

# Foundations



*For the Glory of God, we learn, obey, and teach His Word.*

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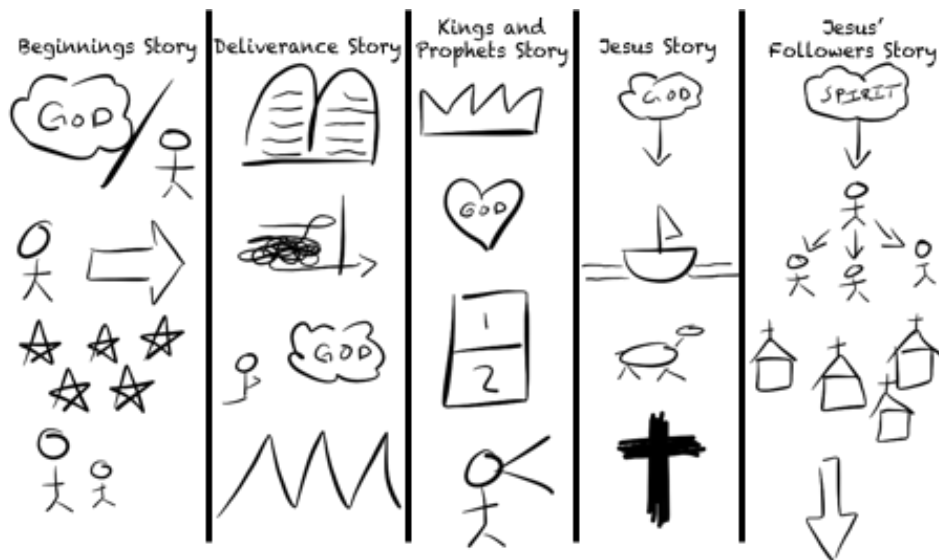
# Foundations Teaching Instructions

## **What is *Foundations*?**

*Foundations*<sup>1</sup> is a basic overview of the Bible and hermeneutical tool to equip followers of Jesus to understand, apply, and teach others God's Word. In Bible school terms, *Foundations* teaches Old Testament and New Testament Survey, Beginning Hermeneutics, and a Preaching Practicum. *Foundations* is more than a set of training materials, but rather it seeks to integrate what Christ followers may already know with what they still need to learn. In this way, *Foundations* is a process for providing tools for followers of Jesus and churches to abide in Christ daily, and to teach others His Word.

## **How is *Foundations* taught?**

*Foundations* is divided into 5 sections. Each section includes 1 summarizing overview story, 1 timeline that gives a visual understanding of the section, and 5 individual Bible stories that give an in depth understanding of that section of the Bible. With each overview story and individual story there are drawings to give visual aid to what is occurring in the story, and this is very helpful to those in the training who are not able to read and/or write.



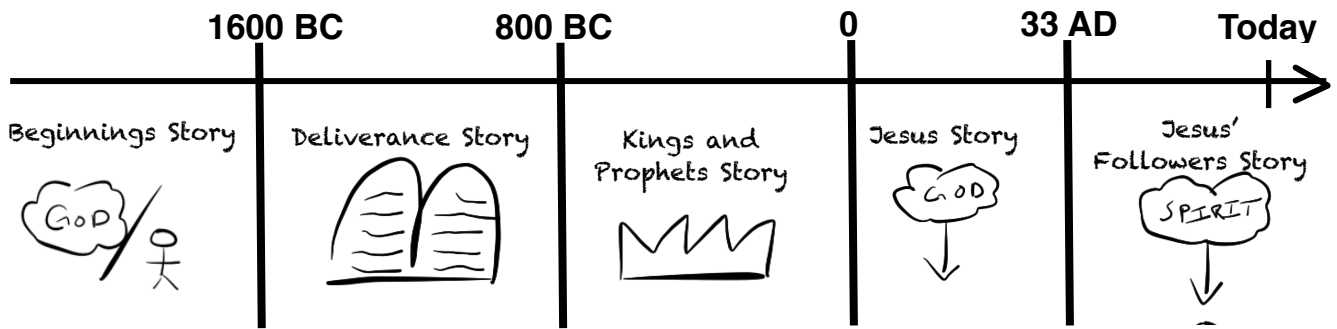
## **How to use the *Foundations* workbook?**

There is a workbook component to each of the 25 individual Bible stories. With each story there are corresponding drawings, as well as a main point sentence that gives a summary of that story. The page after the story is designed to encourage the trainee to read 2 specific chapters from the Bible that are connected to the Bible story. For each of the 2 chapters there are four questions that are to be asked to give a better understanding of the Bible story. The following 4 questions should be asked and answered from each chapter: 1) What do I learn about God? 2) What do I learn about man? 3) Is there a sin in this story that I should avoid doing? 4) Is there an example or command in this story to follow? To conclude each story there will be 2 additional questions asked: 1) What should I obey from this story? 2) What should I teach others from this story?

This Foundations training can be given over the course of 2-3 full days once a month for 5 months, or weekly for 26 weeks. Timing of when and how often to give the training can be determined based off of the availability of the pastors and/or their church members.

<sup>1</sup> This workbook is compiled from the Foundations training as adopted by Jared H.

## Bible Overview



### 1. What does the word “Bible” mean?

- The word “Bible” is translated from the word “Biblos” which were the papyrus \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible was originally written on.

### 2. How many books are in the Bible?

- \_\_\_\_\_ books in the bible (\_\_\_\_\_ Old Testament - \_\_\_\_\_ New Testament)

### 3. Who wrote the Bible?

- God through \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 3:16)
- About \_\_\_\_\_ authors

### 4. When was the Bible written?

- Over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - OT - \_\_\_\_\_ BC (Genesis) - \_\_\_\_\_ BC (Malachi) - In Hebrew
  - NT - \_\_\_\_\_ AD (Mark) - \_\_\_\_\_ AD (Revelation) - In Greek

### 5. How was the Bible put together?

- The church asked the following questions in determining if the book should be placed in the bible or not:
  - Was the author a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus?
  - Was the book widely \_\_\_\_\_ by the church?
  - Did the book have consistent \_\_\_\_\_ and truth?
  - Did the book have writings that provided high \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ values?

### 6. How is the Bible organized? (Taken from Secret Church)

- Old Testament (39 Books)
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s people
    - First \_\_\_\_\_ books (Genesis - Esther)
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s people
    - Next \_\_\_\_\_ Books (Job - Song of Solomon)
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ from among God’s people
    - Final \_\_\_\_\_ Books (Isaiah - Malachi)
- New Testament (27 Books)
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (5 Books)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ of the New Testament (Matthew - Acts)
  - The Letters to the Churches
    - 21 Books (Romans - Jude)
      - \_\_\_\_\_ books written by Paul (along with peers)
      - \_\_\_\_\_ books written by others (Peter, James, John, etc)
  - The conclusion of the New Testament
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Book (Revelation)

### 7. What does “Testament” mean?

- \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (OT - covenant with God and Israel/NT with God and His covenant with those who are believers in Christ)

## 8. What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament?

- a. The Old Testament is focused on God and His people \_\_\_\_\_. There are stories of God providing direction and commands, as well as how the people respond to God either through obedience or disobedience. The Old Testament speaking of a \_\_\_\_\_ who will one day come and reign over the people of God. There is continuous pointing to the future and the restoration of God and his people. This period is before the coming of Jesus.
- b. The New Testament focus on one person, \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus comes and fulfills all of the prophecy spoken in the Old Testament. Jesus fully displays how he restores all people to God.

## 9. What does the Bible say of itself? (Taken from Foundations)

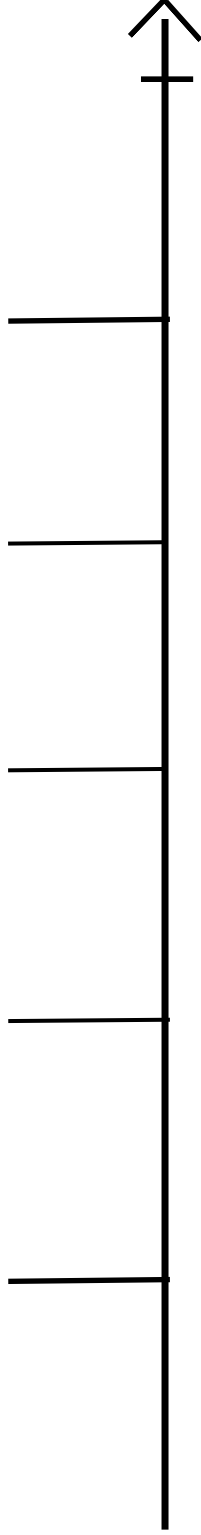
- a. Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  1. 1 Thessalonians 2:13 “13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.”
  2. 2 Timothy 3:16-17, “16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- b. Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ Book
  1. Hebrews 4:12, “12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”
- c. Bible is a book that lasts \_\_\_\_\_
  1. Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”
- d. Bible is \_\_\_\_\_
  1. 2 Peter 1:16 “For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”
  2. 1 John 1:1 “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.”
- e. Bible \_\_\_\_\_ my life
  1. Psalm 119:67 “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.”
  2. Psalm 119:105 “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”
- f. Bible \_\_\_\_\_ Me
  1. Psalm 119:107 “I have suffered much; preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.”
  2. Matthew 4:3-4 “3 The tempter came to him and said, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.’4 Jesus answered, ‘It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

## 10. Why should we read the bible?

- a. We read the Bible because it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. It gives guidance to our lives. It tells us who is God and what our purpose is for our lives. The bible is without \_\_\_\_\_ and is alive. We should \_\_\_\_\_ it to our lives from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_.

# Beginnings Timeline

(Each Bible story has a picture. Draw each picture in order on the timeline.)



Beginnings story



# Beginnings

## The Story of the Beginning of the World

**The Bible teaches that** in the beginning, there was nothing but God. God created everything in the world. God created the sun, moon, and stars. He created the plants and animals. Last, He created man. God made man different from all other things. God made man to have relationship with Him.

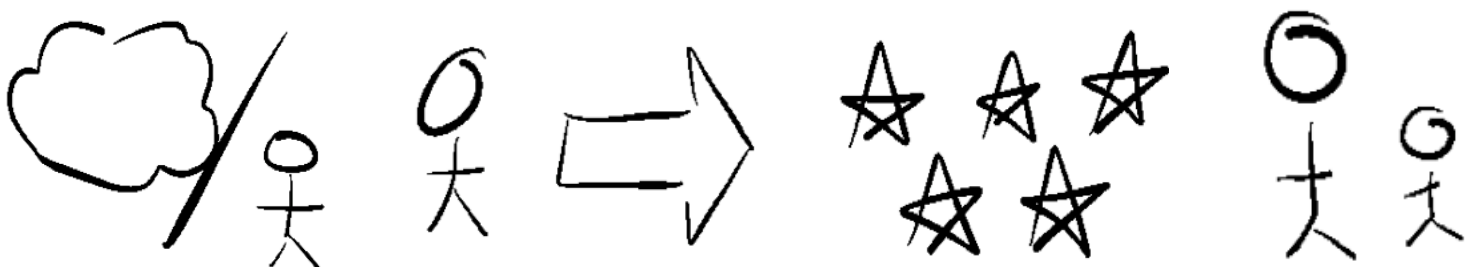
The first man was named Adam. His wife was named Eve. God placed Adam and Eve in a special garden. God had them manage everything that happened in it. He gave Adam and Eve freedom in the garden. God spent time with them there.

