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## a word about what's ahead...

The goal of *Cornerstone Connections* is to lead you to the Bible to see the big story of God and people. This big story continues from the first generation in Eden to your generation today. It's about the lives of people as the God of the universe interacts with them.

If you are looking for a word from God that is **real**, *Cornerstone Connections* captures the message of Scripture and challenges you to make the connections to your real life.

God's Word is not only real; it is rock-**solid**. For the first generation to hear God's voice in the garden as well as the last group standing before Christ at the Second Coming, the Word of God has been and continues to be reliable.

The word from God comes to us in the **stories** of people who encountered Him and made a decision to either follow Him or walk away.

**Real. Solid. Stories.** You will find one in *Into the Story* in each lesson. *Out of the Story* will provide you with ways to search for truth you can apply to your life. In each lesson you also will find:

- **What Do You Think?**—a mental activity to get your mind and heart in gear for the story to follow. Every time you approach a Bible story, you are coming to it in the context of the story in which you live every day.
- **Did You Know?**—a brief statistic or definition that digs a little deeper into the story or provides some helpful facts to bring to the lesson.
- **Key Text**—a verse that points out a key concept from the story. It is also a great place to find verses that you can memorize and store away for later use.
- **Punch Lines**—a few other verses from Scripture that punctuate key concepts of the lesson. You may see connections between them and the Bible story as well as your own life.
- **Flashlight**—a brief snapshot of Ellen White's input on the story. These glimmers that shed light onto the biblical passage will also give you a glimpse of what awaits you in the suggested weekly reading from her inspired commentary on the stories—*The Conflict of the Ages*.\*
- **Further Insight**—one or two quotes that will provide further insight into the central message of the lesson.
- **Connecting to Life**—the guide to making the truths about God in this story your very own. Study the Bible lesson during the week in preparation for Sabbath School. On Sabbath you will have the opportunity to review, discuss, and elaborate on what you learned with your teacher and other students in your Sabbath School class. Each day of the week you will be directed to explore one of the sections of the lesson, to relate it to the story you live, and to make the message from God apply to you personally.

Welcome to *Cornerstone Connections*.

—The General Conference Sabbath School Department

PS Don't forget to check out the reading plan.

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## July

**1—The Trust Test [p. 5]**

Once again Israel is given a chance to fulfill God's promise and the imperative to go in and possess the land He has been waiting 40 years for them to inhabit.

**8—Greed: The Bottomless Pit [p. 9]**

A prophet in denial argues with a talking donkey, showing just how far from God's reality earthly greed can take a person.

**15—Roads to the Soul [p. 13]**

The Israelites learn, once again the hard way, that there is no moment when the human heart is safe from temptation.

**22—Law and Love Revisited [p. 17]**

Moses portrays the love and mercy of their Almighty Protector as he rehearses to the Israelites the history of their deliverance from Egypt and their journey in the wilderness.

**29—Last Longing Look [p. 21]**

Moses' humanity is evident as he looks over his life; however, his close connection with God is also clear as he willingly gives his life to what God has planned for him.

## August

**5—Promises Don't Die [p. 25]**

The nation could have fallen apart at the death of Moses; however, God's promises are passed to the new leader signifying that God's Word transcends human leadership.

**12—Behind the Walls [p. 29]**

An alien woman has more faith than the Israelite nation itself. As a result, she is rewarded with the marvelous privilege of becoming a grandparent of both King David and the Messiah.

**19—First Things First [p. 33]**

After Ai is finally defeated, Joshua reminds the people of the blessings that would attend their obedience to God and the curses that would haunt them should they disobey.

**26—Oops! [p. 37]**

Israel is forced to defend a nation whose people it barely knows to honor a dishonest agreement, and still God pauses time to allow His people to conquer their enemies.

## September

**2—Real Estate Section [p. 41]**

In the settling down of the Israelites in their long-awaited land, there are lessons to learn about relationships, trust, God's grace, faith in action, and brotherly love.

**9—Line in the Sand [p. 45]**

Joshua leads the people in renewing their covenant with God, drawing a clear line in the sand for them.

**16—Famines and Feasts [p. 49]**

This week's lesson focuses on the stewards we are to be of God's blessings, as well as on the symbols through which God communicates knowledge of His saving grace.

**23—Knowing God's Will [p. 53]**

Gideon's story often leads to discussions about knowing God's will; however, a better knowledge of God brings a clearer understanding of His purpose for us in this world.

**30—You First [p. 57]**

In the great controversy between right and wrong, humility is locked up in a desperate battle against selfish ambition and pride. Does humility have a chance?



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