

August 2025, Week 1

Bible Story: Creation and the Fall • *Genesis 1–2:3, 3; Romans 5:8*

Conversation Starter: How do you know you can trust God?

Bottom Line: You can trust God no matter what.

Monthly 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)

SLIDE: Theme

Host enters . . .

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

OPENER

Leader: “Hey! Welcome to [name of environment.] All this month we’re taking about what it means to have an origin story. An origin story is the beginning of something—like your favorite superhero. Does anyone know some cool superhero origin stories?”

Pause for time and let a few kids answer.

“Wow, you did a great job knowing so much about superheroes. Now let’s go focus our attention in worship on the One who did the most heroic thing in history!”

Worship

LEADER: “Hey, friends! I’m so excited to worship with you! One of the ways we worship is by giving praise and honor to God by singing and dancing. We can follow God no matter what. Let’s go ahead and sing about it!”

Video: Goodbye Yesterday

“Great worshipping! Sometimes, though, it can be hard to follow God, right? It can feel like sometimes, we are alone or that God isn’t there with us. But God IS with you, no matter what is going on! Let’s go ahead and sit down and hear our Bible Story today.

Video: So and So Show

SLIDE: Week 1 Timeline Image

APPLICATION

Leader: “God loves you. He cares so much about you that He sent Jesus with the mission to die for you and pay for your sins.

“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!

“So, back to that question that we asked in the beginning: How do you get to know God? Like the big God who rules over all?

“One of the ways you can do that is through His Word, the Bible. That’s one of the reasons God gave it to us—He wants us to know Him! So we are going to spend this year going through His Great Story to learn more about who He is.

“This week, we looked at how God has been working on His great rescue plan for a long, long time. Adam and Eve broke everything. And God is going to fix everything.

“So we can trust God no matter what because even when we’re not worthy of His love, He loves us anyway. Adam and Eve broke everything. We all needed rescue. And God loves us so much He did everything to fix what we broke. We saw this week how He has been working on His great rescue plan for a long, long time.

LANDING

Leader: “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: Conversation Starter

[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.

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAYER

Leader: “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.”

SLIDE: God’s Big Story