One of God's angels in heaven rebelled against God. That angel tempted Adam and Eve to disobey. Adam and Eve disobeyed a command God gave them. They sinned for the first time. This sin had to be punished. God had to send them away from His presence. He put them outside of the garden. Adam and Eve had children and their children had children and their children had children until the whole world was filled with people.

Years later, God spoke to a man named Abraham. God said, "Leave your country and your people...and go to the land that I will show you. I will make a huge nation of people from your descendants. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." Abraham left as God had told him. And Abraham worshipped God.

When Abraham was old, God promised to give him a son. God said to him, "Look up...and count the stars -- if you can...so many shall your offspring be." Abraham believed God. Because he believed, God considered him to be in a right relationship with Him.

God kept His promise to Abraham and gave him a son. And his son had children and their children had children until Abraham's descendants were very numerous. These people became known as the Israelites or the children of Israel. They are also called the Hebrews. **And this is a story from God's Word.**



# Creation

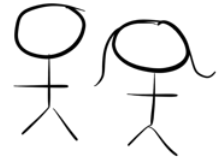
## The Story of God Creating Everything (Genesis 1 & 2)

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

1. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
2. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
3. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
4. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
5. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

**Teach:** Creation Story (Genesis 1-2)

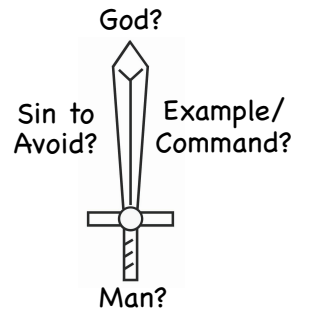
1. Share the creation story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** in the beginning, there was nothing but God. God created the Heavens and the Earth in seven days. Creation happened in this way. On the first day, God created day and night. On the second day, God created the water and the sky. On the third day, God created the land and the seas. Then, He produced vegetation on the land. He created plants and trees that had seeds and fruits. And each day God saw that it was good. On the fourth day, God created the sun and moon to light the day and night that He created on the first day. The sun and moon are to set the days, months, and years. And God saw that it was good. On the fifth day, God filled the water and sky that He created on day two. He created ocean creatures and birds, all according to their own kind. God told them to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. And God saw that it was good. On the sixth day, God filled the earth by creating all the land creatures, livestock, and wild animals according to their own kind. And God saw that it was good. Then, God said, “Let us make man in our own image.” And He did and said it was very good. On the seventh day, God rested from His work. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy. God created a garden in the east, in Eden. He put the man, called Adam, in this garden to take care of it. God saw that man needed a helpmate, but none could be found. So God put Adam in a deep sleep and created woman from man’s own body to be a companion for him. She was called Eve. Since woman is the same flesh as man, they are to join together and marry. God blessed man and told him to be fruitful and multiply and rule over the earth. Adam and Eve were naked in the Garden and were not ashamed. **And this is a story from God’s Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)
3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_



4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Genesis 1**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Genesis 2**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Genesis 2-3**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# The Fall of Man

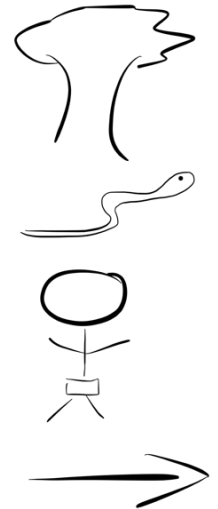
The Story of God's Judgment for the First Sin  
(Genesis 2 & 3)

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

**Teach:** The Fall of Man (Genesis 2-3)

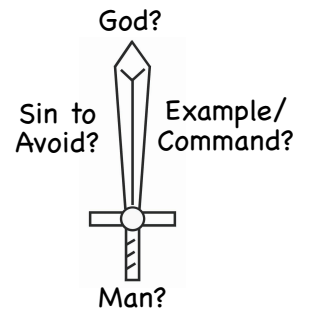
1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** God put Adam in the Garden of Eden to take care of it. God told him he could eat from any tree in the garden except from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If he ate from that tree, he would die. Satan, God's enemy, was disguised as a serpent. He tempted Eve by questioning what God told her. He told Eve that if she ate from that tree, she would not die; her eyes would be opened and she would be like God, knowing good and evil. Eve saw that the fruit of the tree was lovely and would give her knowledge. So she took some and ate it. She also gave some to Adam, and he ate it. Their eyes were opened, and they realized they were naked. So they covered themselves with fig leaves. Later, when God was walking in the garden and wanted to have fellowship with them, they hid. God called out to them. They told God that they were hiding because they were naked. God asked how they knew they were naked. God also asked if they had eaten from the forbidden tree. The man immediately blamed the woman. The woman blamed the snake that tempted her. Although both man and woman blamed another, God had to punish them for their disobedience. God condemned the serpent to crawl on the ground and be in opposition to woman for all time. God increased the woman's childbearing pain. God cursed the ground because of man's sin. Man would only be able to eat by his labor. And man would die and return to the ground from which he came. God clothed Adam and Eve in skins. He punished them for their sins by forcing them to leave the Garden of Eden forever. He put an angel at the entrance to the garden to prevent man from entering again. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Genesis 3**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Genesis 4**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Genesis 6-9**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Noah & the Flood

The Story of God Delivering a Remnant  
(Genesis 6-9)

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

**Teach:** Noah and the Flood (Genesis 6-9)

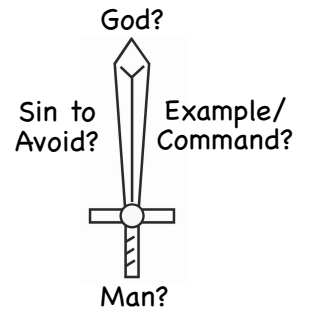
1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** Adam & Eve had children and their children had children until the whole earth was filled with people. God looked out on the world and saw man's wickedness. God saw that the thoughts of men's hearts were evil all the time. The Lord was sad because He created man, and His heart was filled with pain. The only good person God could find was Noah. Noah was a righteous man. He was blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. God said to Noah that He was going to put an end to the evil people on the earth. God gave him instructions to build a boat. God promised Noah He would protect him and his family. Noah was faithful to God and built the boat as God directed. Noah gathered each kind of animal and brought them on the boat as God instructed. God told Noah and his family to enter the boat with the animals. Then, God caused rain to fall on all the earth. God caused it to rain for 40 days and 40 nights. The water rose and covered all the land. Later, God caused the rain to end. The boat finally came to rest on top of a mountain. After a while, Noah opened the window of the boat. Three times, he sent out a dove. The first two doves found no place to rest and returned to the boat. The third dove did not return because the land was dry. God commanded Noah to come out of the boat along with his family and all the animals. God then commanded them to be fruitful. Noah built an altar and worshiped God. God made a promise with Noah that He would never again destroy the world with water. As a reminder of His promise for all generations, God put the rainbow in the sky. Noah and his children had children and those children had children until the earth was again filled with people. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Genesis 6**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Genesis 9**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

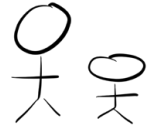
1. Read the next lesson: **Genesis 22-27**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

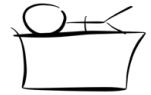
# Abraham's Sacrifice

## The Story of God Testing Abraham

(Genesis 22-27)



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Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.

Part 2

**Teach:** Abraham's Sacrifice (Genesis 22-27)

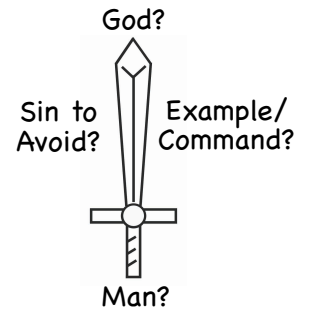
1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** many years after Noah, God called a man named Abraham. God promised to make a great nation from his descendants. God kept his promise by giving Abraham a son named Isaac. Later, God spoke to Abraham again. God told him to make a burnt offering. God said to take his only son, Isaac, whom he loved and present him as a sacrifice to God. Abraham had faith and did as God instructed. He took Isaac, two servants, a donkey, and wood for a burnt offering and departed. After three days, they reached the place God had instructed, called Moriah. This is the location where Jerusalem would later be built. Abraham left the servants and the donkey. He and Isaac went on toward the place of the offering. Isaac asked his father why there was nothing to offer as a sacrifice. Abraham replied that the Lord would provide the offering. When they reached Moriah, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood for a burnt offering. In faith, Abraham bound his son and put him on the altar, on top of the wood. He got ready to follow God's command and sacrifice his son. Just before Abraham killed his son, the angel of the Lord stopped him. The angel said God was honored that Abraham would obey and sacrifice even his only son. This pleased God. Then God provided a different sacrifice, a ram that was caught in the bushes. Abraham took the ram and killed it instead of his son as the burnt offering to the Lord. The Lord appeared to Abraham again. He said that since Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son, God would bless him and make his descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. His descendants would capture the cities of their enemies. All the nations of the earth would be blessed because of them. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Genesis 22**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Genesis 27**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

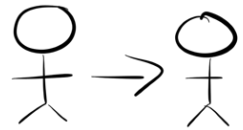
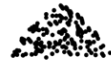
1. Read the next lesson: **Genesis 37-47**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Joseph in Egypt

The Story of God Leading to a Foreign Land  
(Genesis 37-47)

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Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.

