day 7