

HOW TO TELL A BIBLE STORY

Preparation and Practice in Telling the Story:	
■ PRAY	1. <u>Pray</u> , asking God's help and guidance to select and tell the Bible story.
■ READ or LISTEN	2. <u>Read</u> several times the complete story <u>in the Bible</u> for several days or <u>listen to a recording</u> of the Bible story or listen to <u>someone telling</u> or reading the Bible story to you for several days.
■ STORY MAPPING	3. <u>Draw simple stick line drawings</u> for each episode of the story for yourself. This is called Story Mapping.
■ PANTOMIME	4. While looking at your STORY MAPPING, <u>pantomime the entire story</u> to yourself.
■ PRACTICE	5. <u>Practice, practice and practice</u> telling the Bible story out loud to yourself or to another person <u>before</u> telling it to your group. Be prepared!

Telling the Story:	
Look at the listeners' faces as you tell the Bible story and express the emotions of the narrative.	
■ BIBLE	1. Explain that the story is from the Bible, God's holy word. If your listeners have a Bible, show where the story is located, leaving the Bible open as you tell the story.
■ BIBLE STORY	2. Tell <u>what happened</u> in the Bible story. <i>Tell the story in accordance to the listeners' age level, needs and location. Be aware of local customs and traditions.</i>
WORDS	2.1 Use <u>your own words</u> and <u>be true</u> to what the Bible story says. <i>Tell the story with your own words. <u>Do not read</u> it from a paper or a book. May use drawings on STORY MAPPING if you need help.</i>
VOCABULARY	2.2 Use <u>vocabulary</u> that your listeners understand. <i>Use vocabulary that they understand and use appropriate expressions. Do not frighten anyone. When using religious word(s) (such as "faith"), explain what it means if someone does not understand its meaning. Their vocabulary will grow as the stories are told in chronological order.</i>
ORDER	2.3 Tell the events in <u>chronological order</u> , the order that the events happened.
FACTS	2.4 Tell the <u>correct facts, events, locations and names</u> of persons in the Bible story.

After Telling the Story: (options)	
■ STOP	After telling the Bible story, <u>stop</u> . You are finished.
■ LIFE-LESSONS	After telling the Bible story, <u>give Life-Lesson(s)</u> (truths) that come from the narrative that apply to the needs of the listeners.
■ QUESTIONS	After telling the Bible story, <u>ask questions</u> about the narrative for group discussion.
■ PRAYER	After telling the Bible story, <u>pray</u> with the group.
■ RETELL STORY	After telling the Bible story, let volunteers from the group <u>retell the narrative</u> . Another option is to let the entire group together retell the story or dramatize it.
■ ACTIVITY	After telling the Bible story, <u>do an activity</u> that reinforces the story or reinforces truths from the narrative.