Part 2

**Teach:** Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 37-47)

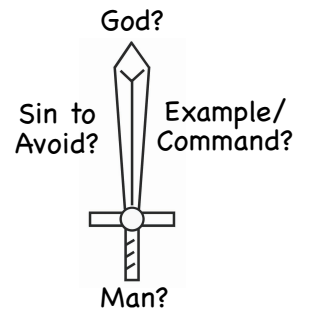
1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** one of Isaac's sons was Jacob. Jacob had twelve sons. Jacob's favorite son was Joseph. Most of Joseph's brothers did not like him because their father treated him best. One day, they were far from their father. The brothers sold Joseph to travelers who were going to Egypt. Then, they told Jacob that he was killed. In Egypt, Joseph was sold as a slave to a leader in the government. The Lord blessed Joseph and made him very successful. Joseph maintained his integrity and avoided sin in all that he did. Eventually, he interpreted a dream for the king. The dream showed that there would be seven years of plentiful crops followed by seven years of famine. Because of Joseph's wisdom, the king made him the most powerful person in Egypt except for the king. The king put Joseph in charge of collecting grain during the years of plenty and distributing food during the years of famine. Jacob and Joseph's brothers still lived in Canaan where there was also famine. Jacob sent all the brothers except the youngest, Benjamin, to Egypt to buy grain. They came to Joseph and asked for help. Joseph recognized them, but they did not know him. Joseph gave them food and sent them away. He said if they wanted more food, they would need to bring their brother, Benjamin. When his family again ran out of food, they returned and brought Benjamin with them. After Benjamin was accused of stealing, all the brothers offered to pay Benjamin's debt. This showed that Joseph's brothers had changed. Joseph revealed his identity to them and instructed them to bring their father to see him. Jacob came to Egypt with his family. Jacob was very happy to see Joseph, the son he thought was dead. The king gave them some of the best land in Egypt. The family grew and was very successful. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)
3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_



4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Genesis 37**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Genesis 45**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

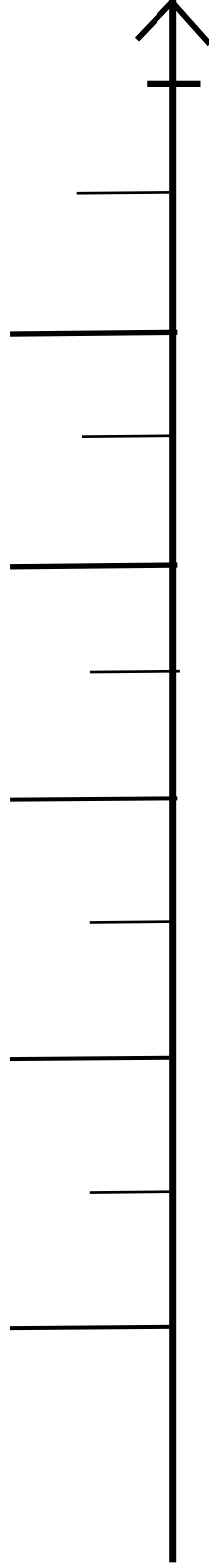
**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Exodus 2-14**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Deliverance Timeline

(Each Bible story has a picture. Draw each picture in order on the timeline)



Beginnings Story



Deliverance Story



# Deliverance

## The Story of God Fulfilling His Promise

**The Bible teaches that** many generations after Abraham, the Israelites became slaves in Egypt. In slavery, the people cried out to God for deliverance. God heard their cry. God sent a man named Moses to deliver them. God told Moses to lead His people to the Promised Land. Moses performed miraculous signs. These proved that God had spoken to him. Finally, after many signs, the Egyptians let the Israelites go.

God led His people out of Egypt, and He gave His law to the people. The law included the Ten Commandments. God wanted His people to be holy and fellowship with Him. God did not want them to be like other nations.

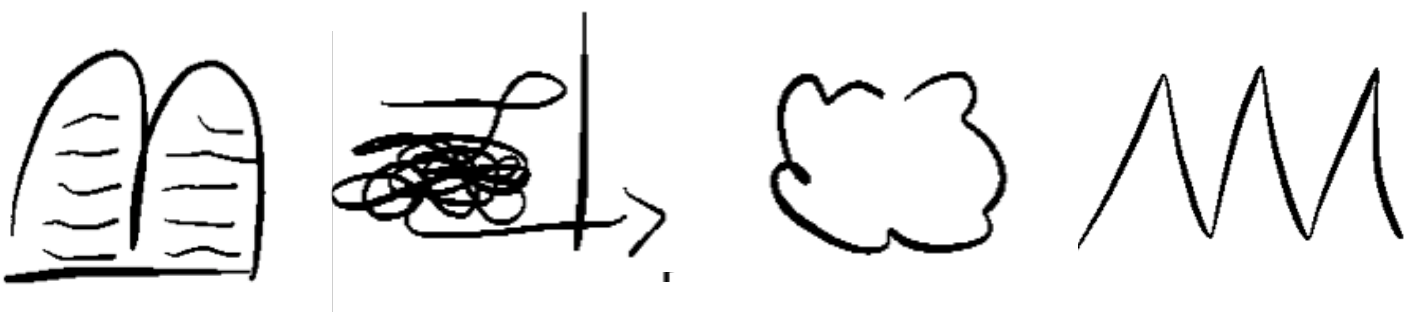
After the people received God's law, they continued on their journey to the land that God promised to Abraham. God told them to enter the Promised Land. But, they disobeyed God and did not enter the Promised Land. Because they disobeyed, God caused the Israelites to wander in the desert until the people who disobeyed died. Even Moses died, so Joshua became the leader of the Israelites.

Joshua led the people across the Jordan River and into the Promised Land. Then, Joshua and the people drove the inhabitants from the land. The Israelites settled it for themselves. Each family was given land. This was their inheritance of God's promise to Abraham.

After a long time, Joshua became old. He called the leaders of the Israelites together. Joshua said, "Worship the Lord your God only. Throw away any other gods that you have. Choose today who you will serve, but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." The leaders agreed with Joshua. They said they would follow only God the Creator.

For two generations, the Israelites kept their word and followed God alone. After that, the Israelites turned from the one true God and followed false gods. God was angry with His people. He allowed them to become slaves to other nations.

Time and again a good ruler would lead the people to follow the true God. After the good ruler died, the people would again turn to other gods. This was repeated over and over. **And this is a story from God's Word.**



# Exodus

## The Story of God Freeing His People

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
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Part 2

**Teach:** Exodus (Exodus 2-14)

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

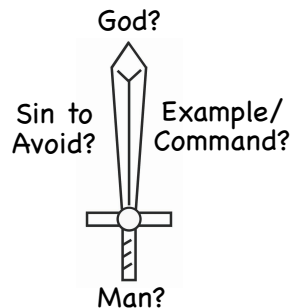
**The Bible teaches that** for more than 400 years the children of Israel, or Hebrew people, were slaves to the King of Egypt. The King of Egypt was called Pharaoh. The Hebrews cried out to God for deliverance. God heard them. God called Moses. God told him to lead His people out of Egypt and to the Promised Land. Moses went to Pharaoh. Moses told him to let the Hebrew people go. Pharaoh asked, “Who is the Lord that I should obey him? I do not know the Lord. I will not let Israel go.” Pharaoh did not let the people go; he increased their work. The people cried out. They blamed Moses for making their lives even more difficult. Moses spoke to God. Moses expressed his concerns and doubts. God said, “You will see what I will do to Pharaoh. Because of My Mighty Hand, he will let My people go. I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will take you to the land that I promised.” Moses had faith. He went back to Pharaoh. He asked him again to let the Hebrews go. This time, he gave signs from God. Pharaoh still would not let the people go. The Lord brought 10 terrible plagues on the Egyptians. The final plague was to kill all the firstborn sons in Egypt. But, before the final plague, God told Moses that each Hebrew family was to sacrifice a lamb. They were to take the lamb’s blood and put it around the door frames where they would eat the lamb. They were to eat quickly and be ready to move. God sent an angel to kill the firstborn sons. When the angel saw blood on a doorframe, he passed over and did not kill anyone. This is The Lord’s Passover. The angel killed the firstborn sons in every house without the blood. Then, Pharaoh told Moses to have the Hebrews leave. After the Hebrews left, the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart again. He and his army went after the Hebrews to bring them back to slavery. The Lord led the Hebrews safely through the sea. When the Egyptians followed, the Lord closed the sea over them. The Lord destroyed the Egyptian army. **And this is a story from God’s Word in the book of Exodus.**



2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Exodus 3**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Exodus 14**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Exodus 19-20**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# God's Commands

The Story of God Giving His Law to the People  
(Exodus 19-20)



Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.

Part 2

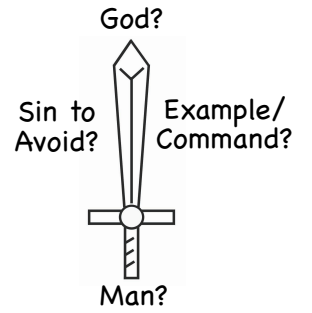
**Teach:** God's Commands (Exodus 19-20)

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** God led His people out of slavery in Egypt. Then, they came to the base of a mountain in the Wilderness of Sinai. Moses went up the mountain to meet with the Lord. The Lord told Moses to tell the Hebrew people that God brought them out of Egypt, out of slavery. All the nations of the world are God's; if the Hebrews obey His commands, He will make them a great nation. They will be His people and His treasured possession. They will be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. The people saw the miracles God was performing. Moses went down the mountain and told the people what God said. They all said they would obey God's commands. Moses took their answer back to the Lord. The Lord told Moses that when He speaks to him, He will come in a cloud. "The people will hear Me speaking to you and will always put their trust in you." God told Moses to go back down to the people. He said to tell them to wait at the base of the mountain and prepare to hear Him. On the morning of the third day, there was a cloud over the mountain. There was lightning and thunder. Then, there was a loud trumpet blast. God was speaking to Moses, and the people were afraid. God gave Moses the laws the people were to follow. God requires His people to be holy. The key to holiness is the law. Some of these laws were general. These include the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments have eight negative commands and two positive. Four of the Ten Commandments explain how we are to relate to and honor the Lord. The other six tell how we are to relate to each other in God's Kingdom. Other laws were about worshiping God and everyday living. Moses told the people all the commands of the Lord. The people all said, "We will do everything that the Lord has commanded." God's purpose in giving the law was to guide His sinful people into a better and closer relationship with Him. If the people would follow His law, they would be a holy nation. **And this is a story from God's Word in the book of Exodus.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)
3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Exodus 19**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Exodus 20**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

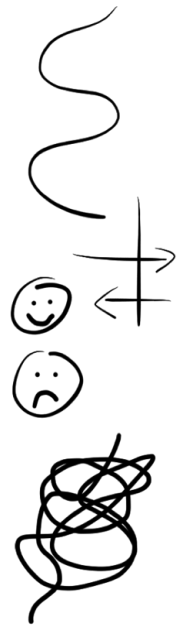
**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Numbers 13 & Deuteronomy 7**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# The Wandering

The Story of God Teaching His People  
(Numbers 13, Deuteronomy 7)



Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.

