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Welcome to the experience of teaching from *Cornerstone Connections*: Real. Solid. Stories.

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A WORD ABOUT WHAT'S AHEAD . . . (student introduction)

The goal of *Cornerstone Connections* is to lead you to the Bible to see the big story of God and people. This big story continues from the first generation in Eden to your generation today. It's about the lives of people as the God of the universe interacts with them.

If you are looking for a word from God that is **real**, *Cornerstone Connections* captures the message of Scripture and challenges you to make the connections to your real life.

God's Word is not only real; it is rock-**solid**. For the first generation to hear God's voice in the garden to the last group standing before Christ at the Second Coming, the Word of God has been and continues to be reliable.

The word from God comes to us in the **stories** of people who encountered Him and made a decision to either follow Him or walk away.

Real. Solid. Stories. You will find one in *Into the Story* in each lesson. *Out of the Story* will provide you with ways to search for truth you can apply to your life. In each lesson you also will find:

- **What Do You Think?**—a mental activity to get your mind and heart in gear for the story to follow. Every time you approach a Bible story, you are coming to it in the context of the story in which you live every day.
- **Did You Know?**—a brief statistic or definition that digs a little deeper into the story or simply provides some helpful facts to bring to the lesson.
- **Key Text**—a verse that points out a key concept from the story. It is also a great place to find verses that you can memorize and store away for later use.
- **Punch Lines**—a few other verses from Scripture that punctuate key concepts of the lesson. You may see connections between them and the Bible story as well as your own life.
- **Flashlight**—a brief snapshot of Ellen White's input on the story. These glimmers that shed light onto the biblical passage will also give you a glimpse of what awaits you in the suggested weekly reading from her inspired commentary on the stories—*The Conflict of the Ages*.*

- **Other Eyes**—a couple of quotes from various contemporary or historic sources that may open up a slightly different perspective on the central message of the lesson.
- **Making It Real**—the guide to making the truths about God in this story your very own. Begin here if you are studying this lesson on your own prior to, or after, studying it in a Sabbath School class. Each day of the week you will be directed to explore one of the sections of the lesson, to relate it to the story you live, and to make the message from God apply to you personally.

WHY THE BIBLE STORY APPROACH? (teacher introduction)

There is a tendency to neglect God’s Word because the Bible seems so old and the issues of life today don’t seem to automatically connect with the ancient, inspired text. Trying to read through the Bible can leave young people in a fog. But the Bible was never meant to be read. It was meant to be studied, reflected on, and integrated into life. It wasn’t written to be analyzed as much as it was to be obeyed. It takes effort. If you simply want a story to entertain you, then the Bible isn’t for you.

The Bible is not a novel that grips you, but if you get a firm hold on the message of the Bible with a teachable heart and an eye that seeks God, you will find something more than entertaining. You will discover a message just for you. “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13, NIV). Jesus said, “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock” (Matthew 7:24, NIV).

The Bible is the tool that will be used by the promised teacher—the Holy Spirit. We, the earthly teachers, will be effective as we first let the Spirit teach us. Each of these lessons is built around a specific Bible story. You will lead the students *Into the Story* and help them mine truth for their lives *Out of the Story*. The gems of truth are not already mined for you. You and your students will have an opportunity to dig for yourselves.

“In daily study the verse-by-verse method is often most helpful. Let the student take one verse, and concentrate the mind on ascertaining the thought that God has put into that verse for him, and then dwell upon the thought until it becomes his own. One passage thus studied until its significance is clear is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view and no positive instruction gained” (*Education*, p. 189).

Welcome to *Cornerstone Connections*.

—The Editors

PS. Don’t forget to check out the reading plan.

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what tools are provided for teaching the stories?

(*Bolded text helps you review the suggested steps at a glance.*)

