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### TEACHER'S GUIDE



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# welcome

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## A WORD ABOUT WHAT'S AHEAD . . . (student introduction)

**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 to 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 either to 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 simply 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’s Word apply to you personally.

## WHY THE BIBLE STORY APPROACH? (teacher introduction)

There is a tendency to neglect God’s Word because the Bible seems so old and the issues of life today don’t seem to automatically connect with the ancient, inspired text. But the Bible was never meant to be just read. It was meant to be studied, reflected on, and integrated into life. It wasn’t written to be analyzed as much as it was to be obeyed. It takes effort. If you simply want a story to entertain you, then the Bible isn’t for you.

The Bible is not a novel that grips you, but if you get a firm hold on the message of the Bible with a teachable heart and an eye that seeks God, you will find something more than entertaining. You will discover a message just for you. “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13, NKJV). Jesus said, “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock” (Matthew 7:24, NKJV).

The Bible is the tool used by the promised Teacher—the Holy Spirit. We, the earthly teachers, will be effective as we first let the Spirit teach us. Each of these lessons is built around a specific Bible story. You will lead the students *Into the Story* and help them mine truth for their lives *Out of the Story*. The gems of truth are not already mined for you. You and your students will have an opportunity to dig for yourselves.

“In daily study the verse-by-verse method is often most helpful. Let the student take one verse, and concentrate the mind on ascertaining the thought that God has put into that verse for him, and then dwell upon the thought until it becomes his own. One passage thus studied until its significance is clear is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view and no positive instruction gained” (*Education*, p. 189).

Welcome to *Cornerstone Connections*.

—General Conference Sabbath School Department

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# what tools are provided for teaching the stories?

(**Bolded text helps you review the suggested steps at a glance.**)

❶ With each lesson in this *Teacher's Guide* you will find an *Explore* section with topics listed that relate to each week's story. We have provided a variety of resources for exploring the topic you choose—from discussion questions to illustrations, from reader's theater scripts to learning activities. **Use the resources at [www.cornerstoneconnections.net](http://www.cornerstoneconnections.net) to create a "program" that is relevant to your group.**

❷ **Begin the actual "lesson" time with the *What Do You Think?* activity (and the *Did You Know?* information)** in the student lesson. The activities are designed to get your students to think, respond, and share with one another. The rich discussion that can grow out of this exercise is a great entry point. The key question to ask at the end is "Why did you respond the way you did?"

❸ Your *Teacher's Guide* provides an illustration, along with a short "bridge" thought that will help you **lead your students into the Bible passage itself.**

❹ The heart of the lesson experience is to **read the Bible passage**, *Into the Story*, together and to **discuss it** with the help of your *Out of the Story for Teachers* questions. Other passages to compare to this one for further study of the Word are sometimes provided as well.

❺ Then **share the information about context and background** that will make the story become more understandable for you and your students.

❻ You are provided with a short guide to help you **unpack the other sections of the student lesson with your class.** (Your stu-

dents are also directed to work through one section of their lesson on their own each day by following the instructions in *Connecting to Life*.) Encourage students to study the Bible lesson during the week in preparation for Sabbath School. On Sabbath you will review the lesson and will help them elaborate on it. This process will strengthen in students a sense of accountability and will facilitate a deeper spiritual understanding of the content under study in Sabbath School.

❼ Each week's *Teacher's Guide* includes a teaching tip in *Rabbi 101* that will be helpful for you to keep for future reference. You are also provided an activity and a summary that helps to **draw the lesson together and close.**

❽ In each lesson students are provided with a reference to the volume from the Conflict of the Ages Series, by Ellen White, that corresponds with the week's story. Students who follow the reading plan included in these Sabbath School Bible study guides will be able to read the entire series in four years. The audio and e-book versions of the Conflict of the Ages Series in Today's Language are now available online at [www.cornerstoneconnections.net](http://www.cornerstoneconnections.net). The prayerful study of God's Word along with the reading of these books promise to help students grow in their relationship with God!

❾ Teachers, in your role as a discipler of youth, the GC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department wants to help you in every way possible to be equipped for this important work. You are encouraged to go to [www.growingfruitfuldisciples.com](http://www.growingfruitfuldisciples.com). There you will find resources to help you be more intentional and fruitful in the discipling of your students.



