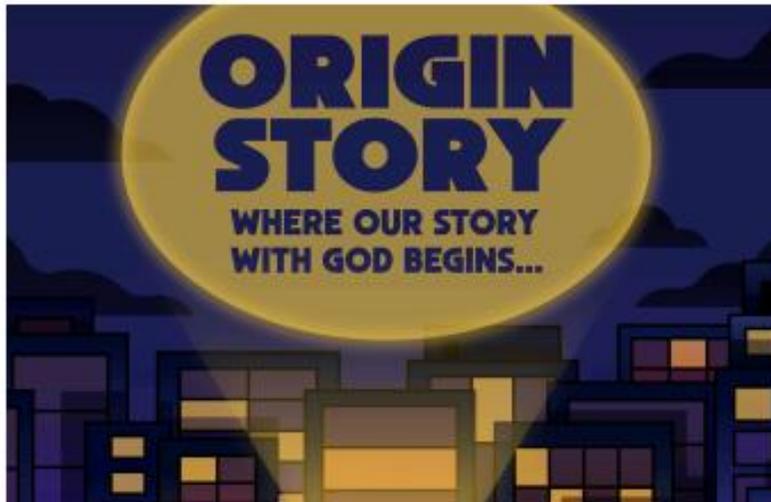


**Upper Elementary
Large Group**

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.



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"* (NIV).

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 Perfector of our faith. Encourage kids that they can ask God to grow their faith—and trust that He will do it.

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

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

THIS MONTH
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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

Upper Elementary Large Group

AUGUST 2025 Week 1

WELCOME 3 minutes
(Welcome kids)

Show Series Theme Graphic: Origin Story

Hey kids! I am really excited you guys are here at Flatirons Kids this month because it's going to be EPIC!

Who likes superhero movies? I love seeing these superhero characters showing off their moves and saving the world! But you know, a lot of them didn't just wake up and become crimefighters. They had an origin story or a beginning to their story. When we know more about how they started, you may understand why they can do what they can do!

This month, we're learning about our origin story with God! We are going to learn where it all began, the origins of us, our relationship with God, and the origins of the world itself!

GAME TIME

But before we jump into that, let's play a game! Since our theme this month is 'origin story,' we thought it might be fun to play a superhero game! Let's try this with a game I like to call 'Super-moji.'

SLIDE: Super-Moji

So here is how you play, I'm going to have a slide that has some emojis on it representing the name of a superhero. I need you to raise your hand if you know the answer. Are you ready?

As you show the slides, make comments with kids about your favorite superheroes. You may need to give some help if kids are struggling to guess the name.

SLIDE: Spider-Man 🕷️ + 👤

SLIDE: Aquaman 💧 + 👤

SLIDE: Green Lantern 🟢 + 👤

SLIDE Iron Man 🛡️ + 👤

SLIDE: Robin 🦇

Great job! You guys really know your superheroes! Now let's go focus our attention in worship on the One who did the most heroic thing in history

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

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

Great work 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 1 minute

Show Series Theme Graphic: Origin Story

This month we're in the series 'Origin Story,' where we're talking about God and how His Story started. God wants us to know who He is and what He is like! That's why He gave us His Word, the Bible! (Hold up Bible)

We're going to do something really cool this year. We are going to learn the big story God is telling in the entire Bible. Each week, we'll take a look at a story from the Bible that tells us about God and the big story He is telling in the Bible. And as we go through the Bible, our hope is that you learn about God! That's why He gave the Bible to us in the first place! Let's check out this week's story.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 -12 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK1_So&SoShow

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Series Theme Graphic: Origin Story

Because of God’s rescue plan, through Jesus, our relationship with Him is no longer broken. And that’s just the first part of God’s great plan! There’s more! Jesus is coming back! When He does, we will live with Him forever and there will no longer be any pain, or sickness, or death. He is going to fix everything that has been broken!

Even though Adam and Eve sinned, which affected everyone and everything, God had a plan. His goodness was even bigger than their sin. In the same way, when you make a choice that goes against God and His ways, you can know that:

Show Graphic: WK1_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] You can trust God no matter what.

Say that with me! *(Repeat with leaders and kids)*

Through all the ups and downs, we can trust that God loves us. God has been working on His great rescue plan for a long, long time. He is going to fix everything. That means He loves us so, so much and He is always working for our good. We can trust Him. We can believe God wants what’s best for us, no matter what. We can choose to have faith in Him.

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)*

When we see creation, we can see that God loved you for a long, long time. God cares for you and wants to have a personal relationship with you. The first step is to trust Him. On your way to small groups, think about this question:

SLIDE: Wk1 Conversation Starter

How do you know you can trust God? Maybe it’s looking around and seeing creation all around you or reading your favorite Bible Story. Let’s go ahead and pray before we go to our groups.

PRAYER

God, thank You so much for today's story. As we start this year, please help us learn about who You are as we read through parts of the Bible. We want to know You! Thank You so much for doing the most amazing thing and sending Your Son, Jesus, to help fix our broken relationship with You. We broke things, and You fixed them. Please help us know and believe that we can trust You no matter what. Thank You for loving us for a long, long time. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)