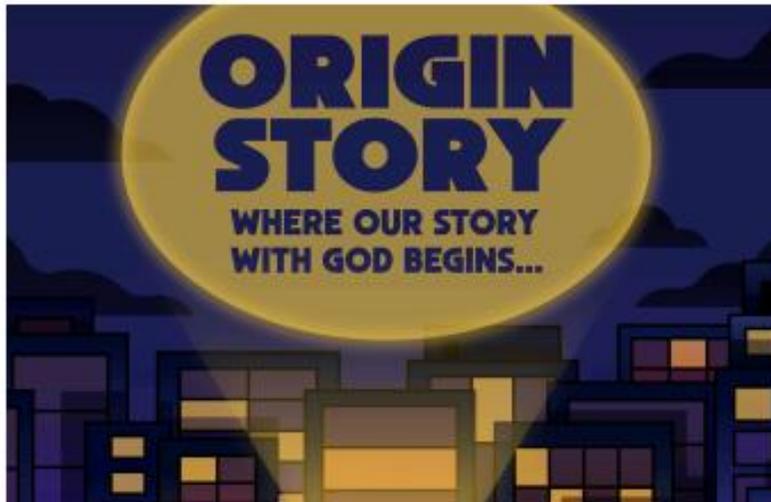


**Upper Elementary  
Large Group**

**AUGUST 2025**



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.

## 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

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**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!

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**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!

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## 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.

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## 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!

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## BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

**Show Video: Video\_WK4\_So&SoShow**

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## 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)

As we go to small groups today, let's think about this question!

### SLIDE: Wk4 Conversation Starter

**When has something bad turned into something good?** Maybe it was a hard class at school that you hated going to, but when you think about it over the year, it taught you a lot. Or it could be if you are tired from doing basketball drills over and over again and get better at basketball.

One of the best things that happened was also one of the most difficult—it was Jesus when He died. Jesus came and gave His perfect life to break the curse, pay for sin, and allow each of us to be close to God again. But some people thought that when He died, that was it. It seemed like the story was over. But it wasn't! Three days later, Jesus rose back from the dead, talked to hundreds of people, and sometime later, He went back to heaven. His death—what was so, so difficult—saved everything. God was working in the most difficult. Let's go ahead and pray.

## PRAYER

God, thank You so much for this month where we got to know You more. Thank You for this great story that reminds us that no matter what is happening, we can trust You because You are always good and have a good plan. Thank You for your best plan, sending Jesus to fix everything we broke—including our closeness with You. When life gets hard, teach us how to trust You. We want to live, fully trusting Your goodness. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## SMALL GROUPS

**Show Graphic: Small Group**

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)