# scope & sequence

## 2019

### 1st Quarter

1. Adam and Eve
2. The Serpent
3. Cain and Abel
4. Seth and Enoch
5. Noah
6. Tower People
7. Abraham
8. Isaac
9. Lot
10. Rebekah
11. Jacob and Esau
12. Jacob
13. Israel

### 2nd Quarter

1. Joseph
2. The Brothers
3. Moses
4. Egyptians
5. Fleeing Slaves
6. Unhappy Campers
7. Chosen Nation
8. Aaron
9. The Tabernacle
10. Miriam and Zipporah
11. Twelve Spies
12. Korah
13. The Bronze Serpent

### 3rd Quarter

1. The Borders Revisited
2. Balaam
3. Questionable Neighbors
4. Law Review
5. Moses' Death
6. Crossing Jordan
7. Rahab
8. Blessings and Curses
9. Gibeonites
10. Canaan Divided
11. Last Words of Joshua
12. Annual Feasts
13. Early Judges

### 4th Quarter

1. Samson
2. Samuel
3. Eli
4. Philistines
5. First King
6. Saul's Death
7. Anointed
8. Fugitive
9. Lunatic
10. Crowned King
11. Incumbent
12. Sinner
13. Fathers

## 2020

### 1st Quarter

1. God's People
2. Solomon
3. Temple Builder
4. Proud Potentate
5. Repentant Author
6. Rehoboam
7. Jeroboam
8. Asa, Ahab, Jezebel
9. Elijah
10. Evangelist
11. Coward
12. The Sabbath
13. Jehoshaphat

### 2nd Quarter

1. Ahab
2. Elisha
3. Prophet
4. Naaman
5. Jonah
6. Hosea
7. Isaiah
8. Jehovah
9. Ahaz
10. Hezekiah
11. Assyria
12. Manasseh
13. Josiah

### 3rd Quarter

1. Jeremiah
2. Approaching Doom
3. Last King
4. Captives
5. Daniel
6. The Dream
7. Three Hebrews
8. Nebuchadnezzar
9. Belshazzar
10. Daniel
11. Daniel 7
12. Daniel 8, 9
13. Daniel 10-12

### 4th Quarter

1. Haggai/Zerubbabel
2. Zechariah
3. Temple Two
4. Esther
5. Queen
6. Ezra
7. Nehemiah
8. Builders
9. Plotters
10. Reformers
11. Jesus
12. Deliverer
13. The Sabbath

## 2021

### 1st Quarter

1. Jesus
2. It's Time
3. Mary
4. Simeon/Anna
5. The Wise Men
6. The Child Jesus
7. The Voice
8. Victory
9. Messiah Found
10. Marriage Feast
11. The Temple
12. Nicodemus
13. John the Baptist

### 2nd Quarter

1. Samaritan Woman
2. The Nobleman
3. The Lame Man
4. John the Baptist
5. The Anointed One
6. Peter
7. Capernaum
8. The Leper
9. Levi-Matthew
10. The Sabbath
11. The Disciples
12. The Centurion
13. The Demoniac

### 3rd Quarter

1. Woman/Jairus
2. The Seventy
3. The Disciples
4. Misunderstandings
5. Broken Barriers
6. Jesus' Ministry
7. Who Is Jesus?
8. Lawyer/Ruler
9. The Children
10. Lazarus's Family
11. Zacchaeus
12. Mary
13. James and John

### 4th Quarter

1. The King Comes
2. The Pharisees
3. The End of Time
4. Servanthood
5. The Last Supper
6. Gethsemane
7. The Trial
8. Calvary
9. Resurrection
10. Mary Magdalene
11. The Emmaus Road
12. By the Sea
13. Jesus' Ascension

## 2022

### 1st Quarter

1. The Mission
2. The Holy Spirit
3. The Lame Man
4. Ananias/Sapphira
5. God's People
6. Stephen
7. Paul
8. Peter
9. Paul/Barnabas
10. Gentiles Included
11. Spreading Good News
12. The Thessalonians
13. The Ephesians

### 2nd Quarter

1. The Corinthians
2. Workers for Christ
3. Romans/Galatians
4. Last Journey
5. Adventures and Trials
6. Philemon
7. Colossians/Philippians
8. Final Arrest
9. Before Nero
10. John the Beloved
11. Patmos
12. The Revelation
13. Church Triumphant