Part 2

**Teach:** The Wandering (Numbers 13, Deuteronomy 7)

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

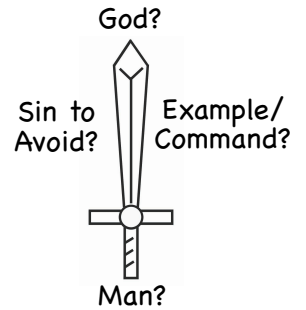
**The Bible teaches that** after God saved His people from slavery in Egypt, Moses led the people into the desert. He led them in a non-direct way toward the Promised Land. God chose this non-direct route so that they would not meet enemies. He did not want them to become afraid and want to go back to Egypt. God led them with a pillar of clouds in the day and a pillar of fire at night. As they journeyed, the people cried out for something to eat and drink. God provided food and drink in miraculous ways. As the people traveled, they continued to doubt Moses and God. They were afraid. But God was with them. God taught them how to be His Chosen People. Moses continued to talk with God. God gave him commands and instructions for the Hebrews. God told him how the Hebrews were to worship Him and live as His people. Moses sent a team of 12 spies into the Promised Land. Moses chose one man from each of the 12 tribes of Israel. The spies went to look at the land and see what was there. The spies went into the land for 40 days. They saw that the land was full of milk and honey. When the spies returned, they gave a report to Moses. They said that the land was plentiful. However, 10 of the spies gave a bad report. They said the land was filled with giants who would kill the Hebrews. These 10 spoke against going into the Promised Land. All the people heard this report and were afraid. Only 2 of the spies, Caleb and Joshua, gave a good report. They said the Hebrews could capture the land. They believed God's promises and believed He would lead them. Moses, his brother Aaron, Caleb, and Joshua wanted to go into the land. However, the people refused. God was angry because the people doubted that they could take the land God promised them. God told them that since they did not believe, they would journey in the wilderness 40 years. Everyone 20 years of age and older would die before the Hebrews could enter the Promised Land. However, Caleb and Joshua would enter the Promised Land since they believed. **And this is a story from God's Word in Exodus and Numbers.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_



4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Numbers 13**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Deuteronomy 7**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Joshua 1-2, 6**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# The Promised Land

The Story of God Leading  
(Joshua 1-2, 6)



Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.

Part 2

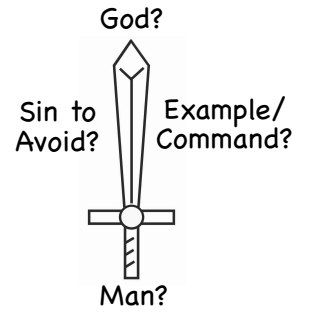
**Teach:** The Promised Land (Joshua 1-2, 6)

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** the Hebrew people wandered in the desert for 40 years. Then, God told Moses to select Joshua as the new leader. God told Moses that he would not be able to enter the Promised Land. But God led him to a high mountain and showed him the Land the Hebrews would possess. Then Moses died. He was described as the prophet “whom the Lord knew face to face.” After the period of mourning ended, the Lord spoke to Joshua. The Lord told him to get the people ready to cross into the Promised Land. The Lord said to him, “Be strong and courageous for I will be with you.” Joshua sent 2 spies to look at the city Jericho in the Promised Land. The enemy heard the spies were there and searched for them. A woman named Rahab hid the spies. Then, the spies returned to Joshua. They prepared to cross the Jordan River and enter the Promised Land. First, the priests took the Ark of the Covenant to the Jordan River. As soon as the feet of the priests touched the water, the river stopped flowing. All the Hebrews were able to cross on dry ground. Joshua had an altar built of stones from the river bottom. The nation worshiped God. One of the first cities to be conquered was Jericho. Jericho was a heavily fortified city. The Lord told Joshua to walk around the city one time with the Ark of the Covenant. Seven priests were to walk in front of it blowing trumpets. Soldiers were to walk in the front and the back. They did this for six days. On day seven, Joshua had them go around the city seven times. Then, Joshua told the priests to blow their trumpets. And he told the people to shout. When they did, the walls of the city fell down. The Hebrews destroyed everything and everyone in the city. However, they saved Rahab and her family because Rahab helped the spies. Joshua trusted God. He led the Hebrew people to many more victories. After the Promised Land was subdued, part of the land was given to each tribe of Israel to live on forever. **And this is a story from God’s Word in the book of Joshua.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)
3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Joshua 1**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Joshua 2 & 6**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Ruth 1-4**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Ruth

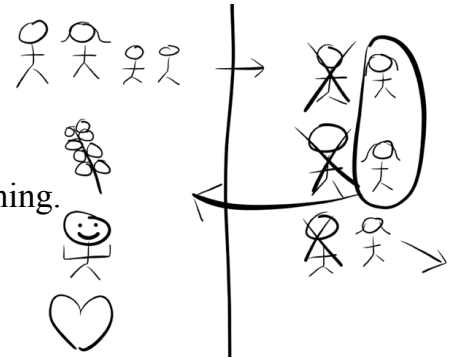
## The Story of God Calling Someone not of the Hebrews (Ruth 1-4)

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
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Part 2

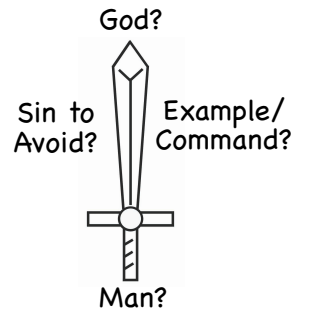
**Teach:** Ruth 1-4

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** in the time when Judges ruled Israel, there was a famine in the land. A man who lived in Bethlehem in the land of Israel had a wife named Naomi and two sons. The man took them to live in the land of Moab. The sons both married. The two young women were named Ruth and Orpah. Then, the father and both sons died. Naomi and her two daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah, were left to take care of themselves. Naomi decided to return to her home in Bethlehem. Naomi told Ruth and Orpah to remain in their home of Moab. Orpah remained there, but Ruth refused. What Ruth said is one of the most beautiful and loving passages in the Bible. Ruth said to Naomi, “Do not urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.” Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem. They arrived at the start of the barley harvest. There was a custom in those days. Once the fields were harvested, poor people could come into the fields and pick up left over grain. Naomi had a relative named Boaz. He owned many fields. Since he was a relative, Ruth asked Naomi for permission to pick up left over grain. This food allowed Ruth and Naomi to have something to eat. Ruth continued to work in Boaz’s fields. Boaz noticed Ruth and asked who she was. His foreman said that Ruth was Naomi’s daughter-in-law. Boaz knew his relative Naomi. Boaz learned of Ruth’s devotion to Naomi. Boaz spoke to Ruth. He said that he was impressed that she left her homeland. He also said he was impressed by the love and dedication that she showed for Naomi. Boaz said that he hoped she was richly rewarded by God under whom she had taken refuge. Boaz gave instructions for the workmen to let her have water and not to give her any trouble. Naomi told Ruth to stay in Boaz’s fields and get closer to Boaz. Ruth followed Naomi’s instructions. As things happened, Boaz and Ruth married. They had children. One of their descendants was Jesus. This is one way God showed His love for the entire world. A non-Hebrew became an ancestor of Jesus. **And this is a story from God’s Word in the book of Ruth.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)
3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Ruth 1**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Ruth 4**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3**

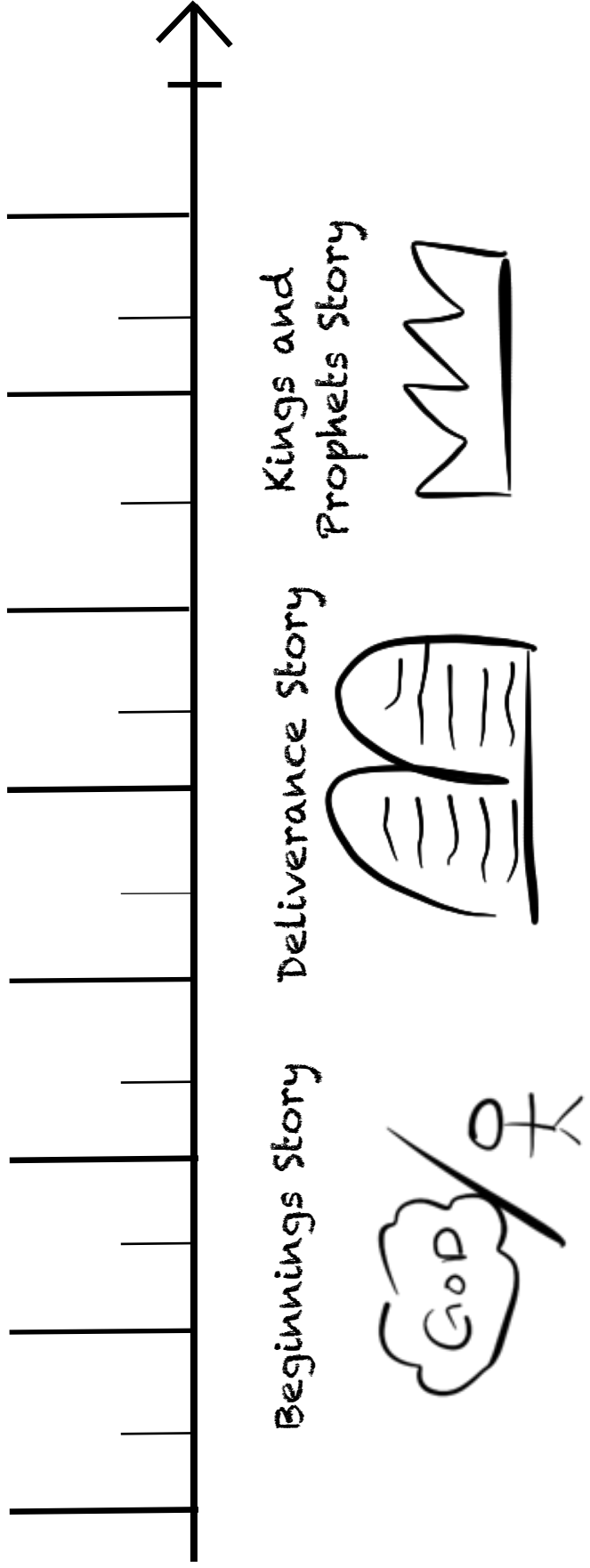
**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **1 Samuel 1-3**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Kings & Prophets Timeline

(Each Bible story has a picture. Draw each picture in order on the timeline)



# Kings and Prophets

## The Story of God's Chosen Leaders Ruling

**The Bible teaches that** after some time, the Israelite people cried out to God's spokesman, Samuel. They said, "Every other nation around has a king. Appoint a king over us so we will be like other nations." God heard what His people asked. God said to Samuel, "The people have again rejected me as their king. Give the people what they want, but warn them: The king will take your sons and daughters and make them work for him. He will take the best from the land. When that happens, you will cry out for relief from your king; but, I will not answer you." The people still demanded a king.

God told Samuel to anoint Israel's first king, King Saul. Initially, Saul was a good king. He led the people to many great victories. But, one day Saul became impatient with God. Samuel told Saul to wait for him to give the sacrifice to the Lord, but Saul gave the sacrifice himself. When Samuel arrived, he told Saul, "To obey is better than sacrifice. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has rejected you as king."

God sent Samuel to anoint another man, David, as king. David was called a man after God's own heart. David was not perfect, but he did try to lead God's people in the right way. After David, others became king. These others split the nation into two parts, Israel and Judah

Some of the kings in Israel and Judah were good kings. They led God's people to a closer relationship with Him. Some of the kings were bad kings. They led the people away from God. During these times, God sent many messengers called prophets. The prophets repeated what God told them to say. They spoke about future events that would happen if the people did not change their ways. They spoke about God's judgment for past actions. They predicted the future virgin birth of the Messiah. They also predicted that the Messiah would die on the cross to pay for the sins of all people.

