



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Prophets & Promises:
Advent of the Promised One
Unit 10, Lesson 52

The Story of God and His People

Lesson Aim: To understand the Bible is the story of God and His people.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite Bible story?

GAME: Bible Story Charades

THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF PEACE

Read Worship Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent His Son to bring peace.

Today, we will think about the Bible as one big story: the story of God and His people. The first part is found in the Old Testament. It begins when God created all living things. God loves the people He has made. He wants us to be close with Him. He showed this when He gave Moses the Law (Ten Commandments). The first four teach us how to love God. The last six teach us how to love one another. Along the way, God sent prophets with the promise that if we seek God, we will find Him. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Jeremiah 24:7; 2 Chronicles 7:14. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Jeremiah 24:7. Pray. Read Jeremiah 24:7; 2 Chronicles 7:14.

THE WAY KNOWING THE STORY

What has God always wanted from the people He made? (To be close with Him.) The Bible helps us know the story of God and His people. We are all part of this story! Let's divide the story into three parts.

1. **The God Who Was (Genesis–Malachi): Our 3-in-one God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) made us for a relationship with Him. Because our sin separated us from God, He promised to send a Savior to bring us back to Him.**

2. **The God Who Is (Matthew–Revelation): God kept His promise by sending His Son, our Savior, to restore our relationship with Him. Jesus was born, lived, died, rose again, ascended, sent His Holy Spirit to be with us, and continues to build His kingdom through His followers to this day.**
3. **The God Who Is to Come: Throughout the Bible, God promises that one day He will come back to earth to gather all believers for heaven and to make the world right.**

Who can retell the story of God and His people in their own words?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Let's read Jesus' words in John 3:16 to help summarize "The God Who Is." Reveal John 3:16; Matthew 22:37-39; 28:18-20. **We will begin with finding John 3:16.** Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What must one do to be part of God's people and to be close with Him forever? (Believe in His Son Jesus.) God's people are men, women, and children of all races and all faith backgrounds who come to Him through believing in Jesus as their Lord.

Jesus gives the two greatest commandments and the Great Commission to show the role of believers in the story of God and His people. By sending His Son Jesus to save us, God has proven again that He is our God and we are His people. How do we thank Him? God wants His people to obey His greatest commandments and His Great Commission. Read Matthew 22:37-39; 28:18-20.

How can you love God with all your heart, soul, and mind? How can you love your neighbor? How can you make disciples? (Tell others about Jesus.) Let's play Ultimate Bible Challenge to see how much of the story of God and His people we can remember!

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Books of the Bible Bookmark
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #52
- OFFERING OF ART: Your favorite Bible story
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Fish Stories

GAME: Ultimate Bible Challenge, I Opened My Bible

CRAFT: Bible Treasure Box

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Appearing Angel, Toss-A-Verse

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW