

**BIG IDEA**

Jesus is the main character in God's story.

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# Focus

**GOD STORY**

The Old Testament Points to Jesus

*Luke 24:35–49*

**KEY VERSE**

Because of what the Son has done, we have been set free. Because of him, all our sins have been forgiven.

*Colossians 1:14 (NIRV)*

**LEADER TIPS**

In advance, be sure to review this lesson plan, organize the supplies, and watch the weekly teaching video. Pray for your group, too! When working with kids, you can't predict outcomes, but you can be as prepared as possible.

## My Story

**1 | CONVERSATION STARTER** (2 minutes)

Talk about favourite story characters to lead into today's lesson.

**2 | INTRO ACTIVITY** (5 minutes)

Review some Bible stories and the people in them to introduce God's big story and Jesus' important part in it.

## God Story | Life Story

**3 | WEEKLY VIDEO** (12 minutes)

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching together.

## My Story

**4 | SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY** (12 minutes\*)

Create a group craft that shows the main parts of God's big story.

**5 | WRAP-UP ACTIVITY** (8 minutes)

Fill in the blanks on an activity page to help the kids consider how they are part of God's story.

## Our Story

**6 | DISMISSAL**

Connect with parents and give them take-home materials.

\*Extend as needed and adjust the timing for other activities.



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## My Story

### 1 | Conversation Starter

**SUPPLIES**

- None

**LEADER TIP**

- Be ready to kick-start the conversation with your own answers to the questions below.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Welcome everyone and gather the kids together.
- Ask:
  - Who is your favourite character from a story?
  - Why is this character your favourite?
  - Are they the main character in the story? If not, who is the main character?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **Jesus is the main character in God's story.**

### 2 | Intro Activity

**SUPPLIES**

- Storybook activity pages

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY**

- Place an activity page on the floor in each corner of your group's space and one in the middle.

**LEADER TIPS**

- The Bible stories in this activity are from the book of Luke, except for "Creation" (Genesis) and "Frogs and Bugs Everywhere!" (Exodus).
- Some kids may be unfamiliar with the stories. Do your best to make sure no one feels left out.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- When most of the kids have arrived, gather them around an activity page in one of the corners of your group's space.
- Invite someone to read the name of the story printed on the page.
- Discuss:
  - Which book of the Bible is this story from?
  - What happens in this story?
  - Who is the main character?
  - Name as many other characters as you can from this story.
- Repeat with each activity page. Finish with the one in the middle of your space.
- To wrap up, tell the kids that these stories are part of God's big story in which Jesus is the main character. These stories all point to Jesus!



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## God Story | Life Story

### 3 | Weekly Video

**SUPPLIES**

- Video file

**LEADER TIP**

- Sit with the kids and encourage them to focus on the video.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Play the video. It includes:
  - Host segment
  - God Story (The Old Testament Points to Jesus, Luke 24:35–49)
  - Key Verse segment
  - Life Story (In the youth band, each musician has a role to play but the music is not about them as individuals. They're part of something bigger!)
- Discuss:
  - What is the Key Verse for this series? (Colossians 1:14)
  - What was the Life Story about in today's video?
  - What was the God Story about?
  - How do you think these two stories and today's Big Idea (**Jesus is the main character in God's story**) connect?

## My Story

### 4 | Small Group Activity

**SUPPLIES**

- Chart paper
- Markers
- Bible
- Wall-safe tape

**LEADER TIP**

- If you have fewer than eight kids in your group, assign some of them multiple sections.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Gather your small group to sit in a circle.
- Place the paper and markers in the middle.
- Look up and read aloud Luke 24:44–47.
- Tell the kids that in this passage Jesus explains he's the main character in God's big story.
- Assign each person part of the story to draw:
  - Creation
  - Adam and Eve sin and are sent out of the garden
  - Many people are born after Adam and Eve; they try to follow rules to get closer to God, but they need a rescuer to bring them to him
  - Jesus is born!
  - Jesus grows up and teaches people to love, serve, and forgive others
  - Jesus dies on the cross and rescues us from sin
  - Jesus is alive and goes to heaven
  - His disciples (followers) make more disciples and eventually we become disciples, too
- Invite everyone to show their part of the story.
- Hang the completed group work where parents will see it at pick-up time.



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### 5 | Wrap-Up Activity

**SUPPLIES**

- I'm Part of God's Story activity pages
- Markers
- Pens
- Stickers

**LEADER TIP**

- Make sure everyone's names are on their pages.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Remain in your small group.
- Point out that sometimes we hear the word "story" and think of something pretend. But God's story is very real! Emphasize that **Jesus is the main character in God's story**. We're also in the story!
- Give each person an activity page.
- Place the other supplies where everyone can reach them.
- Guide the kids to fill in the blanks. Help them with ideas as needed. For example, "I'm in God's story because [he created me/he loves me/Jesus died for me]"; "God wants me to [tell people about him/forgive others/show his love]"; "I can tell others God's story by [sharing a Bible story with them/inviting them to church/asking them what they know about Jesus]."
- Encourage everyone to decorate their pages with drawings and stickers.
- Pray that your group would all be what God wants them to be in his huge, awesome story!

## Our Story

### 6 | Dismissal

**SUPPLIES**

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse colouring pages

**LEADER TIP**

- Organize the take-home materials so they're easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids. Take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
- Give everyone a weekly take-home card.
- Offer a Key Verse card and a colouring page to anyone who has not gotten them this month.
- Remind the kids to take their crafts.
- Make sure their security numbers match before they leave your group's space.