

## HOW TO TELL A BIBLE STORY

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

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

<b>AFTER TELLING THE STORY</b>		
<u>Options:</u> Use one or more options after telling the Bible story.		
1.	<b>STOP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ After telling the Bible story, <u>stop</u>. You are finished.</li> </ul>
2.	<b>PRAYER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ After telling the Bible story, <u>pray</u> with your listeners.</li> </ul>
3.	<b>LIFE LESSONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ After telling the Bible story, <u>ask questions</u> about the narrative <u>for discussion</u>.</li> <li>■ Give opportunities for your listeners to answer your questions.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>RETELL STORY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ After telling the Bible story, let a listener <u>retell</u> the narrative.</li> <li>■ Another option is to let listeners <u>dramatize</u> the story.</li> </ul>
6.	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ After telling the Bible story, do a <u>learning activity</u> that reinforces the story or reinforces truths from the narrative.</li> </ul>