



This month kicks off our year-long journey through the Bible as we look at God’s Big Story. Every story has a beginning. As we explore Creation, the Fall and other pivotal moments in the origin of our faith, kids will discover that not only did God create everything, but even after people chose to go their own way, God had a plan to restore us.

We can see how God faithfully began to fulfill that plan in Abram’s call and in the lives of Jacob and Joseph—and we look forward to the fulfillment of that plan in Jesus. When kids see how God has worked in the past, they can grow in faith that our faithful God continues to work in and through each person who chooses to follow Jesus.

In the origin stories of our faith, we discover that God loves us more deeply than we can imagine. From the beginning, God had a plan to restore us to relationship with Him by sending Jesus. And because God fulfilled that promise, we can trust God with our whole lives.

God View

The connection between faith and God's character, as shown through God's Big Story

Insight

Faith in God's Son

I believe in Jesus and will continue to trust Him even when life doesn't make sense.

Application

Faith: Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see



About Faith All month, we're doing a deep dive into the origins of our faith! Kids are concrete thinkers, and while faith comes easily to some, others struggle to believe in a God they can't see with their own eyes. That's why it's so important to help kids understand that faith in God isn't a "blind leap."

We may not be able to see God with our physical eyes, but we can see the countless things that God has done and the promises that God has fulfilled. This is true for the stories from Genesis we'll cover this month, but it's also true in the lives of Jesus followers over the last two thousand years—and in your own life.

Make It Personal

This is a great month for you to share a personal, age-appropriate story of something God has done in your life, and how your own faith grew as a result.

You can also remind kids that faith is not something we have to work up to on our own. Paul wrote in Romans 10:17 that *"faith comes from hearing the message. And the message that is heard is the message about Christ" (NirV)*.

The more that we hear about God's deep love for us in His Word, the Bible, and about the things that Jesus said and did, the stronger our faith becomes. Our faith also grows when we live out the things we have learned. In fact, Hebrews records that Jesus is the Author and Perfecter of our faith. Encourage kids that they can ask God to grow their faith—and trust that He will do it.

Notes

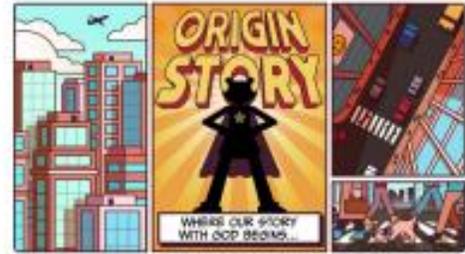
- Yellow highlighted text are cues for audio and visual slides.
- Game, Worship, and the Bible verse from the stage
- Intro and Bible story are on video.

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible

WORSHIP

- What God Made
- King of the Jungle



Today's Bible Story

Creation and the Fall Genesis 1–2:3, 3 Romans 5:8

Bottom Line

You can trust God no matter what.

Memory Verse

**Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.
Hebrews 11:1 (NIRV)**



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces

OPENER

(Welcome kids)

Hello, my friends! We're in the last week of our series 'Origin Story,' talking about God's one big story! But this has been a pretty great month, right? Before we get into the Bible story for this week, let's go ahead and play a game!

GAME TIME

Well, as you may remember if you've been here this month, we're training to be superheroes all month long! And today we're going to test our ability to freeze like Mr. Freeze! "We're going to play some fun music and we'll all dance and move around the room. Then, when the music stops, I'll call out a cool Mr. Freeze catchphrase and you all will freeze! Don't move, okay?"

Then when the music starts again, you can move around and dance again! If I catch you moving you have to sit down. Alright, let's get moving in 3 . . . 2 . . . 1 . . . GO!

Show Song

Every time the music stops, shout out a funny Mr. Freeze catchphrase. Then wait a few seconds and start the music again. In a fun way, check to see if can catch any kids moving.

Mr. Freeze Catchphrases:

Ice to see you!

Allow me to break the ice . . .

Cool party!

A freeze is coming!

Stay cool! Alright, everyone.

Chill!

That was amazing, and I think you've all mastered the freeze. In fact, I think you've all passed your superhero training! So, let's celebrate by praising God with the voices He gave us!

WORSHIP

One of the ways we worship is by giving praise and honor to God by singing and dancing. Now, is your time to jump in and give all you've got as we worship! You can follow along to the moves or worship in your own way. Let's sing!

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs.)

Show Worship Song: Jesus is My Superhero

Show Worship Song: Beautiful

Show Worship Song: Lions

Thanks everyone! I love worshipping God with all of you. Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

INTRO

Show Series Graphic: Origin Story

For the rest of this school year, we're going to be doing something SUPER-incredible. We are going through the story of the Bible together!

(Hold up Bible) This week, we'll be looking at one last story that's found in the book of Genesis—that's the very first book of the Bible. In today's story we'll hear about a man named Joseph who had bad thing after bad thing happen to him over and over again. Let's check out our story!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK4_Story Lab

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Series Graphic: Origin Story

Because Joseph continued to trust God when things got tough, God used Joseph to save his entire family. And more than a thousand years later, Jesus, God's Son, would be born into this same family! God worked through Joseph's life to bring about rescue for us all!

Here's what we need to remember today:

Show Graphic: WK5_Bottom Line

[Bottom line] You can trust God when things get tough. Say that with me! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

Joseph's story just kept getting worse and worse. But then God took him from the prison straight to the palace. God can bring good from even the most difficult stories. "Instead of giving up, Joseph trusted that God was still at work in his life. His faith helped him keep going, even when things got tough.

Show Graphic: Virtue

Faith means trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

Faith can be kind of a hard thing to learn about, because it means trusting in Jesus, even when we can't see Him. This is what the Bible has to say about it.

Show Verse: Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)

Let's say it together! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

God is faithful. When you are in a hard situation too, and you don't know what to do, the best place to start is by talking to God in prayer and asking Him to help you remember that He is with you. Let's go ahead and pray together.

PRAYER

"Dear God, thank You so much for the reminder today that we can trust You when things get tough. Help us, Holy Spirit, when we feel stressed or don't know what to do, to turn to You. Help us remember to trust and believe that God loves us and wants to help us. Thank You that You love us so much. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)