- ❶ With each lesson in this *Teacher's Guide* you will find an *Explore* section with topics listed that relate to this week's story. Leadout Ministries has provided a variety of resources for exploring the topic you choose—from discussion questions to illustrations, from reader's theater scripts to learning activities. **Use the resources at leadoutministries.com to create a “program” that is relevant to your group.**
- ❷ **Begin the actual “lesson” time with the *What Do You Think?* activity (and the *Did You Know?* information)** in the student lesson. The activities are designed to get your students to think, respond, and share with one another. The rich discussion that can grow out of this exercise is a great entry point. The key question to ask at the end is “Why did you respond the way you did?”
- ❸ Your *Teacher's Guide* provides an illustration, along with a short “bridge” thought that will help you **lead your students into the Bible passage itself.**
- ❹ The heart of the lesson experience is to **read the Bible passage, *Into the Story***, together and to **discuss it** with the help of your *Out of the Story* for Teachers questions. Other passages to compare to this one for further mining in the Word are sometimes provided as well.
- ❺ Then **share the information about context and background** that will make the story become more understandable for you and your students.
- ❻ You are provided with a short guide to help you **unpack the other sections of the student lesson with your class.** (Your students are also directed to work through one section of their lesson on their own each day by following the instructions in *Making It Real*.) Encourage them to do this the week before or the week after you discuss the lesson in class, whichever works best for your teaching situation.
- ❼ Each week's *Teacher's Guide* includes a teaching tip in *Rabbi 101* that will be helpful for you to keep for future reference. You are also provided an activity and a summary with which to **draw the lesson together and close.**
- ❽ In each lesson students are provided with a reference to the volume from the Conflict of the Ages Series by Ellen White that corresponds with the week's story. Students who choose to will be able to read the entire series in four years by following the reading plan.
 - **Leadout Ministries** is a resource created especially for those who lead out in youth ministry at the local church. It is staffed by youth pastors and young people. Leadout Ministries can also be a clearinghouse for the great illustrations, activities, study guides, or other resources that you and your young people have used successfully and are willing to share. Just contact them (troy@leadoutministries.com) with your ideas.

scope & sequence

2007

1st Quarter

1. Adam and Eve
2. The Serpent
3. Cain and Abel
4. Seth and Enoch
5. Noah
6. Tower People
7. Abraham
8. Isaac
9. Lot
10. Rebekah
11. Jacob and Esau
12. Jacob
13. Israel

2nd Quarter

1. Joseph
2. The Brothers
3. Moses
4. Egyptians
5. Fleeing Slaves
6. Unhappy Campers
7. Chosen Nation
8. Aaron
9. The Tabernacle
10. Miriam and Zipporah
11. Twelve Spies
12. Korah
13. The Bronze Serpent

3rd Quarter

1. The Borders Revisited
2. Balaam
3. Questionable Neighbors
4. Law Review
5. Moses' Death
6. Crossing Jordan
7. Rahab
8. Blessings and Curses
9. Gibeonites
10. Canaan Divided
11. Last Words of Joshua
12. Annual Feasts
13. Early Judges

4th Quarter

1. Samson
2. Samuel
3. Eli
4. Philistines
5. First King
6. Saul's Death
7. Anointed
8. Fugitive
9. Lunatic
10. Crowned King
11. Incumbent
12. Sinner
13. Absalom

2008

1st Quarter

1. God's People
2. Solomon
3. Temple Builder
4. Proud Potentate
5. Repentant Author
6. Rehoboam
7. Jeroboam
8. Asa, Ahab, Jezebel
9. Elijah
10. Evangelist
11. Coward
12. The Sabbath
13. Jehoshaphat

2nd Quarter

1. Ahab
2. Elisha
3. Prophet
4. Naaman
5. Jonah
6. Hosea
7. Isaiah
8. Jehovah
9. Ahaz
10. Hezekiah
11. Assyria
12. Manasseh
13. Josiah

3rd Quarter

1. Jeremiah
2. Approaching Doom
3. Last King
4. Captives
5. Daniel
6. The Dream
7. Three Hebrews
8. Nebuchadnezzar
9. Belshazzar
10. Daniel
11. Daniel 7
12. Daniel 8, 9
13. Daniel 10-12

4th Quarter

1. Haggai/Zerubbabel
2. Zechariah
3. Temple Two
4. Esther
5. Queen
6. Ezra
7. Nehemiah
8. Builders
9. Plotters
10. Reformers
11. Jesus
12. Deliverer
13. Future Glory

2009

1st Quarter

1. Jesus
2. It's Time
3. Mary
4. Simeon/Anna
5. The Wise Men
6. The Child Jesus
7. The Voice
8. Victory
9. Messiah Found
10. Marriage Feast
11. The Temple
12. Nicodemus
13. John the Baptist

2nd Quarter

1. Samaritan Woman
2. The Nobleman
3. The Lame Man
4. John the Baptist
5. The Anointed One
6. Peter
7. Capernaum
8. The Leper
9. Levi-Matthew
10. The Sabbath
11. The Disciples
12. The Centurion
13. The Demonic

3rd Quarter

1. Woman/Jairus
2. The Seventy
3. The Disciples
4. Misunderstandings
5. Broken Barriers
6. Jesus' Ministry
7. Who Is Jesus?
8. Lawyer/Ruler
9. The Children
10. Lazarus' Family
11. Zacchaeus
12. Mary
13. James and John

