

The Jesus Storybook Bible  
Reading Plan

Dear Trinity Family,

Jesus says in Luke 24 that the entire Bible points to him and what he came to do in one way or another. So in order to understand the Bible, we need to grow in our ability to see Jesus in all parts of it. One of the best ways to do that is by reading *The Jesus Storybook Bible*.

Over the next nine weeks, we will read through the JSB together as a church. Each week we will read five stories, which will allow for some flexibility. We all know there are crazy nights here and there that can make normal routines difficult, so when those nights arise, take a break. If you find yourself behind at some point, don't worry! Just jump back in. The goal is to keep reading and orienting ourselves to the Great Story of salvation that God is telling us in and through Jesus. And we will all be blessed as we do.

**A note for adults:** It's tempting to assume that reading a children's Bible might not be that helpful to you. We encourage to resist that temptation! The JSB is a wonderful tool for people of all ages to understand how various parts of Scripture fit together and point to Jesus. In fact, Sally Lloyd-Jones has published an adult version of the JSB that has the same text but no pictures called *The Story of God's Love for You* (but the pictures are worth seeing regardless of your age!). For some additional depth, consider reading the corresponding Biblical text on which the story is based after finishing each JSB chapter. This would be an excellent way to become more familiar with the Bible as a whole.

**A note to parents on the suggested questions:** The following suggested questions are included to assist you as you read and discuss each story with your children. The questions are intended for school-age children and will probably need to be adapted to children of other ages. For example, with young children, you might ask very simple questions like:

What was your favorite part of that story?

Which picture did you like most?

It may be that with very young children you don't ask any questions at all. The point is that you know your children best, so do what is most helpful to them.

Our hope and prayer is that as your children are immersed in these stories regularly, they will learn to love reading the Bible and in so doing learn to love the Hero of the Bible. We believe that as we begin to see him more clearly in all of Scripture, to see what he has done for us, to take that in deeply, and to trust him in our souls, that's exactly what will happen! So, as we read this wonderful Story together, may we as a church be all the more convinced of God's "Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love" that is ours in Jesus.

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## From the Old Testament

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- A giant staircase to heaven
- Son of laughter

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- The girl no one wanted
- The forgiving prince
- God to the rescue!
- God makes a way

### Week Three

- Ten ways to be perfect
- The warrior leader
- The teeny, weenie...true king
- The young hero and the terrible giant
- The Good Shepherd

### Week Four

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- Operation "No More Tears!"
- Daniel and the scary sleepover
- God's messenger
- Get ready!

## From the New Testament

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- He's Here!
- The Light of the whole world
- The King of all kings
- Heaven breaks through
- Let's go!

### Week Six

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- How to pray
- The Singer
- The Captain of the storm
- Filled full!

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- The friend of little children
- The man who didn't have any friends (none)
- Running away
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- A dark night in the garden
- The sun stops shining
- God's wonderful surprise
- Going home

### Week Nine

- God sends help
- A new way to see
- A dream of heaven

## Week One

### **The Story and the Song**

How did God write, "I love you?"

What do some people think the Bible is?

What is the Bible most of all?

Who do you think the main character is?

### **The beginning: a perfect home**

How is God described?

How does God create?

Of all the things God created, what is your favorite?

What is God's favorite?

### **The terrible lie**

What do you think Adam and Eve should have said to the serpent?

What was the terrible lie that came into the world?

What does sin do?

What did God promise to do?

### **A new beginning**

What happens when people forget God?

What would be the best thing about being on an Ark full of animals? Worst?

Which animal would you want to sleep next to?

What did God promise? What was the sign?

## **A giant staircase to heaven**

Why did the people want to build a tower?

Why was God displeased with what they were doing?

What did God do?

If people can never ever reach up to heaven, what must happen for them to be with God?

## **Son of laughter**

How many stars do you think there are?

What did God promise to do through Abe's BIG family?

What does Isaac's name mean?

Why did Abraham and Sarah laugh?

## **Week Two**

### **The present**

What was the point of sacrifices?

What do you think Abraham was thinking? Feeling?

What do you think Isaac was thinking? Feeling?

What do you learn about God from this story?

### **The girl no one wanted**

What sort of people does God choose to be part of his plan?

Why did God choose Leah?

What does the name Judah mean?

## **The forgiving prince**

How did Joseph's brothers feel about him being the favorite?

How did Joseph's brother feel when they met him in Egypt?

How do you think Joseph should have treated them?

