

THE STORY FOR CHILDREN

The Story For Children devotionals are broken up into three days. Each day has something to read together, do together, think about together, and pray together with your children. These times together with your family will help your children understand and live out The Story of God's Word!

Chapter 1 – The Beginning of Life as We Know It Day One – The Story of Creation

Today's reading: The Creation (pages 12-17)

This reading covers: Genesis 1-2

Summary: God shows how wonderful he is when we look at everything he created.

Do together: Get a blank piece of paper for each person and as many crayons, markers and colored pencils as you can find. Take a moment and be as creative as you can be. You can color, draw or just scribble. Can you see how each person's work is unique? Do this again with a second blank sheet of paper. Is everything different again? Just think of how creative God was when he made the world and everything in it!

Think about: God expresses his beauty through his creation, especially you! You were made one-of-a-kind exactly the way he wants you to be.

Also read: Psalm 139:13-16

Prayer: Father, Thank you for creating me exactly the way you want me to be. Thank you for my family and how you have made us different, but brought us together. Help us to be grateful for our differences and to love each other always. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Chapter 1 – The Beginning of Life as We Know It

Day Two – The Fall

Today's reading: God's Children Made a Choice (pages 18-23)

This reading covers: Genesis 2-3

Summary: We miss out on God's best when we choose to disobey him.

Do together: Play Simon Says. Take turns being Simon. How much fun is it when you are called out because "Simon didn't say?"

Think about: We all have people to obey. Mom and Dad obey the government and their bosses. Children are to obey their parents. We are all to obey God. And when we choose not to obey there are consequences (like sitting out during Simon Says).

Also read: Ephesians 6:1-3

Prayer: Father, I know that your way is the best way for me to live. Help me to follow you and obey you. Also, help us to obey others that you have put in our lives. In Jesus name', Amen.

Chapter 1 – The Beginning of Life as We Know It

Day Three – The Flood

Today's reading: One Good Man Deserves a Fresh Start (pages 22-27)

This reading covers: Genesis 6-9

Summary: God chooses to start over again with a man named Noah.

Do together: Take a moment today to do something kind for each other. Maybe you could serve a snack or do an extra chore. Perhaps you could read a book to someone or play a game together.

Think about: In Genesis 6:8, the Bible says, "Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." What would it look like if you lived in a way where you found favor in the eyes of the Lord? How would it look for you to live in a way that puts a smile on God's face?

Also read: Luke 2:52, 3:21-22

Prayer: Father, help me to live in such a way that I put a smile on your face. Help me to show love and kindness to my family. In Jesus' name, Amen.