

The Bible tells the stories of people living their faith over the centuries and, through its demands and promises, God forms us as a people of faith.\* In order to increase Biblical fluency as a congregation, over the next nine months we will explore some of those major faith stories in the Old and New Testaments to understand how God's faithfulness has formed and continues to form people of faith.

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Below is an outline of [God's Story. Our Story](#) through the end of December. Feel free to hang it in a convenient place or place it in your Bibles or next to your computer as you follow along at home. The Focus Reading is what you will hear in worship each Sunday and what we will focus on in the sermon. The Extended Reading assignment is what we suggest you read if you want to take your learning and reading a little deeper from week to week. Your participation in [God's Story. Our Story](#) can be as simple as coming to worship each week. Or, you can go deeper in your commitment by reading ahead, participating in a Bible study, completing the weekly Your Story connection found either online or in the Narthex on Sunday, or blogging online with us on your [God's Story. Our Story](#) experience.

Date	Topic	Title	Extended Reading	Focus Reading	Focus Story/People	Gospel/OT Reading
8/28/11	Introduction	In the beginning was the Word...	None	John 1:1-17	The Christian Community	Isaiah 55
9/04/11	Creation (God's role in creation)	The Lord God made...	Genesis 1:1-2:25	Genesis 2:4b-25	Creation	John 1:1-8
9/11/11	Fall (what is sin and God's salvation)	I hid myself.	Genesis 3-11	Genesis 3	Adam & Eve	John 3:1-17
9/18/11	Covenant/Abraham	Abraham went.	Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6, 18-21	Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6	Abraham	Matthew 1:1-17
9/25/11	Jacob (covenant, Jacob's dream, 12 tribes, Joseph's lineage)	The Lord shall be my God.	Genesis 25-36	Genesis 28:10-22	Jacob	Matthew 8:5-13
10/02/11	Joseph	What is this that God has done to us?	Genesis 37-50	Genesis 42:1-28	Joseph	Luke 5:17-26
10/09/11	Exodus (burning bush, I AM)	Who am I that I should go?	Exodus 1-12	Exodus 3	Moses	John 8:39-59
10/16/11	Law/Tabernacle	Consecrated to me; therefore...	Exodus 20-31	Exodus 22:31-23:13	God's Law	Luke 6:1-11
10/23/11	Judges/Settlements of Promised Land	In those days...	Judges 1-8	Judges 2:6-3:11	Israel's Judges	Luke 1:46-55
10/30/11	Samuel (Samuel's Call)	Your servant is listening.	1 Samuel 1-7	1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a	Samuel	Luke 2:41-52
11/06/11	Kings	They have rejected me.	1 Samuel 8-10	1 Samuel 8	Govt for the People	Matthew 2:1-12
11/13/11	Saul (God rejects Saul)	I have sinned.	1 Samuel 11-15	1 Samuel 15:10-35	Saul	Mark 1:9-15
11/20/11	David	You have promised.	2 Samuel 5-12:22 1 Kings 1-2	2 Samuel 7:8-29	David	Matthew 20:29-34
11/27/11	Pre-Exile/Prophets (Elijah and the priests of Baal)	Answer me, O Lord.	1 Kings 17:1-19:18 2 Kings 2:1-12	1 Kings 18:20-40	Elijah	Matthew 17:1-13
11/30/11	Wednesday - Wisdom Writings	Fear God, and keep his commandments.	Ecclesiastes	Ecclesiastes 1:1-18, 12:1-14	Teacher	Luke 10:25-28
12/04/11	Exile/Prophets	Is it right?	Jonah	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Jonah	John 13:31-35
12/07/11	Wednesday - Prophetic Writings	I will draw near.	Malachi	Malachi 2:10-3:5	Malachi	Matthew 25:31-46
12/11/11	Post-Exile Prophets (The Spirit poured out)	The word of the Lord that came to Joel.	Joel	Joel 2:18-29	Joel	John 16:4b-15
12/14/11	Wednesday - Apocalyptic Writings (Daniel in the lions' den)	I have done no wrong.	Daniel 1-12	Daniel 6:1-28	Daniel	Matthew 24:1-31
12/18/11	Annunciation	My soul magnifies the Lord.	Luke 1	Luke 1:39-56	Mary	1 Samuel 2:1-10