

HOW TO TELL A BIBLE STORY

PREPARATION TO TELL A BIBLE STORY		
1.	PRAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Pray</u>, asking God's help and guidance to select and tell the Bible story.
2.	READ or LISTEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Read</u> several times the complete story in the Bible for several days, or listen to a recording of the Bible story, or <u>listen to someone</u> telling or reading the Bible story to you for several days.
3.	STORY MAPPING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Draw simple stick line drawings</u> for each episode of the story for yourself. This is called Story Mapping.
4.	PANTOMIME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Pantomime</u> (act out) the entire story to yourself.
5.	PRACTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Practice, practice and practice</u> telling the Bible story out loud before telling it to your listeners. Be prepared!

TELLING THE BIBLE STORY		
Look at the listeners' faces as you tell the Bible story and express the emotions of the narrative.		
1.	BIBLE TEXT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Explain that the <u>account</u> is from the Bible. If permitted to use the Bible with your audience, <u>tell the text</u> and <u>leave the Bible open</u> as you tell the Bible story.
2.	CHRONOLOGICAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tell the events in <u>chronological order</u>, the order that the events happened.
3.	FACTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tell <u>accurate facts</u>, events, locations and names of persons in the story.
4.	OWN WORDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Use your <u>own words</u>, but be true to the story in the Bible. ■ <u>Do not embellish</u> the Bible story. ■ <u>Tell the story; do not read</u> the story.
5.	VOCABULARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Use <u>vocabulary that your listeners will understand</u>. ■ <u>Explain briefly</u> what a word or custom means that is in the story that your listeners may not understand.
6.	LISTENERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tell the story in <u>accordance to the listeners' age level and understanding</u>. ■ <u>Avoid offending</u> the listeners' culture and traditions with <u>inappropriate expressions and gestures</u>.
<p>When finished telling the story, close your Bible and say something like, "This account is found in God's Word, the Bible." or "This story is a portion of God's Word found in the Bible."</p>		

AFTER TELLING THE STORY		
<u>Options:</u> Use one or more options after telling the Bible story.		
1.	STOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ After telling the Bible story, <u>stop</u>. You are finished.
2.	PRAYER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ After telling the Bible story, <u>pray</u> with your listeners.
3.	LIFE LESSONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ After telling the Bible story, <u>give Life Lesson(s)</u> (truths) that come from the narrative that apply to the needs of the listeners.
4.	DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ After telling the Bible story, <u>ask questions</u> about the narrative <u>for discussion</u>. ■ Give opportunities for your listeners to answer your questions.
5.	DEVOTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ After telling the Bible story, give a devotion, such as a Devotional Thought, Devotional Cycle, Devotional Chant, Devotional Pantomime, Devotional Drama.
6.	ACTIVITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ After telling the Bible story, <u>do a learning activity</u> that reinforces the story or reinforces truths from the narrative, such as retelling the story, drama, project.
7.	SHARE STORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Encourage listeners to read the story in their "heart language" Bible. ■ Encourage listeners to tell the story to someone else.