4th Quarter

1. The King Comes
2. The Pharisees
3. The End of Time
4. Servanthood
5. The Last Supper
6. Gethsemane
7. The Trial
8. Calvary
9. Resurrection
10. Mary Magdalene
11. The Emmaus Road
12. By the Sea
13. Jesus' Ascension

2010

1st Quarter

1. The Mission
2. The Holy Spirit
3. The Lame Man
4. Ananias/Sapphira
5. God's People
6. Stephen
7. Paul
8. Peter
9. Paul/Barnabas
10. Gentiles Included
11. Spreading Good News
12. The Thessalonians
13. The Ephesians

2nd Quarter

1. The Corinthians
2. Workers for Christ
3. Romans/Galatians
4. Last Journey
5. Adventures and Trials
6. Philemon
7. Colossians/Philippians
8. Final Arrest
9. Before Nero
10. John the Beloved
11. Patmos
12. The Revelation
13. Church Triumphant

3rd Quarter

1. First Believers
2. Seekers
3. Wycliffe
4. Luther
5. Zwingli
6. French Reformation
7. English Reformers
8. French Revolution
9. American Reformers
10. William Miller
11. Prophecy Fulfilled
12. The Sanctuary
13. God's Law

4th Quarter

1. Renewal
2. Investigative Judgment
3. Origin of Evil
4. Snares
5. Great Deception
6. The Papacy
7. Spiritual Challenge
8. The Bible
9. Last Chance
10. Time of Trouble
11. Deliverance
12. The End
13. The Beginning

2008 scope & sequence

2nd Quarter

1. Just Scratching the Service
Scripture Story: 1 Kings 21; 2 Kings 9.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 16.
2. Focus on Prophets
Scripture Story: 1 Kings 19:15–1 Kings 21; 2 Kings 2.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapters 17, 18.
3. The Miracle Worker
Scripture Story: 2 Kings 4.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 19.
4. Seven Dirty Ducks
Scripture Story: 2 Kings 5.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapters 20, 21.
5. Pride and Prejudice
Scripture Story: Jonah.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 22.
6. Heartbreak Hotel
Scripture Story: Hosea.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapters 23, 24.
7. Are You Available?
Scripture Story: Isaiah 6.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 25.
8. Hope for the World
Scripture Story: Isaiah 11; 12; 44.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapters 26, 31.
9. Bad Moon Rising
Scripture Story: 2 Chronicles 28:1-5; 2 Kings 16.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 27.
10. Recipe for Revival
Scripture Story: 2 Chronicles 29–31; 2 Kings 18–20; Isaiah 39.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapters 28, 29.
11. Not Like Other Gods
Scripture Story: 2 Chronicles 32; 2 Kings 19.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 30.
12. Manamojo
Scripture Story: 2 Kings 21; 22; 2 Chronicles 33.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 32.
13. Cleaning House
Scripture Story: 2 Kings 23; 2 Chronicles 34.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 33.

1st Quarter

1. A Gift to the Nations
Scripture Story: Deuteronomy 32.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, Introduction.
2. Chosen Son
Scripture Story: 1 Kings 3; 4; 10.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 1.
3. A House for God
Scripture Story: 2 Chronicles 5:2-14.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 2.
4. The Wise Fool
Scripture Story: 1 Kings 11.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapters 3, 4.
5. Confessions of a Foolish Wise Man
Scripture Story: Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 5.
6. Idol Threats
Scripture Story: 1 Kings 11:14-43; 12:1-24; 2 Chronicles 9:29–12:16.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 6.
7. Jeroboam Sin-drome
Scripture Story: 1 Kings 12:16–14:20; 2 Chronicles 13.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 7.
8. Royal Devotion
Scripture Story: 2 Chronicles 14–16.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 8.
9. Never Alone
Scripture Story: 1 Kings 17:1-16.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapters 9; 10 first part.
10. Faith on the Mountaintop
Scripture Story: 1 Kings 18:1-40.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapters 10 last part; 11.
11. Doubt in the Valley
Scripture Story: 1 Kings 18:41-46; 19:1-18.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapters 12, 13.
12. Who's Counting?
Scripture Story: 1 Kings 18:20-22; 19:14-18; Revelation 18:2, 4, 5.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 14.
13. Life Sentence
Scripture Story: 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 17–21.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 15.