Eventually, God allowed Israel and Judah to be conquered by other nations, His temple to be destroyed, and His people to become captives. After many years in exile, the Israelites were allowed to return. Through it all, they were waiting for God to send His Savior. **And this is a story from God's Word.**



# Samuel

## The Story of God's Prophet to His Kings

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

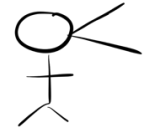


**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

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7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
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Part 2

**Teach:** Samuel

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

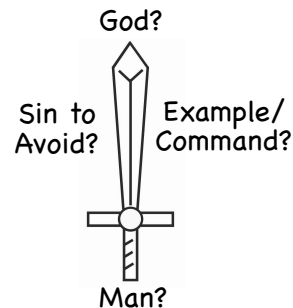
**The Bible teaches that** the parents of many of God's leaders, such as the parents of Isaac, Jacob, and John the Baptist, had trouble having children. So it was with Samuel's parents Elkanah and Hannah. For many years, they could not have children. Elkanah had two wives. His other wife had children. She constantly reminded Hannah that she could not have children. But Hannah was Elkanah's favorite and he continued to care for her and show her love. After many years of not having children, Hannah went to the place of worshipping God and prayed to have a child. She vowed that if she had a son, she would give him back to the Lord. The priest Eli saw Hannah praying and blessed her. The Lord also heard her pleas and granted her request. She became pregnant and had a son. Her son was to be called Samuel which means he who was requested from the Lord. When Samuel was about three years old, Hannah took him to the tabernacle to be dedicated to serve the Lord for his entire life. At this time, Eli's sons were serving as priests at the tabernacle. They were abusing their powers by taking some of the peoples' sacrifices that were made to the Lord. The Lord spoke to Eli and told him that his sons and his entire family would no longer be the priests because they sinned and did not follow God's commands. One day when Samuel was serving in the tabernacle, the Lord called his name. He thought that it was Eli calling him, so Samuel went to answer Eli's call. This occurred three times. The last time the Lord spoke, Eli realized what was happening. He told Samuel to answer the Lord. He did and the Lord told him to proclaim that the words the Lord had spoken to Eli that his family would no longer be blessed. Samuel followed God's instructions. God then blessed Samuel and walked with him. God fulfilled everything Samuel prophesied. All the people of Israel knew that Samuel was a prophet of the Lord. And Samuel's words came to all Israel. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_



4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**1 Samuel 1**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**1 Samuel 3**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

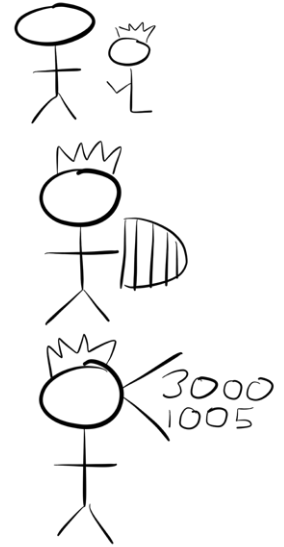
**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **1 Samuel 9 & 17, 2 Samuel 5**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Three Kings of Israel

The Story of God giving His People Kings  
(1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings)



Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
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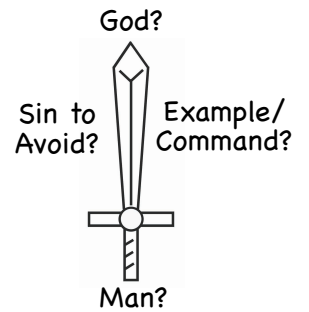
**Teach:** Three Kings of Israel

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** God chose Saul to be the first King of Israel and sent Samuel to anoint him. He was a tall handsome young man whose father was Kish from the tribe of Benjamin. Saul fought against all the enemies of Israel and won many battles. One time Saul performed a sacrifice himself instead of waiting for Samuel as God commanded. He also kept the best animals instead of sacrificing everything as God said. Both showed Saul's disobedience to God. Samuel told Saul, "...to obey is better than sacrifice." Because of Saul's disobedience, God eventually said "I regret that I made Saul king for he has turned away from Me and has not carried out My instruction." A spirit of evil entered Saul and even though he was king for many more years, he was not pleasing to God. During the reign of Saul David was anointed king but it was many years before he reigned as king. In David's youth, he played musical instruments for the king; he slew Goliath, a giant Philistine warrior; he became Saul's armor bearer and Saul loved him. But Saul finally came to hate David and tried to kill him. David won many battles for Israel. After Saul's death, David was crowned King. David subdued other nations and at last gained control of all the land God had promised his forefathers. David was a godly man but he was still a sinner. He loved Bathsheba and had her husband killed so he could marry her. A prophet confronted David and he confessed His sin and asked for forgiveness. David was truly a man after God's own heart. David ruled for forty years At David's death his son Solomon became king. God appeared to Solomon and asked "What should I give you?" Solomon asked for wisdom. Because Solomon asked only for wisdom God also gave him riches and honor. Solomon used the wisdom that God gave him to build the Temple and increase the riches of Israel. Solomon had 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines. He allowed his wives to worship their own gods. Solomon composed 3,000 proverbs, and his songs numbered 1,005. Solomon ruled for forty years. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)
3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4.
5. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**1 Samuel 9**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**1 Samuel 17 & 2 Samuel 5**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **1 Kings 1 & 2 Chronicles 10**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Divided Kingdom

The Story of God's People Dividing

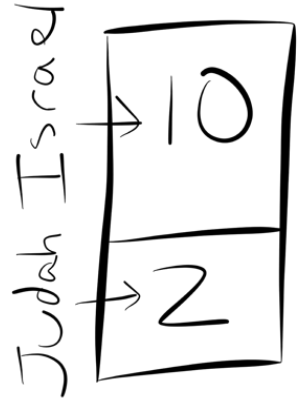


Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

**Teach:** Divided Kingdom

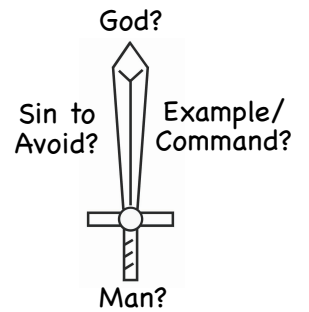
1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches** that Solomon lived about 900 years before Christ. Solomon was the son of David, the King that God loved. God promised Solomon that if he followed God, then God would bless him. But if he did not follow God and decided to worship other gods, then God would cut Israel off from the land He had promised them. At first, Solomon was a good king. However, he had many wives. Most of these wives were from other tribes or countries. They brought their gods with them. Solomon and the Hebrews became corrupted because they began to worship these other gods. Because Solomon turned away from God, God told him that He would tear the kingdom away from him and give it to his servant. This did not completely occur until after Solomon's death. Rehoboam was one of Solomon's sons. Rehoboam was named king after his father's death. Immediately there were problems. As he was being crowned king, the people came to him and asked him to reduce the requirements Solomon had put on them. Rehoboam sought advice from both Solomon's wise older advisors and his younger friends. He listened to his younger friends and told the people that he would place more demands on them than Solomon had. Because Rehoboam did not follow the Lord, God allowed 10 of the Hebrew tribes to rebel and form the northern kingdom called Israel. They were allowed to seek their own king. They selected Jeroboam as their king. He had been a servant to Solomon and the supervisor of his building projects. Jeroboam was not considered to be a good king because he built temples at other locations and changed the ways the people worshiped God. At first, Rehoboam was king over all of Israel since he was the son of Solomon. Because of the rebellion, His kingdom became only those tribes that remained - the tribe of Judah and most of the tribe of Benjamin. Therefore the Kingdom was divided and would never again be one nation with all the tribes together. There was war between the two kingdoms for all of Rehoboam's life. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**1 Kings 1**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**2 Chronicles 10**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Jonah 1-4**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Jonah

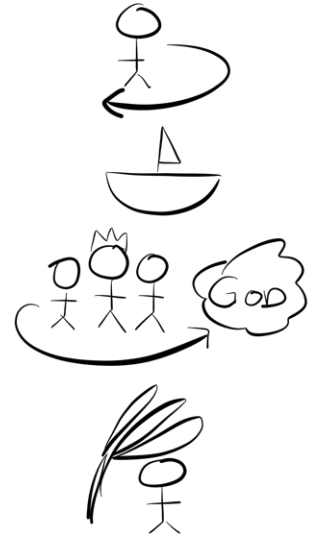
## The Story of the man who ran from God

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

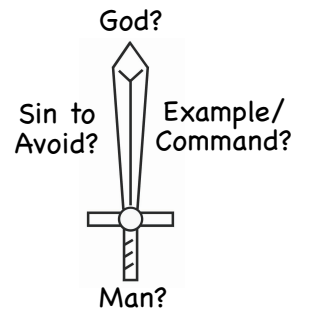
**Teach:** Jonah

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** there was a Prophet named Jonah who lived about 800 years before Christ while the kingdom was divided. The Word of the Lord came to Jonah. The Lord told Jonah to go to a large city called Nineveh and preach against them and command them to repent from all their sins or He would destroy their city. But Jonah ran away from God toward a city that was in the opposite direction from Nineveh. He went to a nearby port city and got on a boat going to Tarshish to run from the Lord. A violent storm arose on the sea. The sailors were very afraid. They threw all the cargo overboard to lighten the boat and prayed to their gods. But the storm continued. Jonah confessed that he was to blame for the storm because he was running from the One True God. After trying everything to save the ship, the sailors asked God's forgiveness and threw Jonah overboard. The Lord provided a great fish to eat Jonah and save him from the sea. He was in the stomach of the fish for three days. Jonah prayed to God for deliverance and God had the fish place Jonah on dry land. The Lord spoke to Jonah a second time, again telling him to go to Nineveh. This time he went and preached repentance as the Lord had commanded. When the king and the people of the city heard his message, they all repented and turned to the Lord. When the Lord saw their repentance, He forgave them and did not destroy their city. Jonah became angry because the Lord did not destroy the city as Jonah had predicted. He went and sat outside the city. The Lord had a plant grow overnight to provide him shade and then the next day had a worm destroy it. God asked Jonah that if He wanted to give and take away shade, why would The Lord not be more interested in the welfare of an entire city. By caring for an entire Gentile city, God was showing that He is concerned for the entire world, not just the Hebrews. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)
3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Jonah 1**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Jonah 4**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Daniel 1-6**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Daniel