### 3rd Quarter

1. First Believers
2. Seekers
3. Wycliffe
4. Luther
5. Zwingli
6. French Reformation
7. English Reformers
8. French Revolution
9. American Reformers
10. William Miller
11. Prophecy Fulfilled
12. The Sanctuary
13. God's Law

### 4th Quarter

1. Future Glory
2. Renewal
3. Investigative Judgment
4. Origin of Evil
5. Snares
6. Great Deception
7. The Papacy
8. Spiritual Challenge
9. The Bible
10. Last Chance
11. Time of Trouble
12. Deliverance
13. The End
14. The Beginning

# 2022 scope & sequence

## 2nd Quarter

1. Love Is Patient
2. More Than a Job
3. God's Heart for You
4. That's My Story
5. Lasting Loyalty
6. Trading Places
7. A Good Report
8. A Part. Not Apart.
9. Army of One
10. Love Power
11. The Revelation
12. Forever Faithful
13. Like Light

**Scripture Story:** 1 Corinthians; 2 Corinthians.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 29-32.  
**Scripture Story:** 1 Thessalonians 2:6, 9; 2 Thessalonians 3:8-12; 2 Corinthians 11; 1 Timothy 6:10-19; Colossians 1:25-29; Titus 2:6-8.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 33, 34.  
**Scripture Story:** Romans; Galatians.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 35, 36.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 20:4–23:35.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 37, 38.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 25:1-12.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 39-42.  
**Scripture Story:** Philemon.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 43.  
**Scripture Story:** Colossians; Philippians.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 44, 45.  
**Scripture Story:** 2 Timothy.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 46, 47.  
**Scripture Story:** Luke 21:12; 2 Timothy.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 48, 49.  
**Scripture Story:** 1 John 1:5-10; 1 John 4:7-16; 2 John 1:7-11.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 53-55.  
**Scripture Story:** Revelation 1:9.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 56.  
**Scripture Story:** Revelation.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 57.  
**Scripture Story:** Matthew 16:18; Revelation 7:9-17; Ephesians 2:19-22.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 58.

## 1st Quarter

1. Last Words and Witnesses
2. The Promised Gift
3. Reflecting Jesus
4. Truth and You
5. Power. Perseverance. Purpose.
6. The First Christian Martyr
7. Go the Distance
8. Evidence of Conversion
9. The Epicenter for Missions
10. Us and Them
11. Faith Works
12. Hope Against Hope
13. The Inspiring Minority

**Scripture Story:** Acts 1:1-11.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 1-3.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 2:1-39.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 4, 5.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 3; Acts 4:1-31.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 6.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 4:32–5:11.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 7.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 5:12–6:7.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 8, 9.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 6:8-15; 7:44-49.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 10, 11.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 9:1-18.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 12-14.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 12:1-23.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 15, 51, 52.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 11:19-26; Acts 13; Acts 14:1-26.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 16-18.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 15:1-17.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 19-21.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 17:1-34; Acts 18:1-17.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 22-24.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 18:18-28; 1 and 2 Thessalonians.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 25, 26.  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 19; Acts 20:1.  
**Commentary:** *The Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 27, 28.

## 3rd Quarter

1. A High Price for Faith  
**Scripture Story:** Matthew 24; 2 Timothy 3:12.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 1, 2.
2. The Bible and You  
**Scripture Story:** Daniel 7:25; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-7; Revelation 12:6.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 3, 4.
3. Light of the World  
**Scripture Story:** Psalm 119:105; Matthew 10:17-22.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 5, 6.
4. Standing for the Right  
**Scripture Story:** Romans 1-3; John 15:19, 20.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 7, 8.
5. Great Humility  
**Scripture Story:** Isaiah 57:15; James 4:6; Isaiah 41:10.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 9, 10.
6. Swimming Upstream  
**Scripture Story:** Acts 5:25-42.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 11, 12.
7. Commitment Under Fire  
**Scripture Story:** Romans 1:8-17.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 13, 14.
8. Two Witnesses  
**Scripture Story:** Revelation 11:1-14.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapter 15.
9. Lift Up Your Head  
**Scripture Story:** Luke 21:7-28.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 16, 17.
10. You Are Gifted  
**Scripture Story:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-28.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 18-20.
11. Final Warning!  
**Scripture Story:** Revelation 14:6-8; Matthew 25:1-13.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 21, 22.
12. Cleaning Up  
**Scripture Story:** Hebrews 8:1-6; Hebrews 9:11-15, 18-25.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 23, 24.
13. The Imprisonment of Truth  
**Scripture Story:** Matthew 5:17-22.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 25, 26.

