



Bible Storying Workshop



Bible Storying.... Telling The Story of God



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Chronological Bible storying might be a new term for many but this approach opens a new world of telling with purpose and direction. As people learn the story of God, it is important that it is told in a chronology or sequence so that the listener can understand the connections from one biblical event to the next. That chronology or sequence defines God and the evolution of man's relationship to God through the years. Understanding how all the events are chronologically connected enables the listener to better understand the reason and meaning of God's story.

Chronological Bible storying is a building block process, each story revealing more and more of God, His nature, His love and His invitation for all people, young and old, to know Him.

The methods of telling this story have evolved over time, from the simple oral traditions and hand written scrolls of the beginning of recorded history. Through modern technology of multimedia and interactive teaching methods, the story of God is told and retold. The essence, however, is not in the method, but the message. The results or the impact of the communication in the hearts and lives of the listener can only determine if effective communication of the story of God has occurred. The story of God must be told with the ultimate goal of life change or storytellers may have entertained, but may have missed the mark. Unless the learner receives and processes the message through effective telling, the results are uncertain. There must be a clear strategy to tell and preserve the essence of the story while using a variety of telling methods.

The **Bible Storying Workshop** has been developed for all who desire to learn practical techniques and methods for telling and teaching the Story of God, the Bible, and equipping others to tell that Story as well. This workshop has been taught in several U.S. colleges and universities; Millar College of the Bible in Saskatchewan, Canada, several other Bible colleges across Canada, the Bible College of Malaysia, and the Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary. This Bible storying workshop has also been taught in dozens of world locations through mission organizations and other ministry projects. The workshop can be taught in one day, over a Friday evening and Saturday morning or in other scheduling configurations.

Cost: The cost for the workshop in North America settings is \$200 plus expenses of travel, meals and lodging for a minimum of one instructor. Where more than one instructor is arranged the workshop instructor's cost is divided among those teaching. No other fees are required.

The host can establish a registration fee for the workshop to cover any instructor's, administrative and related costs. In international locations, where funds are a challenge, the workshop program can be provided for expenses only or other arrangements negotiated between the Bible Story of God staff and the host agency. The host is responsible to provide translators if required

Bible Storying Workshop Outline

Session # 1: Chronological Bible Storying: The world has unique cultures. Many people worldwide are primarily oral learners. As people learn that story it is important that the story is told in a chronology or sequence so that the listener can understand the connections from one biblical event to the next. Chronological storying is a building block process, each story revealing more and more of God, His nature, His love and His invitation for all people, young and old, to know Him and His Son as Savior of the world.

Session # 2: Bible Storytelling: Telling the "story" of God, Jesus and the Bible is the basic process for all teaching. Prior to the printed word the story of God was orally passed down from generation to generation. This session will focus on effective ways to be a storyteller and an introduction to techniques in telling the story of God.

Session # 3: Bible Storytelling Techniques: Telling the "story" of God, Jesus and the Bible is the basic process for all teaching. Prior to the printed word the story of God was orally passed down from generation to generation. This session will focus on basic and effective ideas for telling the "Story" and stories of the Bible and how to actively involve the audience in telling the story of God.

Session # 4: Team Bible Story Preparation: In break out groups the class will be assigned a story method for telling and develop a Bible story using that method.

Session # 5: Team Bible Story Presentations: In this session groups will present their Bible story with the assigned method for telling. Each group's presentation will be critiqued by the instructors and workshop class with suggestions for story presentation and improvement.

The Bible Storying Team

The following certified trainers in the Bible Storying are experienced leaders and teachers who have taught this and other content internationally as well as in North America.

M. Kurt Jarvis, Director, Bible Story of God Leadership Institute: Kurt Jarvis holds his B.A. degree from Asbury College and his M.A. degree in Education from Rowan University. He has had over forty years experience providing Bible Storytelling to children, youth, and adults in local churches, conferences and other events in over 35 countries.

Marion Jean Grant, Associate Director, Bible Story of God Leadership Institute: Marion is a BCM International missionary and has had a lifetime of Bible teaching and storytelling to children, youth and adults in local church leadership, as well as in camping ministries across Canada and the United States and numerous international locations. Marion graduated from Briercrest Bible College in Canada and spent over 21 years as a missionary to Pakistan.

Sharon Corcoran, Bible Story of God International Trainer: Sharon has her degree in education and a certificate in counseling. She has had a long career in church education and early childhood ministry. Sharon is a gifted Bible storyteller and was founder and director of a church based Christian nursery School for twenty years. She served as Children's Director in her local church and has served on numerous international teacher and leader Bible storytelling training projects.

Joseph Burchill, Associate Pastor, Bible Story of God International Trainer: Joseph currently serves as Associate Pastor in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA. He has had a lifetime of Bible teaching and telling and has served in local, district and national denominational activities for several. He has a wealth of teaching and telling experience and has served in several international Bible teaching and telling projects.

Judy Jarvis, Bible Story of God Leadership International Trainer: Judy holds her B.A. degree in education and served in public education and also served in various local church leadership responsibilities in a variety of church based activities for children through senior adults. Judy has also worked in the geriatric field as an assistant activities director and has provided Bible storytelling training in numerous international projects.

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