What did Joseph do?

## **God to the rescue!**

What is a plague?

What do you think the worst plague was?

What kept God's people safe during the last plague?

What does the Passover remind God's people of?

## **God makes a way**

How did God show His people He was with them?

How would you have felt when you saw Pharaoh's army coming?

What does God do to deliverer His people?

What do you think it was like walking where a sea had just been?

## **Week Three**

### **Ten ways to be perfect**

How do you act when you are tired and hungry?

How did God's people act when they were tired and hungry?

How did God care for them in the wilderness?

Why did God give His people rules?

What was the #1 thing God wanted them to know?



## **The warrior leader**

Who was God's new leader?

What does "Joshua" mean?

What Promise did God make to His people?

What did the people have to do?

## **The teeny, weenie... true king**

Why did the people want a King?

What was wrong with Saul?

What was a King supposed to look like?

How does God choose His King?

Who do you think the greater king will be?

## **The young hero and the terrible giant**

Would you be scared of a giant?

Why was David so brave?

Who do you think the other young Hero is?

## **The Good Shepherd**

What promise did God make to David?

What makes a good shepherd?

What was God's Good Shepherd coming to do?

## Week Four

### **A little servant girl and the proud general**

What was wrong with Naaman?

How do people usually treat enemies?

What was Naaman's biggest problem?

How hard do you think it was for the little girl to forgive Naaman?

When have you had to forgive someone? How hard was it?

### **Operation "No More Tears!"**

What does Isaiah's name mean?

What was his job?

What did God promise to do?

Why didn't people believe God?

### **Daniel and the scary sleepover**

Why didn't the king's helpers like Daniel?

What did they do to get him in trouble?

Would you have been scared to sleep with hungry lions?

What did God do to rescue Daniel?

### **God's messenger**

Why did Jonah run away from God?

What do you think it is like to be in the belly of a fish?

Why would God's Son be called "The Word"?

## **Get ready!**

What does Ezra's Name mean?

What about Nehemiah?

Have you ever had to wait a really long time for something?

How did you feel when you got it?

How do you think God's people felt while they waited?

What about when the promise came From the New Testament

## **Week Five**

### **He's Here!**

How would you expect God to come?

What does Emmanuel mean?

Why do you think God came to rescue His people this way?

### **The Light of the world**

Who did God tell to come see Jesus? Why?

How did God tell them to find him?

What animals do you think were there with Jesus?

### **The King of all kings**

What gifts did the Wise Men bring to Jesus?

What did King Herod think about the idea of a new King?

How was Jesus different than the regular kings people were used to?

## **Heaven breaks through**

What was John's special job?

What was "special" (different) about John?

Why is Jesus called the lamb of God?

(Look back to God to the Rescue pp. 84-91, esp. p. 88)

What did God say about Jesus?

## **Let's go!**

Remember when Adam and Eve met the snake? How was this meeting different than that one? (Look back to pp. 28-35).

Remember when God's people were tired and hungry in the wilderness? How did Jesus react differently than they did? (Look back to pp. 100-107, esp. 102-103.)

What was the most important rule of all? (see page 105)

Do you think Jesus remembered this rule? How do you know?

Who do you think would make the best helpers?

Why did Jesus choose the folks he did?

## **Week Six**

### **A little girl and a poor frail lady**

How do you think Jairus felt when Jesus stopped hurrying to help his daughter?

Why did he stop?

How would you have felt when the servant came and said, "It's too late"?

What does Jesus do?

## **How to pray**

What did the Extra-Super-Holy People think made you special?

What does Jesus say makes you special?

What's your favorite part of the prayer Jesus taught us to pray?

Why can you call the God who created the universe "Daddy"?

## **The Singer**

What kinds of people went looking for Jesus?

What kinds of things did those people worry about?

What kinds of things do you worry about?

Why does Jesus say we shouldn't worry?

## **The Captain of the storm**

Why were Jesus's fishermen friends so scared?

What's the scariest situation you've even been in?

How do you think Jesus felt when they asked him if he really cared about them?

What did Jesus' friends learn about him?

## **Filled Full!**

Have you ever been REALLY hungry? Tell me about it.

Why did Jesus' friends panic when he said, "You give them something to eat"?

What did they learn about Jesus?

## Week Seven

### **Treasure hunt!**

What would you do if you found a hidden treasure?

Where is the Kingdom of God?

What is God's greatest treasure?

What does he do to make sure he gets to keep it all?

