

God Is...

Have you ever heard someone tell you a story? Have you ever told a story or read a story? Good authors usually follow a pattern when they write their stories. Their stories usually include...

- Beginning and end
- Sequence of events
- Introduction of characters
- Setting
- Hook – a problem that must be solved
- Build up to the solution
- A solution
- A resolution

This year in Sunday Schoolhouse, we are exploring the greatest story of all time. Unlike many of the stories we have read or shared, this is a true story that affects each and every one of us. It is the story of God's Rescue Plan for all people. Where can we find the story of God's Rescue Plan? (The Bible)

This year we are exploring the Old Testament together. The Old Testament is very important because it contains many of the elements necessary to understand the New Testament. We are going to see the beginning of our story, the introduction of key characters, and the setting. In lesson 3 we study the "problem." What is that problem? (Sin and separation from God)

As we explore each Old Testament story together, we learn how that story ties into God's Rescue Plan and how it points to Jesus. Let's see what Jesus had to say about the Old Testament. Look up and discuss John 5:39, 46. Here Jesus tells us that He can be found in all of scripture, even the stories of the Old Testament. This is called a Christocentric way of reading the Bible, looking for Christ in everything.

Lesson

To mark our progress together, we are creating a Bible history timeline at Sunday Schoolhouse. As we study each story, we create an object to place on the timeline. When we finish our studies, we will have a complete timeline leading to Jesus!

When we began our studies, the timeline was a blank sheet of paper. Nothing was on it. Our story begins before the earth, the sun, the moon, and the stars were created.

Open your Bible and read the first four words of Genesis 1:1.

- What do we find out in these first four words?
- What was there before God created the heavens and the earth?
- So even though our timeline looked blank, what was there already?
- Before everything we know was created, God was there. He has no beginning and no end. What symbol do we think of that has no beginning or end? (Circle)
- Why didn't Moses think it was necessary to first try to prove that God exists?

Look up and discuss Psalm 90:1-2.

- What does the author say about God here?
- What does the author take for granted about how long God has existed?

Look up and discuss Romans 1:20.

- Even though we can't see God, how has He made Himself known to us?

What can we learn from these verses about God? How can we apply them to our lives?
(Answers might include reassurance that God has always and will continue to be the same, we can always count on Him, He won't ever leave us, no matter what we see on earth, God was before it all, etc.)

Close with prayer.