3rd Quarter

- 1. Who, Me?**
Scripture Story: Jeremiah 1.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 34.
- 2. Storm Warning**
Scripture Story: Jeremiah 25; 36.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 35.
- 3. Israel Takes Its Medicine**
Scripture Story: Jeremiah 28:1-15; 29:1-14.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 36.
- 4. Be Swayed and Besieged**
Scripture Story: Jeremiah 37–39; 2 Chronicles 36.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 37.
- 5. Obedience Is Not a Bad Word**
Scripture Story: Daniel 1.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 39.
- 6. God Even Gave the Dream**
Scripture Story: Daniel 2.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 40.
- 7. Choose Your Kingdom**
Scripture Story: Daniel 3.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 41.
- 8. Humility Check**
Scripture Story: Daniel 4.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 42.
- 9. This Party's Over**
Scripture Story: Daniel 5.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 43.
- 10. Deliverance**
Scripture Story: Daniel 6.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 44.
- 11. Troubling Dream**
Scripture Story: Daniel 7.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 45.
- 12. God Is in Control**
Scripture Story: Daniel 8; 9.
Commentary:
- 13. A Man, Some Kings, and the End!**
Scripture Story: Daniel 10–12.
Commentary:

4th Quarter

- 1. Haggai and Zerubbabel**
Scripture Story: Haggai. Ezra 4–6.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 46.
- 2. Zechariah (1)**
Scripture Story: Zechariah 1–3 (Zechariah 2–3:5).
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 47.
- 3. Zechariah (2)**
Scripture Story: Zechariah 4.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 48.
- 4. Esther (1)**
Scripture Story: Esther 1–4.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 49.
- 5. Esther (2)**
Scripture Story: Esther 5–10.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 49.
- 6. Ezra (1)**
Scripture Story: Ezra 7–10.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapters 50, 51.
- 7. Nehemiah (1)**
Scripture Story: Nehemiah 1.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 52.
- 8. Nehemiah (2)**
Scripture Story: Nehemiah 2–4.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 53.
- 9. Nehemiah (3)**
Scripture Story: Nehemiah 5; 6.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapters 54, 55.
- 10. Nehemiah (4)**
Scripture Story: Nehemiah 7–13.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapters 56, 57.
- 11. Jesus (1)**
Scripture Story: Isaiah 11; 29; 40.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 58.
- 12. Jesus (2)**
Scripture Story: Isaiah 53; 61.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 59.
- 13. Jesus (3)**
Scripture Story: Malachi 3; 4.
Commentary: *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 60.



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April

5—Just Scratching the Service [p. 11]

The ancient story of Ahab's compromises in the leading of Israel and the evil influence of his wife Jezebel offers numerous lessons for us today.

12—Focus on Prophets [p. 15]

Even after Elisha was called by God and granted a double portion of His Spirit, he wasn't guaranteed respect from his peers.

19—The Miracle Worker [p. 19]

Elisha boldly pursued the work God called him to do, in spite of the challenges, and God rewarded his faith—just as He does ours.

26—Seven Dirty Ducks [p. 23]

Naaman, although wealthy and powerful, received healing only when he humbled himself and obeyed God's "strange" command to wash in a polluted river.

May

3—Pride and Prejudice [p. 27]

In the midst of terror on the high seas and a prophecy of doom and destruction, Jonah experiences the graciousness and compassion of a God he was trying to run from.

10—Heartbreak Hotel [p. 31]

Hosea's story of rejection and pain of unrequited love from Gomer, his unfaithful wife, and his desperate attempts to deliver her from herself, is also God's story.

17—Are You Available? [p. 35]

Isaiah reminds us of three elements of receiving a call from God, who we are in order to accept the call, and how not to drop the call when we hear it.

24—Hope for the World [p. 39]

Often some of the brightest and best are called to live in the darkest of times. Isaiah was no exception.

31—Bad Moon Rising [p. 43]

Fear has the potential to drive us to God for protection. Unfortunately, it drove King Ahaz to find "security" in other gods and nations—but it came with a very high price.

June

7—Recipe for Revival [p. 47]

Hezekiah was a breath of fresh air among the kings of Judah. And his godly choices offered the ingredients for a whole new way of life for God's people.

14—Not Like Other Gods [p. 51]

Enemy forces tried to convince the Israelites that they were too strong for Israel's God. But Hezekiah and his people's trust in the Lord revealed who was the real powerhouse in this battle.

21—Manamojo [p. 55]

The storied lives of Manasseh, Amon, and Josiah portray examples of extreme contrast in their loyalty and faithfulness to God. However, they also reveal the varied ways in which God works to save us in seemingly impossible situations.

28—Cleaning House [p. 59]

The same fire that was rekindled in the heart of young King Josiah as he heard the lost and forgotten book of God's law read to him is still waiting to burn today in the hearts of God's people—young and old.