



# The Storyteller

author of all things



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**FOR FROM HIM  
AND THROUGH HIM  
AND TO HIM ARE  
ALL THINGS. TO  
HIM BE THE GLORY  
FOREVER. AMEN.**

**ROMANS 11:36**

Welcome to  
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At camp we will encounter the Author of All Things and see how God has always been at work. For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. Are you ready to open up the pages of God's word and discover how God is the Author of Salvation, Truth, Joy, and the Future? You will use this booklet each morning, during Time Alone with God, to help lead you through your daily time with Him. You will also use this booklet during Worship to follow along with your Camp Pastor. Get ready to experience The Storyteller!

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# THE Author OF All Things

# THE Author OF Salvation

**READ ALONG:**

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen. (ROMANS 11:36)

**SERMON NOTES**

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ our understanding.
2. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom.
3. God \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ all things.
4. God is \_\_\_\_\_ of our worship.

Welcome to Time Alone with God at CentriKid! We will be reading Scripture to hear from God every morning.

To truly know the Storyteller as the Author of Salvation, we must start at the beginning. No, not His beginning. He has no beginning, and He has no end. He simply was, is, and always will be.

Instead, we'll start where He began telling His story. When there was nothing but darkness, when the earth was formless and empty, the Storyteller spoke.

He brought the world and everything in it to life with just His Word.



Look at Genesis 1. Draw a line from each day of creation to the things God created that day.

Day 1	Birds & Sea Creatures	
Day 2	Light & Dark	
Day 3	Land, Trees & Plants	
Day 4	Animals & People	
Day 5	Waters & Sky	
Day 6	Sun, Moon & Stars	

On the last day of Creation, God created some minor characters for His story. The first humans were named Adam and Eve, and the Storyteller loved them. He created them in His image, like a mirror that displays our reflections back to us. He gave them a garden to live in, enjoy, eat from, and take care of, and He walked with them there.

Life was good...until it wasn't. Adam & Eve had everything they needed. There was just one rule—one tree the Storyteller told Adam not to eat from.

I would love to tell you that this is the part of the story when Adam and Eve trusted and obeyed the Storyteller and lived happily ever after in the garden for the rest of their days. But, unfortunately, that is quite far from the truth.

### Read Genesis 3:1-6.

Who talked to Eve in the Garden, and what did he ask Eve? (v. 1)

How did Eve respond? (v. 2-3)

Now, look back at Genesis 2:16-17. What was God's actual rule?

In the blink of an eye, things got so twisted. The serpent tricked Eve into believing that the Storyteller didn't want her to be like Him—that He was keeping something good away from her. So, she ate the forbidden fruit, and she gave some to Adam to eat as well.

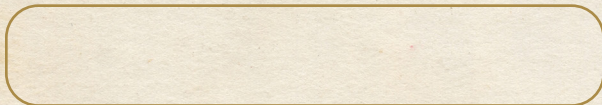
And that's when everything changed.

Suddenly, shame, brokenness, and pain entered the world. Adam and Eve's life in the garden and their relationship with the Storyteller were shattered. Adam and Eve would no longer be able to call the garden their home.

They had disobeyed the Storyteller, and there were consequences because of it—for Adam and future men, for Eve and future women, and even for the serpent.

**Read Genesis 3:15.**

**Who would strike the serpent's head?**



There was no hope for the serpent, but for the humans—for those image-bearers, the ones made to look like the Storyteller Himself—a glimmer of hope appeared.

Only the Storyteller saw it coming. He had planned it all along. A promise of salvation was made. A Savior was coming to rescue these humans from the mess they made. This wasn't the end for them. The Storyteller had a greater story ready to be told.

Can you feel it—the unimaginable hope? For here, at the beginning of the story, the Savior, the great Rescuer, is already on His way.

## **PRAY**

**Thank God, the Storyteller, for the promise of salvation. Thank Him for being faithful even when we are not.**

## **MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT**

The International Mission Board (IMB) works with churches to share God's love with North African and the Middle Eastern people. Jordan is a country located in this part of the world. It is a special place where many Bible stories happened.

One important location in Jordan is Mount Nebo (NEE-boh), where Moses looked out and saw the land God promised His people. Jordan is also where Jesus was baptized! A long time ago, God's people traveled through this area, and John the Baptist walked around telling everyone that God's kingdom was coming soon.

Because Jordan is so important in the Bible, Southern Baptists started helping people there 75 years ago. They first worked in a small mountain town, where Christian doctors and nurses took care of people in the Ajloun (AHJ-loon) Baptist Hospital. Many people still remember how kind the doctors and nurses were.

Today, the Baptist churches in Jordan are still growing. Many of them want to love their neighbors—both Christians and Muslims. They are also helping church members learn how to grow into leaders for the future.

