



**Questions for the week: Sept. 22, 2024 –
CHAPTER 1**

Consider journaling your response to these questions. The Story Bible puts Genesis 1-4, 6-9 in one flowing chapter. You may read it in one setting or as described below in parts. If you have time consider reading: Gen. 1-11; Ps. 1-7; Pr. 1-5

1. **Monday:** Read Genesis 1 (The Story pg. 1-3) What is God saying to us when He says His creation is good? (See: <https://witness.lcms.org/2018/concerning-six-day-creation/>) Notice, only man has the image of God. Does this mean we should mistreat animals? We should say people are the crowning part of God's creation. How can we show value for all people, young, old, unborn and those who are disabled or handicapped? What jobs does God give man and woman? Is maleness and femaleness good? <https://files.lcms.org/file/preview/family-ministry-article-clarity-and-care-for-children-with-gender-confusion> How can you affirm maleness and femaleness in our culture that teaches there is no longer difference between the sexes? (Read an article on the goodness of physical of creation – from John Kleinig's book "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" <https://www.modernreformation.org/resources/articles/wonderfully-made-a-protestant-theology-of-the-body-by-john-kleinig>)
2. **Tuesday:** Read Genesis 2 (The Story pg. 3-4) Saturday God rested! If rest was good for God who is perfect, is rest good for us who are imperfect? How can we make God part of our rest today? Chapter 2 is a flashback to day 6 of creation when man was made? How does this chapter teach that marriage is God's design for one man and one woman for life? What other jobs are man and woman to do? How do you carry out those purposes today? With God's help what can you do today?

**THE STORY
EVENTS THIS
WEEK:**

Sept. 22-29

Story WNAC

- In the Parish Hall
- Activities for all ages
- Wed., Oct. 2 -5:30pm-6:45 pm
- Pizza available @ 5 pm.
- Pizza is \$1 per per slice.

**The Story
Sunday School**

- Bible Class Time
- Sunday School Classes
- 9:15 am – Pre-K – Adult

**The Story
Church**

- 8 & 10:30 AM
- Children's Message
- The Beginning of Life as We Know It - Creation

**The Story
Podcast**

www.calvaryleeds.com in

3. Wednesday: Read Genesis 3 (The Story pg. 5-6) What was the first sin? Do we ever play the blame game when it comes to sin today? Genesis 3:15 is sometimes called the first Good News, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” Your offspring = Followers of Satan/Unbelievers/Satan Himself; Her Offspring = Jesus – through the family line of Eve. We will trace God’s plan through Eve for the next 31 weeks! Why did Adam and Eve have to leave the garden? Would you want to live forever with an imperfect body? What will it be like to have the Garden of Eden back in heaven?
4. Thursday: Read Genesis 4 (The Story pg. 7-8). Who do you relate to more: Cain or Able? What made Able’s offering better? Did Cain receive any grace from God? Note: There is a pattern started here of Sin, Punishment, & Grace. We keep falling into it and dare not turn away God’s grace!
5. Friday: Read Genesis 6 (The Story pg. 9) Genesis 5 contains the genealogy between Adam to Noah. What led to God destroying the earth? What do you think God thinks of the world today? God does not forget his promise to crush Satan’s head and so he spares one descendant of Eve, that is Noah. How can God use you?
6. Saturday & Sunday: Read Genesis 7-9 (The Story pg. 10-12). How did God save Noah and his family? How does the covenant at the end of the chapter show that God still wants to save all of His people? Some modern people see the rainbow as a sign that God loves only LBGT people and people who agree with their sinful lifestyle. What does the rainbow actually tell us? What does the Bible teach about LGBT? See -
<https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/lcms-views#homosexuality>
<https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/life-ministry/library/sexuality>

Bring your questions to a Bible Class or for further reference read Luther’s commentary on Genesis 1-5

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/48193/48193-h/48193-h.htm>

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How *The Story* works: Some Frequently Asked Questions

How do I participate in *The Story*?

Corporately (Together):

1. Simply Come to Church – Each Week the Sermon will go through the Bible in Chronological Order – Highlighting Key Old and New Testament Events.
2. Bible Class/Sunday School – We will offer studies on Sunday Morning and during Wednesday Night at Calvary to walk through the Bible Stories.
3. You can get materials to form your own small group study. Contact the church to receive more information.

Individually:

4. Daily Reading Option 1: There are daily readings set up for the first time Bible reader. If you choose this option you will read through half of the Bible in 31 weeks chronologically. It is designed to give you the big picture of events that happened in the Bible. This option would also be appropriate for those who would like to read along with their parents. (1-2 chapters of the Bible per day.) Children's Bibles may also be used to follow along with the very young. This option can use any Bible or the Story Bible provided. www.calvaryleeds.com
5. Daily Reading Option 2: There are daily readings set up for the more experienced Bible reader who would like to read the entire Bible Chronologically. One Psalm will be read each day along with a chapter from the Book of Proverbs. The reader will read through all the genealogies and sacrificial rules of the Old Testament which all point to Jesus. (3-5 chapters of Bible reading per day.) This option uses the Bible you already have.

What options are available to adults who want to connect with others reading *The Story*?

- Attend *The Story* Nights on Wednesday Evenings
- Participate in Sunday morning class
- Participate in Thursday 10 AM Group at Church
- Participate in Sunday School
- Participate in WNAC – The youth will be reading through the book of Genesis

- Read *The Story* with your family.

Are copies of *The Story* still available?

- Books for all ages are available for sale in the Church Office and the cost is \$6 for *The Story*.

Can I use my own Bible?

- Yes, you are encouraged to use your own Bible, especially if you want to read through the entire scriptures!