

# THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



## Have you heard THE STORY?

We're talking about the Bible, The Old, Old Story which never gets old, it is always News, and Good News at that! This year Woody Nook is invited on an adventure of reading, exploring, and learning to love God's Word. THE STORY is an abridged telling of the NIV Bible. Every household will receive a copy passed out on Sunday, October 16th and Youth in grades 7-12 will receive their own copy at C.A.T.C.H. (October 18).

THE STORY will guide our preaching schedule this year. Sometimes Scripture seems mysterious. There are actions by humans in the Bible that are not ethically moral. There are actions of God that seem confusing as well. We want to understand the big picture of God's Word by asking two questions — What is the Upper Story? And What is the Lower Story?

The Bible contains an Upper Story and a Lower Story. The Upper Story tells the big picture, the grand narrative of God seeking relationship with mankind as it unfolds throughout history. The Lower Story contains the details of particular people, the episodes

we've become familiar with: Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, the flood, etc. and shares how the actions of human beings interacting with each other and with God are the means of God's reconciling work. And it can be a messy picture!

The Upper Story is really a framework around which we approach and apply any one part of the Bible. It unifies God's whole message to us and helps guide us through the hard times in life by doing two things:

- a) reminding us of God's eternal, long-range plan and,
- b) putting our experiences into a divine context formed by a perfect Creator.

For example, without the "Upper Story", a lost job could be seen as an event without hope. But put into the context of the larger chronicle of our lives, and God's perfect design, that lost job can be seen in a very different light, perhaps as an opportunity for God to reveal something better.

So, by putting all we read into the larger picture, we can make modern-day application from the Bible that takes into account the grand, mysterious ways of God,

and guards us from misapplications that can result from an isolated "what this verse says to me" approach. In other words, the Upper Story creates the context for the Lower Story.

At our church we want to use THE STORY to help everyone gain a better understanding of the big picture of the Bible and to better understand God's redemptive plan for us today. As we journey together through THE STORY we will take note of both the temporal events and characters (Lower Story), as well as the eternal purpose of God: to restore and build a relationship with His creation.

You will have opportunities to follow up the sermon each week with your children's Sunday School program, 4-5-6ers (NEW! See Side Bar), C.A.T.C.H. youth events, your adult small group (check with your leader), and periodic Sunday evening "THE STORY So Far" events.

We hope you are as excited as we are about THE STORY adventure and invite your neighbors who need to hear THE STORY.

## CLUB 456! Starting Soon

Do you love teaching our kids to love God's Word? We are looking for a couple more leaders to help out with our new Club 456! (For kids in grades 4, 5, and 6).

This is a new way to teach our kids how to engage with our worship services. The kids will be in the service and be excused after the sermon for a time of sharing with their peers. The leaders, with the help of questions from the pastors, will help facilitate a conversation connecting the sermon with the kids' lives. It may run a little longer than the service.

We are hoping to get a few more people involved. The scheduling can be flexible but we hope Club facilitators be willing to do 2 Sunday's a month for Oct - June. It's a great way to build community and teach our kids how to participate in church and grow in faith.

Please contact Jen, Mamie, Nahani or Pastor Rebecca if you have any questions or want to sign up.

### Start up of C.A.T.C.H. (grade 7-12)

Oct 18 Kick Off Evening

7:30-9 PM @ Woody Nook

Create Your Own Sundae!

Come meet new and old friends as we dive into THE STORY together this year and how God means for you to enter into the story with Him! You will learn more about yourself, about God and his plan for us as his people.

	A YEAR OF SUNDAYS	TEXT	(MINI) SERIES: Title
Oct 23, 2022	10:00 AM - Communion	"The Story" 1	ACT 1: It Begins
Oct 30, 2022	10:00 AM	"The Story" 2	Promises, Promises
Nov 6, 2022	10:00 AM	"The Story" 3	Provision in Pain
Nov 13, 2022	10:00 AM	"The Story" 4	Deliverance
Nov 20, 2022	10:00 AM	"The Story" 5	Reset
Nov 27, 2022	1st Advent : Communion	"The Story" 6	ACT 2: Wandering
Dec 4, 2022	10:00 AM - 2nd Advent	"The Story" 7	The Battle Begins
Dec 11, 2022	10:00 AM - 3rd Advent	"The Story" 8	A Few Good Men ... and Women
Dec 18, 2022	10:00 AM - 4th Advent	"The Story" 9	Foreign Faith
Dec 24,25, 2022			
Dec 31, 2022			
Jan 1, 2023	10:00 AM - Communion	"The Story" 10	ACT 3: Standing Tall, Falling Hard
Jan 8, 2023	10:00 AM	"The Story" 11	Following and Leading
Jan 15, 2023	10:00 AM	"The Story" 12	The Trials of a King
Jan 22, 2023	10:00 AM	"The Story" 13	The King Who Had it All
Jan 29, 2023	10:00 AM Communion	"The Story" 14	A Kingdom Torn in Two
Feb 5, 2023	10:00 AM - Cadet Sunday		
Feb 12, 2023	10:00 AM	"The Story" 15	God's Messengers
Feb 19, 2023	10:00 AM	"The Story" 16	The Beginning of the End
Feb 21, 22, 2023			
Feb 26, 2023	10:00 AM - 1st Lent Communion	"The Story" 17	ACT 4: The Kingdoms Fall
March 5, 2023	10:00 AM - 2nd Lent	"The Story" 18	Daniel in Exile
March 12, 2023	10:00 AM - 3rd Lent	"The Story" 19	The Return Home
March 19, 2023	10:00 AM - 4th Lent	"The Story" 20	Queen of Beauty and Courage
March 26, 2023	10:00 AM - 5th Lent	"The Story" 21	Rebuilding the Walls
April 2, 2023	10:00 - 6th Lent	"The Story" 22	The Birth of a King
April 6 & 7, 2023	April 6 - Maundy Thursday		
April 9, 2023	10:00 AM - EASTER SUNDAY		
April 16, 2023	10:00 AM	"The Story" 23	ACT 5: The Beginning of the Beginning
April 23, 2023	10:00 AM	"The Story" 24	No Ordinary Man
April 30, 2023	10:00 AM	"The Story" 25	Jesus, the Son of God
May 7, 2023	10:00 AM GEMS Sunday		
May 14, 2023	10:00 AM	"The Story" 26	The Hour of Darkness
May 21, 2023	10:00 AM - Ascension Sunday	"The Story" 27	The Resurrection
May 28, 2023	10:00 AM	"The Story" 28	FINAL ACT: Renewal Spreads
June 4, 2023	10:00 AM - Pentecost Communion	"The Story" 29	Paul's Mission
June 11, 2023	10:00 AM	"The Story" 30	Paul's Final Days
June 18, 2023	10:00 AM- Father's Day	"The Story" 31	The End of the Story?