**Thank God for 75 years of Baptists helping people in Jordan know the love of Jesus. Ask God to help the Baptist churches in Jordan be strong as they love and serve the people around them.**



**DAY 2**  
**WORSHIP NOTES**  
 THE AUTHOR OF SALVATION



1. Salvation means being \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Salvation comes only from \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Salvation requires \_\_\_\_\_ in

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4. Salvation required \_\_\_\_\_.

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~THE~  
**Author**  
 OF  
**Truth**

*Imagine being in a fairytale world, and as you walk into the forest of giant, swaying trees, everything around you twinkles. It all seems to have a bit of mystery in it, something unexplainable, and exciting. At the base of the tallest tree, something catches your eye, and as you get closer, you see it's a book—one that looks ancient and sacred. You get the sense that it was meant for you to find; it was meant for you to explore.*

*You discover the ancient book is about this world you've entered—the origin story of creation and the plan of its Creator. It tells you of an evil that tried to overtake the Creator, but it also tells you how the story ends. The Creator is a mighty King who has already won; He is victorious, and His people will be, too. As you read, the sacred words invite you to join the Creator King. What do you say? Will you join His story?*

Draw a picture of what you think this ancient book could look like.

How cool would that be?! Finding an ancient book that told you how the world was created, who created it, and how you could be a part of the story would be nothing short of amazing!

### And guess what?

That is exactly what we have in the Bible. As cool as that fairytale world might sound, one of the things I love most about the Storyteller's story is that it's all true, down to even the smallest of details.

Do you know what else is amazing? The Storyteller wrote His story down so people like us, thousands of years later, could know Him. From Moses to King David, to prophets like Isaiah, to Gospel writers like Luke, and to a villain-turned-good-guy like Paul, the Storyteller used imperfect people to accomplish His perfect Word.

Check out what Paul told Timothy in a letter he wrote to help Timothy live a godly life. When others were trying to deceive Timothy and keep him from the truth, Paul reminded him that he not only knew the truth, but he also knew the very Author of Truth.

### Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, 15 and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

In verse 16 above, **circle** who inspired Scripture.

Draw a **box** around all the things Scripture is profitable (good) for. **Find these words in the Word Search below.**

V	P	K	Z	U	C	Y	G	C	L
R	E	B	U	K	I	N	G	O	T
V	C	H	O	U	I	T	Q	R	L
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T	H	X	N	X	F	I	F	I	B
T	A	G	P	X	U	T	P	N	J
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God is the source of truth—He inspired ALL of Scripture and gave it to us so that we can know Him and set our hope in Him.

Some people might encounter this truth and not understand it or believe it. But there are those of us who have seen a glimpse of the Storyteller's glory, who have become captivated by who He is, and who want to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Believing God's truth and following Him is more thrilling than finding an ancient book in a mystical forest.

He has called us and equipped us in truth to join Him in His good work. What do you say? Will you join His story?

## PRAY

**Ask God to help you know Him and love Him more each day. Thank Him for being the Author of Truth and equipping you for every good work.**



## MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Jordan is a country in the Middle East that is about the same size as the U.S. state of Indiana. It has mountains and also very low places near the Dead Sea, which is one of the lowest spots on earth. Jordan is close to other countries like Israel, Syria, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia.

About 12 million people live in Jordan. Many come from other countries because they are refugees or workers looking for jobs. Most people are not Christians, but are Muslim. This means they follow the religion of Islam. Muslims do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God. This is why it is so important for them to know the love of Jesus Christ. While they believe Jesus was a prophet, they do not know He is God's Son who came to die and save us from our sin. That is why it is so important for Muslims to learn about Jesus.

Only a small group of people are Christians in Jordan. There are only about 60 evangelical churches in the whole country. Muslims and Christians usually live peacefully together and try to be kind neighbors to one another.

**Pray God will help the churches in Jordan be strong, brave, and wise. Ask God to help Christians share Jesus's love with their Muslim neighbors, and to help the church grow.**



# DAY 3 WORSHIP NOTES

THE AUTHOR OF TRUTH



1. Truth is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Truth is \_\_\_\_\_ in

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Truth leads us to \_\_\_\_\_.

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# THE Author OF Joy

Good morning, Camper! I hope your day yesterday was all you hoped it would be! I hope it was full of laughing with your friends, experiencing the beauty of the Storyteller's creation, and singing at the top of your lungs as you worshiped and gave Him praise.

What brings you joy in your life? Write or draw something for each category.

**Family Member**

**Activity**

**Memory**

**Book**

**TV Show**

**Animal**

Did you know our pets can help us see what true joy looks like?

