

LIVING GOD'S STORY

USING BIBLE STORYING TO EVANGELIZE AND DISCIPLE



Presenter's Story Choices

Each of you will work in groups of three. Each person in the group of three must choose a different story. A story background is provided.

1. **Elisha: Naaman is Healed** (2 Kings 5:9-15) – The Jewish people were living in a country that was not their own. They became servants to the Armeans. One of the Armean captains became sick with a skin disease called leprosy, which had no cure at that time. A young servant girl told him to go see the prophet Elisha.
2. **Jesus Stops the Raging Storm** (Mark 4:35-41) – A parable is a story that Jesus told which had a lesson for the people to learn. Jesus has just told some parables about faith and trusting God and explained the stories to His disciples. That night, Jesus gets the men into a boat so they can cross the lake.
3. **The Transfiguration** (Matthew 17:1-7) – Jesus has been with his disciples and has been teaching them many things. He begins to tell them that he will be mistreated and killed and then he will be resurrected. Jesus has a small group of special friends among His disciples.
4. **Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles** (Mark 6:7-13) – Jesus has begun his ministry. He has been healing people and many are coming to hear him teach. He is in his home town of Nazareth and discovers that they have very little faith because they knew him as Mary and Joseph's son. He can only do a small amount of healing because of their unbelief.
5. **Mary and Martha** (Luke 10:38-42) – Jesus traveled around the countryside with his disciples teaching them and telling them parables, stories that taught them in a way that they could understand. He had friends along the way. Imagine that you are there and see this interaction in the home of Jesus' friends. What do you think? What is your reaction?
6. **Zaccheus Wants to See Jesus** (Luke 19:1-1) – During the time when Jesus lived here on this earth, the tax collectors cheated people out of their money. They charged more money than they were supposed to and kept the extra for themselves. They became very rich doing this but people hated them. It is almost the last week in Jesus' life. He is on his way to Jerusalem but he makes a stop in a city called Jericho. Imagine being in the crowd of people as Jesus is passing by. What do you see, what do you hear?

Presenter's Practice Checklist

First, learn the story. Later, you will have **fifteen minutes** to present your Bible story. This checklist will help you prepare, but don't use it during your presentation. You can pray before you begin your presentation or at the end, when you have finished.

Bible Story Title and Reference: _____
Props or visuals ready?

Story Opening _____
Ask participants to discuss for a few minutes.

Story Background

Pick up your Bible opened to the story.

Use the story background (context) provided for you on the first page. It may have definitions of some words, background information about geography or cultural differences. It may tell what has happened before the story begins.

Tell the Story

"It's God's Word and it's true. This is where the story begins."

Put your open Bible on a table.

Tell the story, using gestures, voice, objects, or visuals to make the story memorable.

When you have finished, pick up the open Bible.

Give the Scripture reference.

Close the Bible and say, "This is the end of this Bible story."

Retell the Story

Review story events in order. Ask open-ended questions or fill-in-the-blank questions.

Ask a few Head  and Heart  Questions.

Retell the Story

Do a creative and fun retell activity with the other two people. _____

Help the participants if necessary.

Retell the Bible story again (optional)

Ask a few Heart  and Hand  Questions.

When your 15 minutes are up, take **five minutes** in your group of three to talk about how you felt presenting the story. Then, listen to their affirmations and ideas to help you improve.