



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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 whole Bible as one big story: the story of God and His people. It began when God created all living things. God loves all the people He has made. He wants us to be close with Him. He showed this when He gave Moses the Law, which is also know as the 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? (That we would be close with Him.) How can you show your love to God?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

We show God we love Him by obeying Him and walking in His ways. But throughout the story of God and His people, we see everyone disobeys. Disobeying God is called sin. The bad news is we cannot earn His forgiveness. The good news is He made a way for us to be

forgiven and be close with Him forever. Who did God send to be the way? (Jesus.) Reveal John 3:16; Matthew 22:37-39. 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. God wants His people to obey His greatest commandments. Read Matthew 22:37-39.

The Bible is the story of God and His people. We are all included in this story. Below are five important parts:

1. **God made us and He loves everyone He has made (Psalm 145:13).**
2. **He wants us to be close with Him. He promised we would be His people (Jeremiah 24:7).**
3. **Our sin separates us from God, so He gave His Son Jesus to pay for our sins, promising that all who believe in Jesus can be close with God forever (John 3:16).**
4. **Most of all, God wants His people to love Him and love others (Matthew 22:37-39).**
5. **Jesus promised to return one day to gather up all of God's people and take them to heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).**

What is your favorite part of the story of God and His people? Who thinks they can retell the story in their own words? God keeps all His promises. What is your favorite promise God has ever made? (Sending His Son, promising to return, promising His love lasts forever, etc.) What are some ways you can love God with all your heart, soul, and mind? What can you do to love your neighbor?

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
- **DAILY WAY CHALLENGE**
- **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