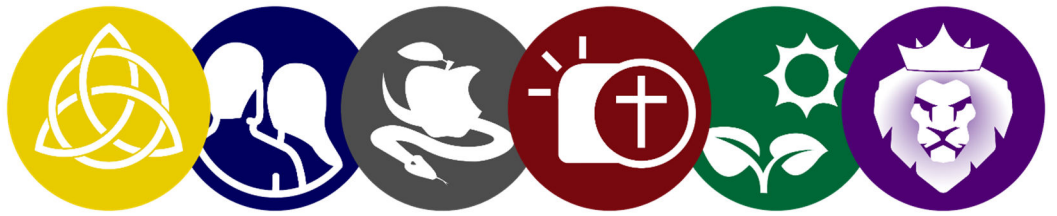


The *Story* in Six Acts
An Introduction
What We Believe



Name: _____

My favorite Season of the Year is _____

and I like it because _____.

★ TODAY'S Bible Reading: _____.

AN INTRODUCTION

The **Story** running from Genesis through Revelation traces the fulfillment of a **promise** made by God to **crush sin** by the **voluntary** and **substitutionary sacrifice** of His only begotten Son, whereby **redeeming** His people from sin and **adopting** them into His family. It is the **Story** of His **immeasurable** grace. This is the **gospel**; This is **good news**.

QUESTIONS from today's Study.

(Listen carefully! [You can ask your own too.])

1. Does Every Story have a beginning? Yes | No
2. Where does the biblical Story begin?
 - a. Puppies
 - b. People
 - c. God
3. What does the Word **GOSPEL** mean?
 - a. Good News
 - b. Bad News
 - c. Okay News
4. Do we believe that God wrote the Story? Yes | No

Draw A Picture of What You
Think God Would Look Like

5. Did Adam and Eve accept God's invitation for Joy? Yes | No
6. Did God offer Adam and Eve a way out of their sadness, shame, and guilt? Yes | No
7. Is God's Promise found in a future Child [Seed]? Yes | No
8. Is God's Picture found in a future sacrifice? Yes | No
9. Is Jesus God's final answer? Yes | No
10. Is God's provision for our joy received by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus alone? Yes | No
11. In Jesus, is God the Father making all things new? Yes | No
12. What did Jesus say to you today? _____.
13. Who does Jesus want you to pray for today? _____.

Draw A Picture of Something that Makes you Smile 😊



Bible Verses for An Introduction: What We Believe

1. We believe **God wrote** the **Story** in which all of life exists.
 - Isaiah 46:9, 10; 2 Timothy 3:15, 16 - Everything finds its ultimate source and origin in God.
2. We believe **creation displays** the glory of His grace.
 - Psalm 19:1-6; Romans 1:19, 20 - Creation bears the “thumb print” of God.
3. We believe we have **rejected** His love and **separated** ourselves from all that is Him.
 - Genesis 3:6-10; Isaiah 53:3 - God invites us to say “yes,” but we will always say “no,” until He changes our wills.
4. This **separation** is **eternal** and **inescapable** apart from His intervention.
 - Genesis 3:22-24; Matthew 7:23; Revelation 20:14, 15 - Sin has an inherent demerit and that is death. In physical death, the body dies and one’s spirit is separated from the body. In spiritual death, the spirit is separated from God.
5. We believe God weaves into His **Story** both a **Seed Promise** and a **Blood Picture** pointing all who **hear** and **see** to the one and only hope.
 - Genesis 3:15, 21 - There is a single seed and a single sacrifice that fully and finally answers the sin problem.
6. We believe **Jesus Christ** is the one and only fulfillment of all God **Promised** and **Pictured**.
 - John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:15 - Jesus only and alone is the fulfillment of the Seed Promise and the completion of the Blood Picture.
7. We believe we appropriate this singular provision by **Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone**.
 - John 1:11, 12; 3:16; Ephesians 2:8 - No one can save themselves. Only Jesus saves and anyone who confesses with their mouth Jesus is Lord and believes in their heart that God has raised Him from the dead shall be saved (Romans 10:9, 10).
8. We believe His people are **re-created** into His image for **His glory** and for **their joy**.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17; Revelation 21:1, 5 - God takes what we were and changes us into what we will become. Only God can do this.
9. We believe all that **God is**, in His person and work, is **enough** in this life and in the life to come.
 - Matthew 17:8; John 12:21; Revelation 5:1-5 - Jesus is God’s final answer.
10. We believe His **Story** will end with **His people enjoying Him forever**.
 - Revelation 4 and 5 - There is no clearer picture of what is and will become than what we read in Revelation 4, 5, 21, and 22.