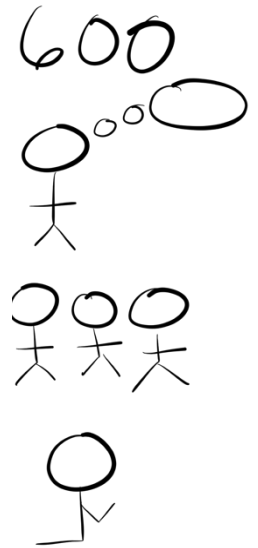
## The Story of one of God's Prophets

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

**Teach:** Daniel

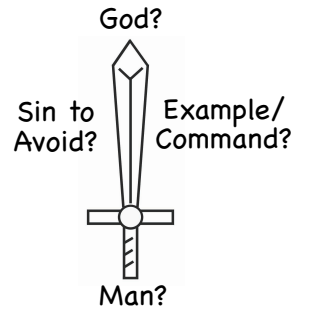
1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** Daniel was a prophet for the One True God. Daniel was born into the household of the Judean nobility about 600 years before Christ. When he was young, Babylon captured Jerusalem and carried away many of the Temple treasures along with many people. The officials of Babylon chose Daniel, three of his friends, and other the young men of the nobility to go to Babylon. They were to learn the language and culture of Babylon. As part of their training, the young men were to eat special food and drink. But, Daniel asked if he and his friends could eat their traditional food and drink, vegetables and water. After a period of testing, Daniel and his friends were healthier than the other young men. God gave these four young men great wisdom, and He gave Daniel the understanding of visions and dreams. The young men went into the service of the king of Babylon. The king had troublesome dreams and asked all his advisors the meaning of the dreams. No one could tell him except Daniel. The dream was about the remainder of the king's rule and the world after the king died. Later, the king built a statue of a god that everyone had to worship. Daniel's three friends said they would not worship any god other than the One True God. The king had them thrown into a hot furnace to die. The friends did not die and came out of the furnace without any harm to them or their clothing because God was with them. One time the king said that no one could worship anything or anyone except him. If they did, they would be killed. Daniel continued to worship the One True God and not the king. Although Daniel was the king's friend, the king could not change the law. Daniel was thrown into a lions' den in the evening. The next morning, the king ran to check on his friend. Daniel came out without any injuries. The king had those men who falsely accused Daniel thrown into the same lion's den. The lions immediately killed them. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)
3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_



4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Daniel 3**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Daniel 6**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

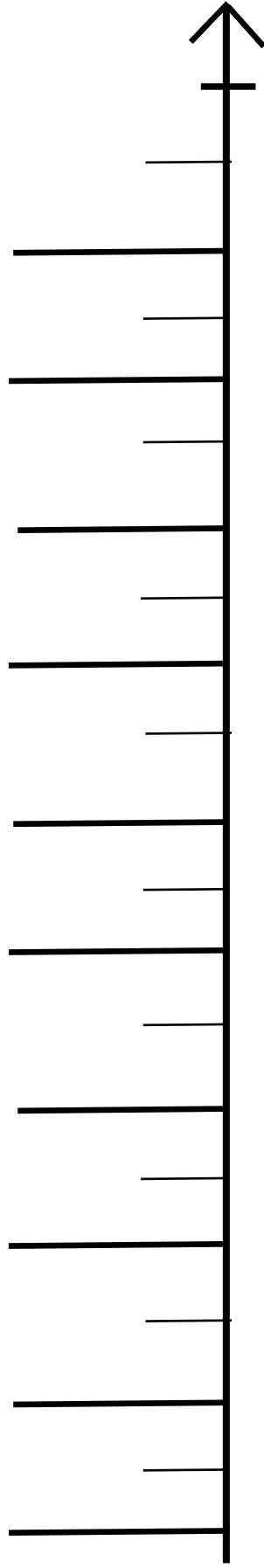
**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Matthew 1-2**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Jesus Timeline

(Each Bible story has a picture.)  
Draw each picture in order on the timeline)



Beginnings story



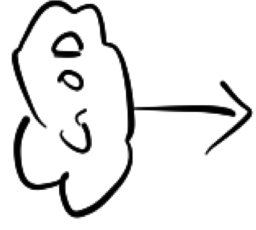
Deliverance story



Kings and  
Prophets story



Jesus story



# Jesus

## The Story of God Providing the Perfect Sacrifice for All Peoples

**The Bible teaches that** after many years of silence, the angel of the Lord appeared to a poor virgin girl named Mary. Mary was a descendant of Abraham and King David. The angel told Mary that even though she had never been with a man, she would have a Son by the Spirit of God. The angel told Mary the Son would be the long awaited Savior. His mission would be to save people from their sins.

After Jesus was born, He grew in favor with God and man. When Jesus was about 30 years old, He began to teach and do great miracles.

One time, Jesus and His followers were in a boat crossing a lake. Jesus fell asleep in the boat. A storm came up. Jesus' followers were afraid. They woke Him up. Jesus spoke to the wind and the waves. He commanded them to stop, and they stopped. His followers were amazed that even nature obeyed Him.

Another time Jesus taught. He said, "The miracles that I do in my Father's name speak for me...I know my sheep, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them out of my hand." These miracles and teachings prove that Jesus is God!

When Jesus claimed to be God, the teachers of the law became angry. They decided to kill Him. Jesus is the only person who has ever lived without sin. Therefore, He did not deserve death. God had a plan. Jesus' death would be the final sacrifice for the sins of the world. Jesus did not sin. He died on a cross to pay for our sins!

The story does not end there. After three days God raised Jesus back to life! This proves that the power of God is greater than the power of sin and death. As Jesus taught, the Bible tells us that if we confess our sins to God and believe that Jesus' sacrifice paid for our sins, we can be forgiven. Once we are forgiven, we can have our relationship with God restored like it was before Adam sinned. **And this is a story from God's Word.**



# Jesus' Birth

The Story of God's Son Come to Earth  
(Matthew 1-2)



Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
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Part 2

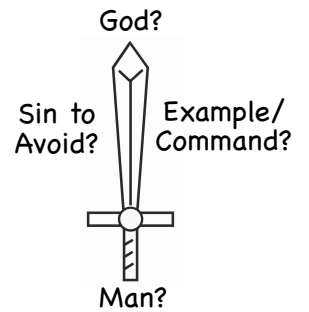
**Teach:** Jesus' Birth (Matthew 1-2)

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** about 2000 years ago, there was a young girl named Mary. She was engaged to be married to Joseph. Before they were married, Mary found that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good, religious man. He wanted to do what was right. He did not want to embarrass Mary. He planned to divorce her quietly. But, an angel of the Lord told Joseph that the baby was from the Holy Spirit. The angel said he should still have Mary as his wife. Joseph did as the angel said. Mary and Joseph were married. But Joseph did not have relations with Mary until after the baby was born. While Mary and Joseph were waiting for their baby to be born, the emperor said that everyone had to pay taxes. To pay taxes, all people had to return to their family's home city to be counted. Mary and Joseph were descendants of King David, so they traveled to Bethlehem. Many people were coming into this small city. There were no rooms where Mary and Joseph could stay. They finally found shelter in a stable for animals. This is where Mary gave birth to Jesus. The Savior of the world was born in a humble stable. His first bed was a food container to feed animals. At the same time, shepherds were guarding sheep in fields nearby. An angel of the Lord appeared to them. God's glory was all around them. The shepherds were afraid. The angel of the Lord said, "Don't be afraid...I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people." The angel said that a baby was born that day in Bethlehem. The baby is Christ the Lord. The angel told the shepherds where they could go to worship Him. Then, many angels began praising and worshipping God. When the angel left, the shepherds went to Bethlehem. They wanted to see the miracle the angel told them about. They found the baby lying in a manger. After they saw the baby, the shepherds told everyone about their experiences. Everyone was amazed. Mary kept these things in her heart. The shepherds returned to their sheep. They were glorifying God for all they had seen and heard. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)
3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Matthew 1**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Matthew 2**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Luke 5, Matthew 10**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Jesus' Disciples

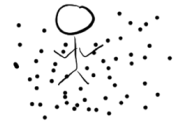
## The Story of Jesus Calling Disciples to Teach & Lead

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
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Part 2

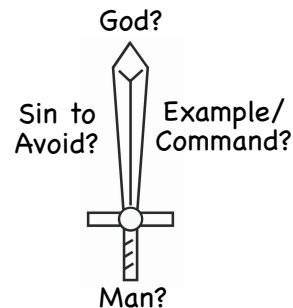
**Teach:** Jesus' Disciples

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** during Jesus' ministry on earth He gathered people around Him. Jesus invited everyone to become His followers. His followers are called disciples. He invited religious people who were looking for God. He also invited the worst sinners. These followers traveled with Jesus and heard His teachings. From His many followers, Jesus chose 12 men that He called His Apostles. He taught them His complete purpose for coming to earth. He revealed mysteries about the Kingdom of God to them. Jesus trained the Apostles to share His teachings with others. He trained them to help others to understand His teachings. Jesus' primary teaching was to be like Him. The 12 Apostles spent more than 3 years learning from Jesus. He taught them deeper teachings about God. One time, Jesus was asked what law was most important. He said, "...Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind and the second is like it. Love your neighbor as yourself." The disciples learned more than just good ideas. They also learned to show compassion to others. They were with Jesus when He healed a young girl and a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years. Jesus showed them many miracles. These miracles proved that He was not just a good teacher, but truly the Son of God. They witnessed Him drive out demons, heal blind men, and preach the Good News. They even saw him bring people who had died back to life. As the disciples learned, Jesus sent them out to tell His message. One time, He sent His 12 Apostles. Another time, He sent 70 of His disciples. Jesus said, "I send you like lambs among wolves." He gave them authority over unclean spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. They were to find places of peace and share the Gospel. If their teachings were accepted, they were to remain there and minister. But if their teachings were rejected, then they were to move to another place. After Jesus' death and resurrection, before His ascension, He commanded His followers to go as missionaries. Jesus said go to the whole world and tell the Good News. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)
3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Luke 5**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Matthew 10**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Luke 8, John 11**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Miracles

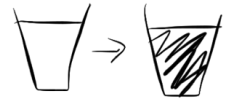
## The Story of God's Divine Intervention

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

**Teach:** Miracles

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

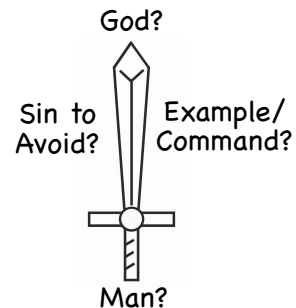


**The Bible teaches** that during Jesus' ministry here on earth He performed many signs and wonders or miracles. In the first miracle that Jesus did, He turned water into wine at a wedding in Cana. By this miracle, "He displayed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him." Many of Jesus' miracles were personal. He touched a person, or a person touched Him. Once, the Apostle Peter's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. Jesus touched her hand, and the fever left. Her healing was complete. She immediately got up and served them a meal. Once, a woman who had a bleeding problem touched Jesus. She was immediately healed. Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" The woman confessed. Jesus told her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well." In other miracles Jesus would simply speak, and people would be healed. There was a man who was paralyzed. His friends took him to Jesus. They made a hole in the roof of a house to get the man close to Jesus. Jesus saw the faith of the men. He told the paralyzed man, "Get up, pick up your mat and walk." The man leaped up and walked. Once, a military leader came to Jesus and asked Him to heal his servant. He told Jesus to just say the word and his servant would be healed. Jesus praised him for his faith. Then, Jesus said his servant was healed, and he was healed immediately. Jesus loves people very much. One time, 5,000 people came to hear Him speak. He performed a miracle to feed them. He took 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. He blessed them, broke them, and gave them to His disciples. They fed all 5,000 people. Jesus also has power over death. His friend Lazarus died. He was buried and was in the grave four days when Jesus came to his home. Jesus told Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Lazarus came out alive. Jesus performed many other miracles that are not written in the Bible. "But these are written so that you may believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in His name." **And this is a story from God's Word**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)
3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_



