

STEPS FOR CHOOSING BIBLE STORIES

- 1st Step:** Know your **listeners'** needs, age, maturity, culture, etc.
- 2nd Step:** Make a **list of specific needs** of your listeners. Choose one or more needs.
- 3rd Step:** Make a **list of Bible stories** that will go along with the need(s) chosen.
- 4th Step:** Decide **how many times** you will tell a Bible story with them (such as once a week or daily, etc.)
- 5th Step:** With that number, **choose the most important Bible stories that best meet the need(s) chosen** for your listeners.
- May choose Bible stories by themes, such as:

● Life of Jesus	● Journey through the Old Testament
● Great men/women of the Bible	● Journey through the New Testament
● Children/youth in the Bible	● Journey through the Old & New Testament
● Families in the Bible	● Parables told by Jesus
● Overcoming problems and difficulties	● Miracles of Jesus
● Wise or unwise choices	● Journey through Acts
- 6th Step:** **List in chronological order** the Bible stories you have chosen.
- 7th Step:** **Make two columns:**
- On the left column, list the week and date of each time you will tell a Bible story.
 - On the right column, write the list of Bible stories you have chosen, placing them in chronological order as told in the Bible.

EXAMPLE:	6 Weeks	THEME: "God Uses Ordinary People to Do Great Things"
WEEK AND DATE:	BIBLE STORIES: (Life of Moses)	
Week 1: _____	1. Birth of Moses (<i>Ex 1:6-14,22; 2:1-10</i>)	
Week 2: _____	2. God Calls Moses at the Burning Bush (<i>Ex 3:1-15; 4:1-20</i>)	
Week 3: _____	3. God Frees the Israelites from Slavery in Egypt (<i>Ex 4:27-31; 5:1-2; 7:10-13,20-21; 8:1-4,16-17,20-21; 9:1-4,8-9,,22-23; 10:12,21; 11:1-10; 12:3-8,23,29-31,37,50-51</i>)	
Week 4: _____	4. God Provides Protection and Provisions in the Wilderness (<i>Ex 13:17-22; 14:5-7,15-16,21-31; 15:1-2,13,22,26-27; 16:2-4,12,31; 17:1-6; 18:1,4-11,13,19-27; 19:1-2</i>)	
Week 5: _____	5. Moses Receives the Ten Commandments (<i>Ex 19:1-3; 20:1-20</i>)	
Week 6: _____	6. Moses Builds the Tabernacle (<i>Ex 35 - 40</i>)	

EXAMPLE:	8 Weeks	THEME: "Families in the Bible"
WEEK AND DATE:	BIBLE STORIES:	
Week 1: _____	1. Jacob and Esau and the Birthright (<i>Gn 25:19-20,24-34</i>)	
Week 2: _____	2. Joseph Sold by Brothers (<i>Gn 37:12-14,23-36</i>)	
Week 3: _____	3. Birth of Moses and His Sister Miriam Helps Protect Him (<i>Ex 1:6-14,22; 2:1-10</i>)	
Week 4: _____	4. Hannah and Her Son Samuel (<i>1 Sam 1; 3:1-14,19</i>)	
Week 5: _____	5. Elisha Multiplies the Widow's Oil (<i>2 Kin 4:1-7</i>)	
Week 6: _____	6. Jesus Goes to the Temple (12 years old) (<i>Lk 2:41-50</i>)	
Week 7: _____	7. Jesus Visits Mary and Her Sister Martha (<i>Lk 10:38-41</i>)	
Week 8: _____	8. Parable: "The Lost Son" (<i>Lk 15:11-31</i>)	