Compass Life Adult Sunday School

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**“The Greatest Stories Ever Told-1”**

**I. “How it All Started, A Story Inside a Story” (Creation, Genesis 1-2)**

Setting None; The Garden of Eve

 Characters God, Adam, Eve

 Problem(s) A Way for God to Glorify himself; Loneliness of man.

 Options Create a World or not; Create a woman for man.

 Resolution God lovingly and graciously created both.

3 Important Ideas

God created everything from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and experienced great \_\_\_\_\_ in his creation.

God created the world and mankind for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Is. 43:5-7; Ps. 19:1)

God actively sought personal fellowship and relationship with his creation.

2 Things for Today

All human beings are full “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” of God, thus all humans are valuable.

The purpose of marriage between a man and women is for intimate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**II. “The End of Man” (The Fall, Genesis 3)**

Setting The Garden of Eden

 Characters God, Serpent, Adam and Eve

 Problem Temptation to disobey

 Options Obey or not to obey

 Resolution Adam and Eve choose to disobey God

3 Important Ideas

The willful decision of Adam & Eve created a state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the creation and God.

God clearly teaches us and warns us of the difference between good and evil.

God quickly provided hope for his creation in the person of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2 Things for Today

You live in the Garden today, and face the same temptations to obey or disobey God.

Your sin has dire consequences for you personally and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**III. “Need a Do-Over” (The Great Flood, Genesis 6-9)**

Setting Canaan/Mt. Ararat

 Characters God, Noah (and wife), Shem, Ham and Japheth (and wives)

 Problem Corruption of the world and impending divine judgment.

 Options Get in the Ark or die

 Resolution Salvation for 8 people and destruction of the rest of the world

3 Important Ideas

God will always preserve a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of believers, even in the face of extreme disobedience.

God in his sovereignty, retains ultimate control over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

God makes a gracious covenant to never destroy the earth through a flood again (Rainbow).

2 Things for Today

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ represents an ark that people in this church age can run into to find salvation.

Following God frequently is the least popular option within the culture of this world.

**IV. “Promise of a New Future” (The Abrahamic Covenant, Genesis 12, 15, 17)**

`Setting Canaan and Egypt

 Characters Abram and God

 Problem Abraham had no heirs to receive the blessings God promised.

 Options Trust God to provide an heir or trust himself.

 Resolution Abram believes God and he is credited with righteousness.

3 Important Ideas

God is faithful to keep his covenantal promises \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Abram’s participation.

Abram was a new \_\_\_\_\_ and Canaan was a new \_\_\_\_ for God to dwell with his people.

God’s promises made to Abram point to a redeemer (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) for all the nations.

2 Things for Today

God sometimes asks us to obey him without providing a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our future.

God’s promises to us are sometimes unconventional and seemingly not probable.

**V. Infertility and Plan B (Hagar and Ishmael, Genesis 16, 21)**

Setting Canaan

 Characters God, Abram, Sarai, Hagar and Ishmael

 Problem There is no natural heir for Abram

 Options Receive an heir through Hagar or wait for God to provide the heir

 Resolution Abram and Sarai use Hagar and God still provides a natural heir

3 Important Ideas

God kept his covenantal promises to Abram, even when he and Sarai \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him.

Abram and Sarai tried to assist God in bringing his promise to fulfillment (human ingredient).

God is merciful and loving as he saved Hagar and Ishmael from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2 Things for Today

God uses difficult situations like infertility to grow our faith and trust in him.

Considering sinful tactics for a noble motive should always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**1/12 “The Greatest Story Ever Told-2”**