4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Luke 8**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**John 11**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Luke 22, Matthew 27**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Jesus' Death

## The Story of the Trial & Crucifixion of God's Son

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

**Teach:** Jesus' Death

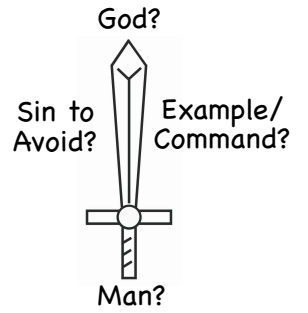
1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:



**The Bible teaches that** on the week of Jesus' death He came to Jerusalem. He rode on a donkey. People laid palm leaves in front of Him. They shouted, "Hosanna." This was a triumphant entry for Jesus. It made the Jewish leaders angry. They began to plan to kill Jesus. All that week, Jesus went to the Jewish religious place to teach. This made the Jewish leaders angrier. Near the end of the week, there was a Jewish holiday called Passover. Jesus asked His disciples to prepare a place to celebrate Passover. They ate bread and wine. This meal became known as the "Last Supper." As they ate bread and wine, Jesus said to remember Him when they celebrate in the future. At the meal, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples. This showed that they should be servants to all people. After the supper, Jesus and His disciples went to a garden to pray. Jesus prayed to God. He asked if He really needed to die. Then, Jesus said, "Not what I want but what You want." That night, Judas, one of His 12 disciples, betrayed Jesus. Servants of the Jewish High Priest arrested Jesus. He was taken to the High Priest. Witnesses were brought to accuse Jesus of wrongdoing, but they could not. The High Priest asked Jesus if He was the Son of God. Jesus said that He was. The Priest said Jesus was a blasphemer and should be killed. They spit on Him, teased Him, and beat Him. They sent Him to the Roman governor to be judged. The people demanded that Jesus be killed. He was beaten and given to Roman soldiers to be crucified. Jesus was nailed to a wooden cross between two thieves. While Jesus was on the cross, the soldiers and Jewish leaders laughed at Him. They yelled at Him to save Himself. Jesus asked God to forgive the people because they did not know what they were doing. Jesus cried out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" He felt separated from God because of the sins of all people. Finally, He gave up His spirit and died. Because the next day was the Sabbath, He was immediately taken down. He was wrapped in linen and spices. He was buried in a borrowed tomb. Guards were placed around the tomb because the Jewish leaders requested this. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)
3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Luke 22**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Matthew 27**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **John 20, Matthew 28**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Jesus' Resurrection

The Story of God's Son Come Back to Life

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

**Teach:** Jesus' Resurrection

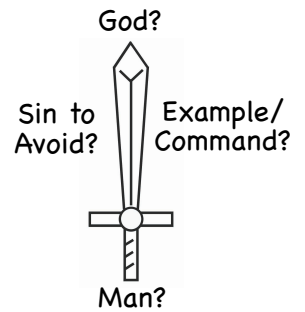
1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** after Jesus' death, His disciples were confused and sad. On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and other women went to Jesus' tomb. They went to anoint Jesus' body with spices. They approached the tomb. It was being guarded. The women were talking about how to roll the stone away from the tomb opening. Then, an earthquake struck and rolled the stone away from the opening. The women saw an angel of the Lord sitting on the stone. The angel appeared as lightning. The guards were very afraid. They panicked and ran away. The angel told the women not to be afraid. The angel said Jesus is not there. He is risen! The women looked into the tomb. They saw that the body was not there. They ran to tell the disciples the exciting news. The disciples could not believe what the women had seen. When Mary told Peter and John, they ran to the tomb to see for themselves. They saw the grave clothes lying there, but the body was not in them. Later, Jesus appeared to two disciples as they were walking on the road to Emmaus. They reported what they saw. The other disciples did not believe them. Later, the disciples were eating together. They still felt sad and alone. They were wondering about the meaning of Jesus' death. Suddenly, Jesus appeared to them physically. Then, they believed. After Jesus rose from the dead, He was seen by Peter, Mary, the disciples, other believers, and more than 500 people. All these people could testify that Jesus did rise from the dead. After His resurrection Jesus called His disciples to Him. He told them to go into the entire world and make disciples of all nations. He told them to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He promised to be with believers forever. Then, He rose from their sight. He now sits in Heaven at the right hand of God. The disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They were continually in the Jewish religious place praising God. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**John 20**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Matthew 28**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

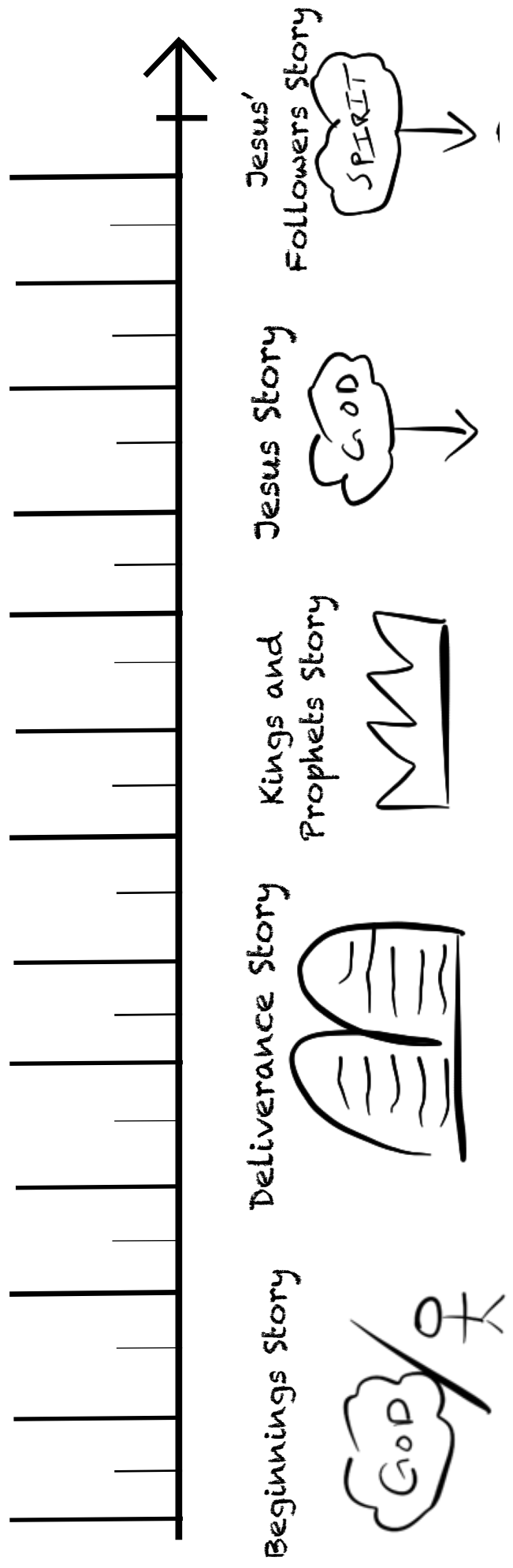
**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Acts 1-9**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Jesus' Followers Timeline

(Each Bible story has a picture.  
Draw each picture in order on the timeline)



# Jesus' Followers

The Story of Jesus' Followers as the Church  
Grows and He Returns

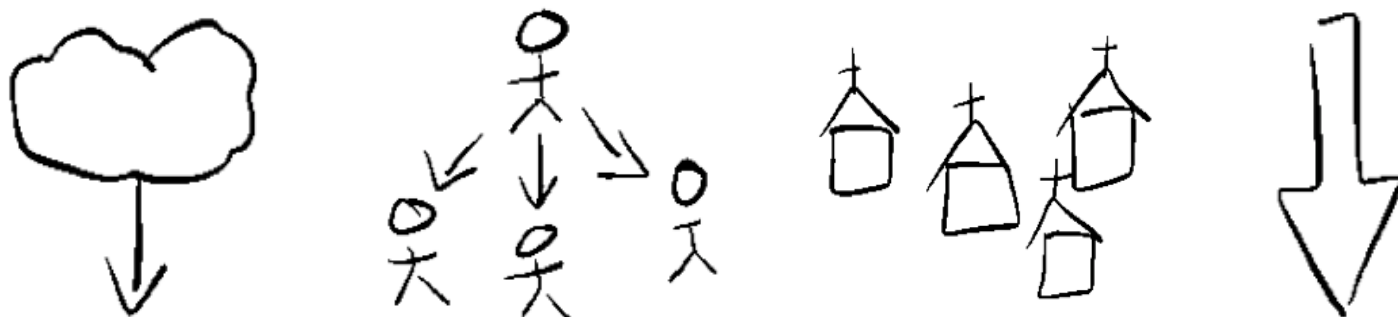
**The Bible teaches** that the followers of Jesus witnessed His death and resurrection. Their lives were changed forever. Jesus gathered them together and told them His work on earth was finished. Now it was time for them to go to work! Jesus told them He would send the Spirit of God from heaven to work in them and through them.

After Jesus returned to Heaven, the Spirit of God came to live in His followers. Jesus' followers were filled with power and the wisdom of God. They began to tell people everywhere about what Jesus had done. They told people how to come back to a right relationship with God. The people who believed were baptized; they gathered together and were called Church.

Initially, these new churches were made up of Jews. Jesus had a disciple named Paul. Paul began to take the Good News of Jesus to all different people. Through the work of Paul and others, God began to draw people from every nation, every tribe, every people, and every language to Himself. These churches met in homes, studied the teachings of Jesus, and worshipped God in their own ways.

This process has continued in every part of the world. And this process continues today. The Church will continue to grow until it reaches the ends of the earth.