## 4th Quarter

1. Know God, Know Yourself  
**Scripture Story:** 1 Samuel 17.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapter 27.
2. Shut Door. Open Books.  
**Scripture Story:** Genesis 7:6-23.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapter 28.
3. The SInDrome  
**Scripture Story:** Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:11-17; Revelation 12:7-9.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 29, 30.
4. Good Over Evil  
**Scripture Story:** Mark 5:1-19.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 31, 32.
5. The Deadly Lie  
**Scripture Story:** Genesis 3:1-5; Psalm 146:4; Isaiah 38:18, 19; Revelation 16:13, 14.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapters 33, 34.
6. True Power  
**Scripture Story:** 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4; Revelation 13.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapter 35.
7. The World's Worst Terrorist  
**Scripture Story:** Revelation 12:17; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2 Peter 3.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapter 36.
8. Discovering Daily Disciplines  
**Scripture Story:** Daniel 6:3-10; Exodus 20:8-11.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapter 37.
9. Run for Your Life  
**Scripture Story:** Revelation 18:1-14.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapter 38.
10. The Time of Trouble  
**Scripture Story:** John 20:1-18.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapter 39.
11. The End of the World as We Know It  
**Scripture Story:** Daniel 12:1, 2; Revelation 1:7; Revelation 7; Revelation 14-17; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; John 14:1-4.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapter 40.
12. Wiping the Slate Clean  
**Scripture Story:** 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 20.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapter 41.
13. Earth's Makeover  
**Scripture Story:** Revelation 15:1-4; Revelation 20:7-15; Revelation 21 and 22.  
**Commentary:** *The Great Controversy*, chapter 42.
14. Eternal Liberation  
**Scripture Story:** Malachi 3 and 4.  
**Commentary:** *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 60.



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### July

#### **2—A High Price for Faith [p. 11]**

The early Christians faced nightmarish circumstances in order to stand for their faith. But their relationship with God was so strong that it gave them courage to face the worst.

#### **9—The Bible and You [p. 19]**

One of the greatest crimes during the Dark Ages was that of owning a Bible. But God had a remnant then—and now—who value and guard His Word.

#### **16—Light of the World [p. 27]**

Have you ever thought that God's Word is merely a collection of irrelevant muck? A dull read? Think again!

#### **23—Standing for the Right [p. 35]**

Even men such as Martin Luther, the great Reformer, struggled with their faith. No matter who we are, God has the ability to reform us into spiritual giants to accomplish His grand purposes.

#### **30—Great Humility [p. 43]**

God often chooses the humblest people to accomplish the most extraordinary things. This was true for the Reformers, and it's still true for us today.

### August

#### **6—Swimming Upstream [p. 51]**

Peer pressure is unavoidable. And it doesn't stop after high school. But it can be positive if we decide what we want out of life and then hang around people who will help us get there.

#### **13—Commitment Under Fire [p. 59]**

Often our problems are so bad that we try to pretend they don't exist. But acknowledging their existence and God's power over them can make all the difference!

#### **20—Two Witnesses [p. 67]**

A witness is someone who testifies to what they have seen and heard. Two witnesses give even greater clarity. What impact have the witnesses of God's Word made in your life?

#### **27—Lift Up Your Head [p. 75]**

Walking with our heads down can make it so we can't see clearly enough, and we could run into something! How much more important is it to lift our heads to see spiritual things?

### September

#### **3—You Are Gifted [p. 83]**

Too few of us understand what it means to receive God's spiritual gifts and talents. It isn't a privilege. It's a responsibility.

#### **10—Final Warning! [p. 91]**

The early Advent believers sold everything and waited in their homes and on hillsides for the coming of Jesus. What are we willing to do in order to give a final warning message to the world?

#### **17—Cleaning Up [p. 99]**

The ancient Jewish sanctuary service was messy—blood everywhere. But the hope that it offered ancient Israel is the same hope that it offers us today.

#### **24—The Imprisonment of Truth [p. 107]**

The Sabbath has always been controversial. And if you are a Sabbathkeeper, then sometime in your life you're bound to have this belief challenged. But what is the best defense?



# Commitment Under Fire

THIRD QUARTER 2022



Youth Sabbath School  
Teacher's Guide

