Bible Stories and Suggested Themes

Creation Through Noah (12 Lessons)

How to Teach Creation Days as Part of a Creation Unit or Theme

God Created the World (Days 1-7 combined)	God Created the World
Day 1-God Created Light	Uniqueness of light
Day 2-God Created Sky & Seas	Uniqueness of water and sky
Day 3-God Created Land & Plants	Uniqueness of land and plants
Day 4-God Created Sun, Moon, & Stars	Uniqueness of sun, moon, & stars
Day 5-God Created Birds & Fish	Uniqueness of birds and fish
Day 6-God Created Animals & People	Uniqueness of animals & people
Day 7-God Rested	Rest and reflection
The Fall of Man	Satan and temptation
Cain and Abel	Giving our best to God
Noah Builds an Ark & Loads Animals	Follow God's Instructions
The Flood and God's Promise	God keeps His promises

Tower of Babel through Joseph (12 Lessons)

The Tower of Babel	Pride
God Calls Abram	Faith
Abram Gives Lot First Choice	Choices and consequences
Abraham's Three Visitors	Trust God
Sodom and Gomorrah	Sin
Abraham Prepares to Sacrifice Isaac	Giving things up for God (sacrifice)
A Wife for Isaac	Marry someone who believes in God
Jacob, Esau, and the Birthright	Deception
Jacob Goes to Haran	Lessons learned from bad experiences
Joseph Sold By His Brothers	Getting along with siblings
Joseph in Egypt	Integrity
Joseph Saves His Family	Grudges

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The Exodus through the Twelve Spies (11 Lessons)

The Birth of Moses	Love and protection within families
The Lord Speaks from a Burning Bush	Complaining
Let My People Go!	Having a soft heart to please God
The First Passover Meal	Obedience- God's instructions
Crossing the Red Sea	God's power over nature
God Provides Water, Manna and Quail	God's care and provision
The Ten Commandments	Be happy by following God's rules
The Golden Calf	Obedience- God's way not mine
The Tabernacle	Generosity
Nadab and Abihu	God's Holiness
Twelve Tribes and Twelve Spies	God's presence gives us courage

Conquering the Land (11 Lessons)

Moses Does Not Honour God	Obedience- Honouring God
The Bronze Snake on a Pole	Being content
Balaam and His Donkey	Encouraging words
The Death of Moses	Moses, man of God
Rahab Helps the Spies	Faith, despite sinful past
Crossing the Jordan	Remembering what God has done
The Fall of Jericho	Obedience- Even if we don't understand
Achan's Sin	Cannot hide sin from God
The Gibeonite Trick	Making wise decisions
Conquering the Land & Fighting Giants	Elderly people can serve God
Job	Suffering

Judges & the Book of Ruth (11 Lessons)

Overview of the Book of Judges

Deborah the Judge	Women can serve God
Gideon and the Fleece	When we don't feel good enough
Gideon and the Midianites	God helps us do His will
The Birth of Samson	Keeping promises
Samson and Delilah	Friendships- good and bad
The Death of Samson	Pride
Ruth and Naomi	Helping others
Ruth and Boaz	Changing family situations
God Answers Hannah's Prayer	Prayer
Samuel Becomes a Helper in the Tabernacle	Children can serve God
The Lord Speaks to Samuel	Listening to God

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The United Kingdom- Saul, David, Solomon (11 Lessons)

Saul Becomes Israel's First King	Being like God instead of others
King Saul Disobeys God	Do not blame others.
Samuel Anoints David	Do not judge by appearances
David and Goliath	Trust the Lord
Jonathan Helps David Escape	Jealousy
David Shows Mercy to Saul	Show mercy to others
David Becomes King	Obeying God is better than popularity
David Helps Mephibosheth	Be kind
David's Sin with Bathsheba	Helping others be good
King Solomon's Wisdom	Learn to be wise
Solomon Builds the Temple	Buildings where people worship God

The Divided Kingdom and Prophets (12 Lessons)

Background Information for the Divided Kingdom	
God's Nation Divides	Listening to advice
God Takes Care of Elijah	God's provision
Elijah and the Contest at Mt. Carmel	God is real
Jehoshaphat and the People Pray	God helps when we are afraid
Elijah and the Whirlwind	Heaven
Elisha and the Widow's Oil	Compassion to those suffering
Elisha Raises a Boy from the Dead	Helping those who preach about God
Naaman is Healed	Obedience- even when no one sees
Joash – the Boy Who Became King	Keep trusting in God, even when bad things happen.
Jonah and the Big Fish	Everyone deserves to hear about God
God Protects King Hezekiah and His People	God's help when people make fun of us
King Hezekiah Prays for Health	Praying for the sick

Kingdom Ends, Captivity & Return, Prophets (11 Lessons)

King Josiah	Making things better
Jeremiah Learns Lessons from a Potter	God is in control
Jeremiah and the Scroll	Repentance
Ezekiel & the Valley of Dry Bones	Hope
Daniel and the King's Food	Saying no to things that harm our body
The Fiery Furnace	Do the right thing even if others do not
Writing on the Wall	Respect God
Daniel and the Lions	Good work ethic
Queen Esther	Using our blessings to help others
Return to Jerusalem-Temple & Law	God keeps His promises
Return to Jerusalem-Rebuilding Walls	Do the right thing despite others