Think about it: Is there anything better than seeing your dog after a long day at school? Or what about when your cat greets you as you come home?

Picture this: you've returned home after a long day of school, and guess who is there waiting for you?

Your beloved dog, Pepper, who is always SO happy you're home! She might jump up, squeal, or even spin around in circles as you walk through those doors. Why is she so excited?!

Is it because Pepper wants something from you? No! Well, maybe a treat, but that's not what she really cares about. Is it because Pepper wants to hear about your day? Nope—she can't even speak human!

Pepper has joy because YOU are home! She gets to be with you! It's your presence that is the secret to Pepper's joy.

That's what we should be like when we are with the Storyteller! Our pets love to be with us simply because of who we are. We should love to be with the Storyteller simply because of who He is.

**Read Psalm 16:9-11.**

Where is abundant joy found? (Hint: look in v. 11)

The Storyteller is where abundant, throwing-your-head-back, belly-laughing-without-a-worry-in-the-world kind of joy is. No matter how good the things we love on earth are, they don't even compare to what the Storyteller gives us. True joy can only be found in the Storyteller's presence. Why? Because He is the Author of Joy.

And if that wasn't enough, I have more joyful news to share with you! Our Storyteller, the One in whom joy is found, also delights in us! We are His people—His children—and while He is a great big God and the Author of All Things, He also loves and finds joy in even the smallest of us.

**Unscramble the words from Zephaniah 3:17 below. (Hint: Look it up in your Bible if you need help!)**

The Lord your God is among you, a \_\_\_\_\_  
(rrrwaio) who saves.

He will \_\_\_\_\_ (jeeroic) over you with  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ssdglane). He will be quiet in his love.

He will \_\_\_\_\_ (ghtlied) in you with  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ggiinns).

As you go through your day, remember that the Storyteller rejoices over you with gladness. You are His. He has invited you to be a part of His grand story, and being in His presence is where you find **true, abundant joy**.

## PRAY

**Thank God for being the Author of Joy and for giving you joy even in difficult times. Thank Him for being a God who delights in you.**

## MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Fadi\* is a Christian man in Jordan who loves God very much. He likes to tell people about Jesus. One day, he met Adam\*, a man who had left his own country because it was not safe. Fadi told Adam about Jesus, and Adam decided to follow Him. Then Fadi taught Adam more about the Bible and how to grow as a Christian.

Adam was waiting to move to another country where life would be safer and easier. But as he learned more, he wanted his family and friends back home to hear about Jesus, too.

One day, Adam called Fadi from the airport to tell him he was getting on a plane to go back home. Adam said, "I didn't tell you before because I thought you might try to stop me. But I feel like I need to go home and tell my family about Jesus."

Fadi was surprised, but also very proud of Adam. Adam was willing to give up his dream of a better life so he could share the love of Jesus with the people he loved most. God is using Fadi to teach new believers. He is using Adam's bravery to bring Jesus' love to people who need to hear it.

**Thank God for Fadi and how he shares the love of Jesus Christ. Ask God to help Adam as he goes back home. Pray God will keep him safe, make him brave, and help his family and friends want to hear about Jesus, too.**

\*Fadi and Adam are not their real names.



**DAY 4**  
**WORSHIP NOTES**  
 THE AUTHOR OF JOY



1. Joy in Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ than  
 our \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Joy can point others to \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Joy is \_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ is our joy.

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*The*  
**Author**  
**of**  
**the Future**

Wow, I never could have predicted just how amazing this week would be! You couldn't have ever guessed how many friends you would make in Bible Study, what Track Times you would do, or how messy you would get at OMC. How could we have possibly known?

Let's make some future predictions (guesses)! When I graduate high school/grow up...

**I will go to this college:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will do this for work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will live in this city:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will have this many kids:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will have this kind of car:** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think every single one of your predictions will come true? It would be cool if they did, but you can't know for sure! Why? Because you don't know the future!

But you do know the Author of the Future because you know the Storyteller, and He knows the past, the present, and the future!

Do you remember how the Storyteller made His first promise of the Savior in Genesis 3? Do you know how many years took place between when that first promise was recorded and when the Savior actually came to earth?

From the beginning, even before it was written in Genesis, the Storyteller had a plan to send our Savior. He wasn't just guessing; He is the Author of the Future! We can trust that the Storyteller will keep His promises because He doesn't just know the future, He is in control of it!

In Worship last night, we learned about Paul and Silas in prison and the jailer who trusted in Jesus. After this, a church started in Philippi—one that probably included the jailer! Paul loved the people of Philippi, and He had some encouragement for them in his letter of Philippians.

### Read Philippians 1:6.

Paul knew God is the Author of the Future. Paul trusted the Storyteller to complete the good work He had started in the Philippians and in each of us.

