STUDY AIDS

Story 27 The Story of the Good Samaritan

A Bible Story from the Book of Luke

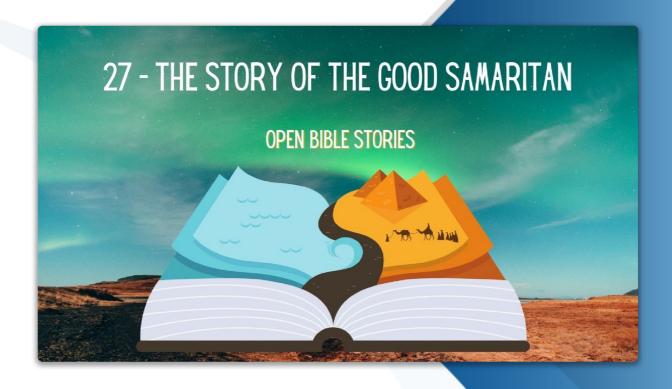




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A Guide to Using the Stories in the Open Bible Stories

The Reason For The Stories

The stories in the OBS tell about things that happened in the Bible. However, the stories are shorter than the Bible accounts, and the language is often easier to understand. The stories can help people learn about who God is and about what he has done. Also, each paragraph of a story has an image that can help people understand what happened in Bible times when clothing, houses, and culture were very different than they are today.

How to Use The Stories

- Choose a story to read. The stories will be easier to understand if you read the stories in order, beginning with the first story
- Read the story. In a group, one person may read the story aloud, or the people may take turns reading portions.
- Look at the images. Use the images to help you understand what happened in the time of the story. Try to identify the people in the images.
- Refer to the Notes. Read the study notes whenever there is a word or something else that you do not understand in the story.
- Discuss the Questions. Read each question and think about the answer. The first set of questions help you see what the story says. The next set of questions help you think about what the story means to you. If you are in a group, allow different people to offer answers to the questions. Look at the answer to each question and see how it is the same as your answer, or different from it.
- Read the Summary. Read the story summary at the end of the questions. Think about what you have learned about God in the story. If you are in a group, ask the group what they have learned from the story.

The Parts of The Stories

- The text of the stories
- The images in the stories
- The study notes in the stories
- The questions for the stories

Study Notes

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One day, an expert in the Jewish law came to Jesus. He wanted to show everyone that Jesus was teaching wrongly. So he said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered, "What is written in God's law?"

an expert in the Jewish law - This man studied and taught the laws God had given the Israelites, as well as other Jewish laws.

to inherit eternal life - The law expert was asking how he could be worthy to receive eternal life as an inheritance from God the Father.

eternal life - This refers to life forever with God after the mortal body dies.

What is written in God's law? - Jesus asked this question because he wanted the man to think about what God's law really teaches.