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Life of Christ- Early Ministry (12 Lessons)

Prophecies Fulfilled in Jesus	Keeping our word
The Birth of John the Baptist	God can do what is impossible
The Birth of Jesus	Thank God for the gift of His Son
Wise Men and a Star	Giving honour to Jesus.
Young Jesus Visits the Temple	Growing up in a Godly way
John the Baptist Prepares the Way	Having a soft and repentant heart
Baptism of Jesus	Please God by choosing to obey Him.
Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness	Temptation and Satan
Jesus Chooses 12 Apostles	Following Jesus
A Wedding at Cana	Miracles of Jesus
Jesus Teaches Nicodemus	Love God deeply and show him respect.
Man Lowered Through the Roof	Good friends help us follow God

Life of Christ-Middle Ministry (12 Lessons)

Healing of the Nobleman's Son	Believe the words of Jesus
Jesus Preaches in Nazareth	Encourage those who preach
Healing of a Man by a Pool	Jesus cares when we are sad.
The Sermon on the Mount and the Golden Rule	Treat others well
The Sinful Woman	Forgiveness
Jesus Calms the Storm	Jesus' power over nature
Healing of a Demon-Possessed Man	Jesus is stronger than Satan
Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter	No problem is too big for Jesus
Feeding of the Five Thousand	Jesus' power to care for us
Jesus Walks on Water	Faith
The Transfiguration	God wants us to listen to Jesus
Mary and Martha	Listening to Jesus-attending church

Life of Christ-Late Ministry (13 Lessons)

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers	Thankfulness
Jesus Blesses the Children	Caring for little children
Zacchaeus Meets Jesus	Changing to be good
Jesus Raises Lazarus	Jesus' care when we are sad
The Triumphal Entry	Praise
Jesus and the Moneychangers	Love God deeply and show him respect.
Jesus Washes Disciples' Feet	Love people and serve them (like Jesus did).
The Last Supper	The Old Testament helps us understand Jesus.
Night of Betrayal and Prayer	Even when friends disappoint us, we can talk to God.
The Trial of Jesus	Doing the right thing even if you are treated unfairly.
Jesus is Crucified	Jesus was innocent, but he was killed
Burial and the Resurrection	God makes bad things good
Breakfast on the Shore	Forgiveness

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Parables and Teachings of Jesus (11 Lessons)

Teaching the Parables	
Parable of the Wise & Foolish Builders	Obedience-God's word
Parable of a Sower and the Seeds	Having a good heart
Parable of a Good Samaritan	Helping those in need
Parable of a Mustard Seed	Doing our small part
Parables of a Treasure & a Pearl	The value of God
Parable of Ten Bridesmaids	Jesus will return & take us to heaven
Parable of a Lost Sheep	Each individual is important to God
Parable of an Unforgiving Servant	Forgiveness
Parable of a Prodigal Son	Repentance
Parable of a Pharisee & Tax Collector	Humility
Jesus Teaches about Salt and Light	Do not be ashamed of our faith

Overview of the Book of Acts

Book of Acts- Good News in Jerusalem (7 Lessons)

Great Commission & Ascension of Jesus	Tell others about Jesus
Sermon at Pentecost	How the church began
The First Church	The church is people and not a building
Peter & John Heal a Man Who Could Not Walk	Helping the physically challenged
Ananias and Sapphira	Lying
Helpers in the Church	Leaders and helpers at my church
The Stoning of Stephen	Standing up for what is right

Book of Acts- Beyond Jerusalem(7 Lessons)

Simon the Sorcerer	Miracles
Philip Teaches the Man from Ethiopia	How leaders help us understand God
Saul (Paul) Becomes a Christian	Admitting wrong & changing your life
Dorcas is Raised from the Dead	Helping those in need
Cornelius Becomes a Christian	God wants all to become Christians
The Antioch Church	Encouragement
Peter's Miraculous Escape from Prison	The church prays together

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Book of Acts-Mission Journeys (9 Lessons)

An Angry Crowd in Lystra	Dangers of following the crowd
Macedonian Vision	Missionaries
Lydia Becomes a Christian	Baptism
A Jailer Becomes a Christian	Rejoicing despite our circumstances
The Noble Bereans	Studying the Scriptures
Paul Preaches in Athens-Mars Hill	Idols
Priscilla and Aquila	Teaching about Jesus, whatever our job
Paul and Dark Powers at Ephesus-3rd Journey	God is stronger than sorcery
Eutychus Falls from a Window	Paying attention when God's Word is preached

Book of Acts-From Jerusalem to Rome (5 Lessons)

Paul Goes to Jerusalem	Having the courage to do the right thing
Paul's Nephew Uncovers a Plot	Young people can serve God
Paul on Trial	Telling others about Jesus
Paul Survives a Shipwreck	God will protect and give strength
Paul's Last Days and Letters	Telling about Jesus through literature

Lessons from the Epistles (5 Lessons)

Timothy	Learn about God from a young age
The Christian Armour	God helps us fight Satan
Meaning of the Lord's Supper	Remembering Jesus
The Chapter of Love	Showing love
Fruit of the Spirit	The Holy Spirit helps us obey God

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