In the last book of the Bible, God reveals His plan for the future. Jesus Christ gave a vision to one of His disciples, a man named John. Jesus told John to write it down. As Jesus promised, He will come again. He will bring judgment to the earth. Those people who believe on His sacrifice for forgiveness will be rewarded with eternal life in God's presence. Those people who do not believe will suffer eternal separation from God as judgment. Satan, the enemy of God who tempted Adam and Eve and who exists in the world, will be thrown into a lake of fire. **And this is a story from God's Word.**



# The Church Begins

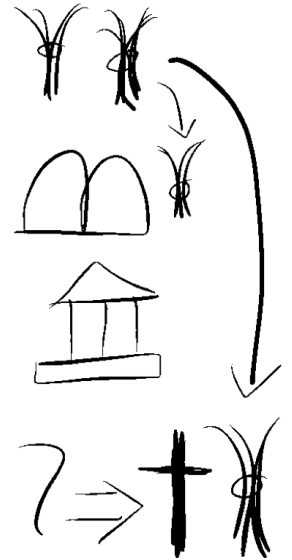
## The Story of the Beginning of Christ's Church

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

**Teach:** The Church Begins

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

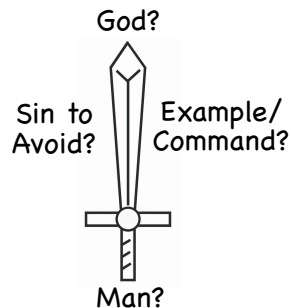
**The Bible teaches that** after Jesus rose from the grave, He appeared to many believers. Jesus' appearances after His death encouraged His disciples to become bold and preach His Gospel. He then went to sit at the right hand of God, His Father, in Heaven. Peter and others stayed in Jerusalem to start churches among the Jews. Jesus called Paul to be His disciple and preach the Good News to people living far away. He traveled to many places. For example, Paul visited the city of Thessalonica. He went into the Jewish religious place and began teaching there about what the Scriptures said. He explained that Jesus was the long awaited Savior. Some of the Jews believed but others did not accept Paul's teachings. Those who did not believe began persecuting Paul and the other believers. Some of the believers were arrested. Paul had to leave the city quickly. In spite of this persecution, a church began and grew. Paul traveled on. He arrived in Athens, which was one of the largest cities in the world with many great buildings. Paul saw idols dedicated to many gods. Educated men heard Paul and wanted to learn more about his teachings. They brought Paul to their meeting place to ask him more questions. In answer to their questions, Paul said he saw one idol dedicated, "To an Unknown god." Paul used this idol to explain the Good News to the people. He said that his God is the unknown God that you do not yet know. Paul said that his God created everything and directed all of history. God's plan allows for all men to repent and find Him. This message was not just for the Jews, but for all people. While some began to insult Paul, others believed. Because of Paul's work a church started in Athens. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_



4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Acts 2**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Acts 9**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Acts 16 & 18**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# Paul's Journeys

The Story of God Using Paul to Spread the Gospel

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

**Teach:** Paul's Journeys

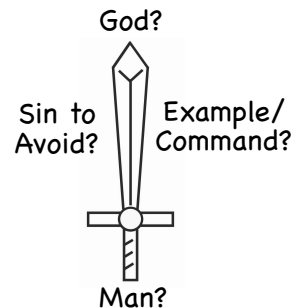
1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches that** as Paul traveled he was guided by the Holy Spirit. One time, Paul was planning a preaching trip. While he was asleep, he had a vision from God of a man from Macedonia begging him to come over and help them. Paul immediately changed his plans and went as God directed him. One Sabbath day in Macedonia, Paul went down to a river. He began talking to the women who were gathered there. One of the women was named Lydia. She was a businesswoman, a seller of purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen to Paul. She believed the Good News and was baptized along with her entire household. Lydia invited Paul and his friends to her home where they worshiped God together. Another time, a slave girl who could tell the future began following Paul. Even though she said Paul was telling about the One True God, Paul was troubled. He knew there was a spirit in the girl. Paul commanded the spirit to come out in the name of Jesus Christ. The spirit came out immediately. The slave girl's owners became very upset. She was no longer able to earn money for them by telling the future. They seized Paul and his friends, beat them and put them in jail. During the night, an earthquake opened the jail doors. The jailer saw the power of God. He asked what he could do to be saved. Paul told him that he only had to believe in Jesus. Paul and the others went with the jailer to his house. He and all his family believed and were baptized. Paul met a couple, Aquila and Priscilla, who were tent makers like He was. They worked together. They spent their free time preaching, teaching and worshipping in homes. They stayed with Paul a year and a half and learned from him. Then they left and began ministry on their own. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Acts 16**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Acts 18**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **1 Corinthians 5 & 15**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# The Corinth Church

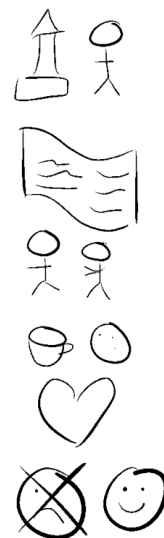
## A Story of a Disobedient Church

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

**Teach:** The Corinth Church

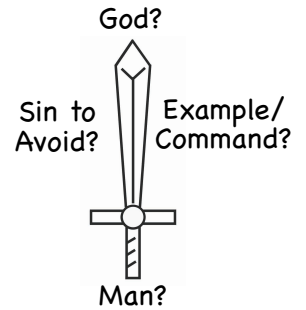
1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches** that one of the churches that Paul started was in the city of Corinth. During that time, many idol worshippers and others turned away from their sin and believed. They were baptized and began meeting together as a church. After Paul left Corinth, the church had many problems. Because of these problems, Paul wrote letters to the church encouraging them to do better in four areas. First, Paul said that there must be no fighting in the church. People in the church were divided based on who told them the Good News or who baptized them. Paul said that these things did not matter. It only matters that you know God and that He loves you. Second, Paul said they were not behaving like mature believers. Some were getting drunk and eating too much during the Lord's Supper. Paul said when they came together to eat the Lord's Supper, they were to wait for one another. Other believers thought they were more important in the church because of their abilities or positions. Paul said that all who work for the Lord are important. All are part of the body of Christ. Everyone should be a mature believer. Third, Paul told the believers that they were living sinful lives. He reminded them that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, their lives must be examples to glorify God. Paul warned them not to give in to sinful desires. He told them to do what was right. Fourth, some were saying that there was no resurrection from the dead. Paul wrote that if Christ was not raised from the dead, then believers were without hope. He said that Christ was certainly raised from the dead because of the Scripture promises and because of the many witnesses to His resurrection. Believers can look forward to spending eternity with God in Heaven. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**1 Corinthians 5**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**1 Corinthians 15**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Acts 17 & 2 Thessalonians 1**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# The Thessalonian Church

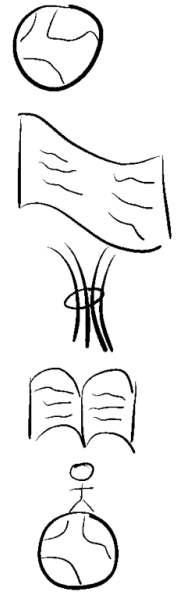
## A Story about a Healthy Church

Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.



Part 2

**Teach:** The Thessalonian Church

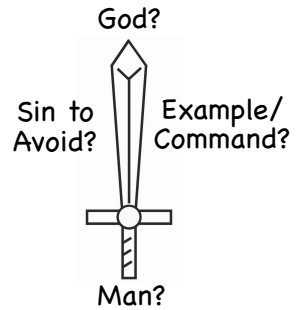
1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

**The Bible teaches** that Paul stayed in Thessalonica for only three weeks. Paul shared the Good News and many people, both Jews and others, placed their faith in Jesus. Some men who were not believers told everyone that Paul had caused trouble all over the world and now he was in their city. The believers sent Paul and his friends away in the middle of the night to protect them from persecution. Sometime later, Paul wrote a letter back to the church in Thessalonica. He praised them for their faith, hope, and love. They welcomed the Good News and in spite of what was severe suffering, they became an example of what a church should be. Paul reminded them that even though there were threats against his life, he still preached the Good News. Paul didn't trick them into believing in Jesus but simply lived a pure and holy life. Paul thanked God because the believers eagerly accepted his message, not as a message from men, but as from God. Paul wanted to see them again, and had planned to visit. Instead he sent Timothy to see how they were doing. When Timothy returned, he told Paul the good news of their faith, hope and love! He reported that they were standing firm in the Lord! Paul told them to keep up the good work; avoid sin; and live a holy life pleasing to God. They should work for the Lord during their whole life, because Jesus will come again and give each person what he deserves. Paul encouraged them to be joyful always and pray continually. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Acts 17**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**2 Thessalonians 1**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

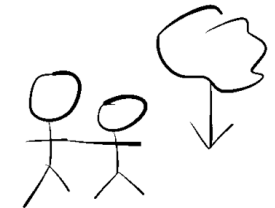
**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Read the next lesson: **Revelations 1 & 22**
2. Go and tell this story to others.
3. Study the Bible everyday.
4. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.

# End Times

Jesus is Coming Again!



Part 1

**Sing & Pray:** Begin the meeting with worship and prayer.

**Accountability:** Ask questions about their lives:

5. Did you Read / Listen to the Bible every day?
6. Review what has been taught from the previous lessons in the training.
7. Who did you share the Gospel with last week?
8. Did you Share the story from last week with anyone?
9. Prayer Requests / Testimonies. Then pray for those with requests.

Part 2

**Teach:** End Times

1. Share the story twice by reading or memory:

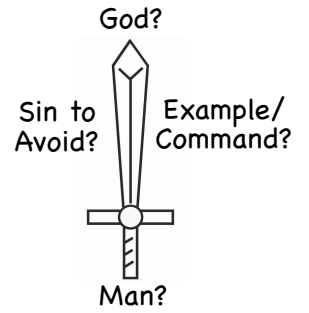
**The Bible teaches that** one of Jesus' closest disciples was named John. Like Paul, John traveled to many places telling the Good News of Jesus. During this time, many believers were persecuted and killed because of their faith. John was forced to live in prison on an island. One Sabbath Day, while John was on the island he had a vision. He heard a "loud voice like a trumpet." He turned and saw seven tall golden stands holding lamps. Christ was standing in the middle of the lamps in all His glory. Christ gave John a vision that included the end of time when Jesus would come back to earth. Through the centuries His vision has helped give hope to believers who have struggled as they shared Christ. In his vision, John saw a time when Jesus would return to judge all people. All God's glorious promises would be complete in a new Heaven and a new earth. During this time, Satan the great enemy of God, and all those who follow him will be condemned to hell. They will suffer forever away from the presence of God. At the same time, believers will live in the presence of God forever. They will be His people and God Himself will be their God. John wrote that the Lord will come like a thief, quickly and unexpectedly. We need to be ready for His coming. We are to encourage one another to work hard and stay faithful until His final return. **And this is a story from God's Word.**

2. Line-by-line talk about this story. (First what happened? Then what?)

3. Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_



4. Divide into groups and ask the SWORD Method questions one at a time (for discussion, make groups of 3-5). For each passage fill in the Sword Charts.



**Revelation 1**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

**Revelation 22**

God?	Man?
Sin?	Command/Example?

What can we **obey** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we **teach** from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3

**Assignment:** What do we go and teach and obey from this story?

1. Go and tell this story to others.
2. Study the Bible everyday.
3. Share the gospel this week with at least 5 people using My Story or Jesus' Story

**Pray:** Close the meeting in prayer.