How? Because the Storyteller's story has already been written.

He is the great Author of All Things, and He has invited you to be a part of His epic story. Are you ready to join Him?! The next chapter begins in 3, 2, 1—let's see what the Storyteller does next!





# DAY 5 SEND-OFF

THE AUTHOR OF THE FUTURE



1. Our future is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Our hope is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Our path is \_\_\_\_\_.

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# MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT



One day, Giovanni Radici\* took his wife, Amelia, to the doctor. While the doctor was checking on her, he asked what she did for work. Amelia said she was a gospel singer and Giovanni was a pastor. Suddenly, the doctor sang a Christian song! This surprised Amelia because the doctor wasn't a Christian. She asked how he knew the song. The doctor explained that when he was a little boy, he went to a Christian school. He learned many songs about Jesus there.

After the checkup, the doctor talked to Giovanni in the waiting room. He said he liked learning about different beliefs. When he went to college in the United States, he had lots of Christian friends.

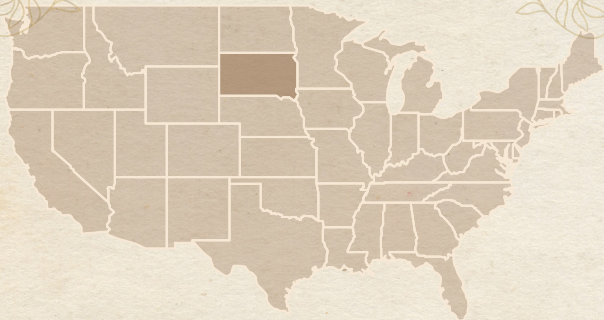
Giovanni and Amelia told him about God's love: how God made the world, loved everyone, and sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and rise again so we can be forgiven and live forever with Him. The doctor wanted to pray, right there.

This story shows that God can work in someone's heart even after many, many years. Sometimes people believe right away, and sometimes it takes a long time. But God is always faithful, and He uses our kindness and words to help others learn about Him.

**Thank God for the doctor remembering a song about God. Ask Him to help the doctor as he starts following Jesus. Ask Him to help Giovanni and Amelia keep sharing Jesus's love with everyone they meet.**

\* Giovanni and Amelia Radici\* are not their real names

## MISSIONS PRAY. GIVE. GO.



### *NAMB: South Dakota*

Matt is a missionary with Send Relief, Southern Baptists' compassion ministry arm. He and his wife, Amanda, along with their three kids, run the Čhaŋkú Wašté Ranch on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, home to the Oglala Lakota people.

Much of what the Haddens do at Čhaŋkú Wašté is built around an eight-week-long summer kids' camp. "We do a really big, glorified VBS," Matt says. "It's a safe place for kids to learn and celebrate who God made them to be. They learn Bible stories, they play games, they do arts and crafts, and really, we just all have a lot of fun."

When you give to the CentriKid Camps missions offering, you're helping provide basketballs, Bibles, crayons, and anything else missionaries like the Haddens might need to share Christ in an unreached place.

### *IMB: North Africa and Middle East (Jordan)*

The International Mission Board works with local churches to share God's love with people far away in North Africa and the Middle East. These places are old and special. It's where Jesus' story started!

This summer, you get to learn about Jordan, a country that helps families who left their homes because of war. God is doing great things there. Kids—just like you—are helping share Jesus' hope.

Mission workers tell families about Jesus in lots of ways. They want to show God's love. And guess what? YOU can help, too. When you pray, give to the missions offering, and learn at camp, you get to be part of what God is doing around the world.



# The Gospel

GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

*gos·pel* — noun. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.

## GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17

## WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death.

Romans 3:23; 6:23

## GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us.

John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9

## JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever!

Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9

## WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.



John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10,13













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## DAY 1

Check-In (CAMP STORE OPEN)	1:00-4:00 pm
Dinner	-----
Kick-Off  	7:00
Team Time // Adult Gathering	8:00
Church Group Time	9:00
Head to Room	9:30
Lights Out	10:00

## DAY 2 - DAY 4

Breakfast // Time Alone with God  	-----
I Can't Wait  	8:30 am
Team Time (Bible Study & Rec)  	9:15 am
Lunch	-----
The SPOT 	1:15 pm
Track A	1:30
The SPOT 	2:30
Track B	2:45
Hang Time (CAMP STORE OPEN)	
Dinner	-----
Worship  	7:00
Church Group Time	8:00
Evening Hang Time (CAMP STORE OPEN)	
Head to Room	9:30
Lights Out	10:00

## DAY 5

Breakfast // Time Alone with God  	-----
Send-Off  	8:30 am
Churches Depart	