### **The Friend of little children**

What were Jesus' Friends arguing about?

Have you ever fought with friends about who was the best, or most important?

What had they forgotten?

What makes gifts so special?

Why do children love Jesus so much? Why do you love Jesus?

### **The man who didn't have any friends (none)**

Why did everyone dislike Zacchaeus?

Would you like it if someone stole all your money?

And your parent's money too?

How would you feel if the person stealing from you was treated kindly by Jesus?

What did Jesus' kindness do to Zacchaeus?

## **Running away**

Why did the son run away?

What did he ask for before he left? What do you think about that?

Why does the son want to go home?

What does he fear as he returns?

What is the Father like in the story?

## **Washed with tears**

How do you feel when you are surrounded by very important people?

What gave this woman boldness to not care what the important people thought about her?

Why were the important people cross?

What did the woman know that the important people did not?

## **Week Eight**

### **The Servant King**

Who were the ones who were supposed to wash feet?

How did Jesus serve his friends?

What was Jesus trying to show them?

How was Jesus' body like the bread? How was the wine like his blood?

What are we supposed to remember when we eat and drink bread and wine?

Who will Jesus send to be with us forever?

## **A dark night in the garden**

Why did Jesus want to go to the garden?

Why was Jesus' heart about to break?

What did Jesus' friends do?

Why was Jesus so calm?

## **The sun stops shining**

What did the soldiers do to Jesus? Why?

What kept Jesus on the cross?

Why didn't God answer Jesus when he cried out to Him?

Why did Jesus have to die?

## **God's wonderful surprise**

Why were Jesus' friends so sad?

What did the angel tell the women?

What did Jesus tell his friend Mary to do?

What did Mary do? Why?

## **Going home**

Why were Jesus' friends afraid?

What did Jesus do?

What did Jesus tell all of his friends to do?

What happened next?



## Week Nine

### **God sends help**

How can Jesus go to be in heaven and still be with us at the same time?

Who did Jesus send to be with His friends?

What was God's wonderful promise to them?

How did it spread?

### **A new way to see**

Who was the best rule keeper in the story?

When Paul met Jesus what changed?

Does keeping all the rules make God love you?

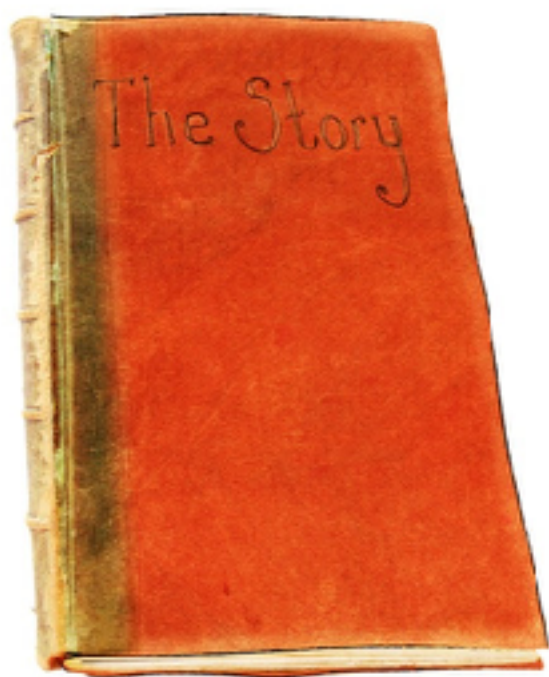
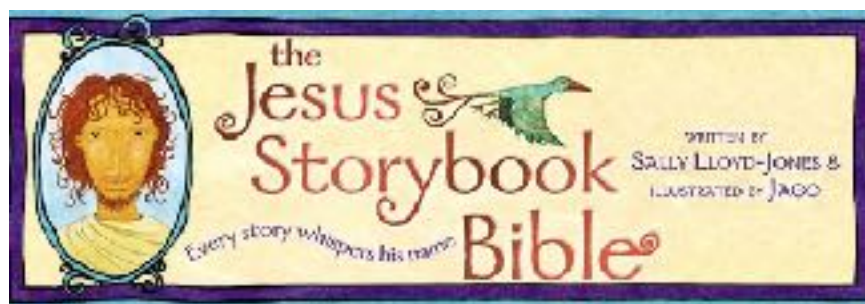
How do you know God Loves you?

### **A dream of heaven**

Who was John?

What do you think is the most amazing part of John's dream?

How did John end his book?





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