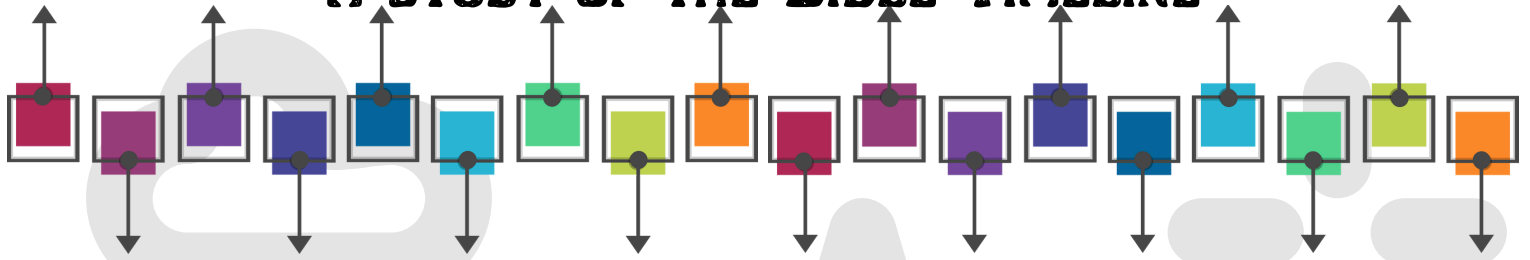


TRUST THE STORY

A STUDY OF THE BIBLE TIMELINE



WHEN GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AT THE BEGINNING OF TIME (AND THE BEGINNING OF THE BIBLE), HE SAW HIS CREATION AND TRUSTED THAT IT WAS GOOD. TALENTED ARTISTS SOMETIMES HAVE A BIG CHALLENGE OF KNOWING WHEN TO STOP. HOW DID LEONARDO DA VINCI KNOW THE SHADING OF MONA LISA WAS JUST RIGHT AND NEEDED NEED A FEW MORE STROKES OF THE BRUSH? EVERY ARTIST - EVERY CREATOR - NEEDS TO TRUST WHEN HER CREATION IS GOOD. GOD IS NO EXCEPTION. HE BEAUTIFULLY CRAFTED EACH AND EVERY CREATURE, PLANT, ELEMENT, STAR, ETC. AT THE END OF EACH DAY, GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD. WE MUST NOW DO THE SAME THING. WE MUST TRUST THAT GOD'S STORY IS GOOD.

AS WE GO THROUGH THE BIBLE, WE SEE MANY EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE WHO TRUSTED THE STORY AND PEOPLE WHO DID NOT TRUST THE STORY. ADAM AND EVE ATE THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT, NOT TRUSTING THE STORY. ABRAHAM FOLLOWED GOD TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, TRUSTING THE STORY. NOAH BUILT AN ARK, TRUSTING THE STORY. THE PEOPLE WHO BUILT BABEL WANTED TO BE GREAT FOR EVERYONE TO KNOW THEIR GREATNESS, NOT TRUSTING THE STORY.

THIS YEAR, OUR 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE LEARNING HOW TO TRUST IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD'S STORY. WE'LL STUDY THE BIBLE TIMELINE, GOING THROUGH MANY STORIES OF THOSE WHO TRUSTED GOD'S STORY AND THOSE WHO DID NOT. WE'LL PUT TIMELINE CARDS IN ORDER. WE'LL PLAY GAMES AND DO CHALLENGES TO INTRODUCE DIFFERENT STORIES. WE'LL TALK ABOUT HOW THE BIBLE IS ONE HUGE STORY COMPOSED OF MANY LITTLE STORIES. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO STUDY WITH US AT HOME! READ THROUGH EACH STORY AS WE DISCUSS IT, TALK ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE PEOPLE IN THE STORY TRUSTED GOD'S STORY, AND TALK ABOUT HOW IT FITS IN WITH THE REST OF GOD'S STORY. WE'RE EXCITED FOR THIS YEAR AND CAN'T WAIT TO GET INTO GOD'S GOOD STORY TOGETHER! DO YOU TRUST THE STORY?