

Genesis 1-9

Main Idea: God wants to enjoy perfect fellowship with man, but solving the problem of man will not be found in us.

Welcome to The Story – The Pentateuch

Many people remember biblical stories of heroes and heroines from their childhood, but an enormous number of adults failed to see the whole picture, God's story, the Bible. You can purchase "The Story" for yourself in the lobby. The Pentateuch lays the foundation for God's incredible story! It begins with the creation explanation.

Genesis 1-2

Genesis 1 and 2 is the birth of both the Upper and Lower Stories that will continue throughout the Bible. If you were to reduce our solar system 1 billion times, the earth would be the size of a grape. The sun would be about 6 feet in diameter and human beings would be the size of a single atom. Man would be invisible to the naked eye! And yet, to God we are the crowning masterpiece of His creativity.

- ❑ Upper Story – God wants to live with us in perfect community. The same, unified, harmonious relationship in the Trinity, will be enjoyed with mankind.
- ❑ Lower Story – We will decide if this is what we want for ourselves. We have the choice. Free will. Our creator gave us the option.

2 Trees: Life and Knowledge – Genesis 2:9

One tree nourished eternally. To eat from it meant to live forever. The other would introduce knowledge of evil. To eat from it would introduce evil to an otherwise perfect environment. Note: We are not told how much time passed before Adam disobeyed God and ate from the tree of knowledge. It could have been almost immediately; or it could have been thousands of years. Adam did not start aging until he sinned.

2 Men: Cain and Noah – Genesis 4-9

As the population grew from Adam and Eve, it would become clear that when given the choice, men will choose evil over good when it suits them. Man's selfishness would dominate his nature as it has from the beginning. Around 1650 years pass between the death of Abel and the next central figure in Genesis which is Noah.

- ❑ Upper Story Note – God wants to get us back. Even in our state of blatant selfishness, God wants us back!
- ❑ Lower Story Note – Start over. God will start over, using the best, most honorable man He can find – Noah. This is one of the only times in the Bible that the "most likely candidate" is selected by God.

Close

What was true in the days of Noah, is true of you and me today. God is determined to get you back. He has gone to extraordinary lengths to make this possible. There is no solution in you. No matter how good you try to be, there is no solution in man to sin's problem. The solution to our problem is found in Jesus Christ.

Family Night Big Idea – Read Genesis 4:1-12

- Elementary School – Ask, "What was different about each brother's offering? What did Cain do when God rejected his offering? What did Cain do to Abel? What should we do when God asks us to do something?"
- Middle/ High School – Ask, "Do you believe that Cain's offering was sincere? Is it enough to be sincere in whatever you believe? What if you are sincerely wrong? How should we respond to God's commands?"

Prayer: "Heavenly Father help us respond to Your commandments and try to obey You always. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: We will meet this Wednesday, June 11th. Whitewater trip is June 22-26. Need paperwork and last payment.

Gravity: No Gravity. Will resume in August.

New Series "The Story"

Books available in the lobby for \$5. There is a children's version for \$15 available at KidsJAM check-in.

Baptism is June 15

Use the Communication Card if you are interested.

Summer Camp "Ohana"

Camp begins tomorrow at 9am. Join the fun from 9-Noon. Drop off kids at the basketball goal and pick up at the front door. We will have youth to escort them from and to your car. Children can bring an offering any day. The contest between boys and girls is always a hit. The Offering this year goes to 15 year old Lila Ulmer who is battling kidney disease and on dialysis. Lila is a student at Metter High School.

Kenya Mission Trip

Our team of nine people left for Kenya this past Thursday. They will be gone until the 15th. They need our prayers!