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CHILDREN'S

RAINBOW
EDITION

BIG STORY OF THE BIBLE

This reading trail will help you to understand the whole story of the Bible. Give yourself one point for every bit of the Bible that you read, and see if you can reach the full 25 points.

You'll notice that there aren't many exact dates shown on this trail. For example, the story of Abraham and the Israelites says 'Around 1800–1500 BC'. This is because we don't always know exactly when some of the things in the Bible happened.



When: At the beginning of the world

God made a beautiful world with a perfect garden in it, and all kinds of animals and other creatures to live in it. Then he made a man called Adam and a woman called Eve, to be his friends and care for the garden. They were to have a family and live happily with God, enjoying all the good things he had made.

- Trail marker 1:
Read Genesis 1.1–31
4 POINTS



When: Far back in time

Adam and Eve were allowed to eat anything they wanted from the garden - anything except the fruit of the tree that gave knowledge of what is good and what is bad. Eve was tempted by a snake to eat the fruit from that tree, and she did eat it, even though God had told them to leave it alone. Adam copied her and ate the fruit too. Because they had disobeyed God, they had to leave the perfect garden and go out to work hard for their food. Saddest of all, their friendship with God was spoiled, and Adam and Eve didn't have a way to fix it. But God had a plan.

- Trail marker 2:
Read Genesis 3.1–13
2 POINTS
- Trail marker 3:
Read Genesis 3.22–24
1 POINT



When: Around 1900–1500 BC

Some generations later, there was a man called Abraham who loved God. God was Abraham's friend. As part of his rescue plan, God told Abraham to go on a journey to a land called Canaan. He promised Abraham that he would have many descendants who would be God's special people. Abraham's family grew and grew into a big nation called the Israelites. His great-grandson, Joseph, became Prime Minister of Egypt during a great famine. The Pharaoh (the Egyptian king) then invited all the Israelites to move to Egypt, to be with Joseph.

- Trail marker 4:
Read Genesis 12.1–9
2 POINTS



When: Around 1500–1400 BC

After the Israelites had lived in Egypt for a long time, a new man became Pharaoh. He made the Israelites into slaves. God kept his promises to Abraham and sent an Israelite man called Moses to rescue them from slavery. Because Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let them go free, God made ten disasters strike Egypt and then made a dry path through the sea so that the Israelites could escape.

- Trail marker 5:
Read Exodus 1.1–14
2 POINTS
- Trail marker 6:
Read Exodus 14.5–25
3 POINTS

When: Up to 586 BC

The Israelites asked God to choose one of them to be their king. The greatest king was David. He united the 12 tribes into one kingdom, with Jerusalem as his capital city. David's son Solomon was the next king. He built a temple as a place to worship God.

He was known for being very wise, but he made some bad mistakes. When Solomon died, the Israelites were split into two kingdoms, Israel in the north and Judah in the south. Over the next 300 years, most of the kings were bad. God's people kept on forgetting about him and treating each other badly.

Trail marker 9:
Read 2 Samuel 5.1–5
1 POINT

Trail marker 10:
Read 1 Kings 4.20–34
3 POINTS

When: Around 850–400 BC

God sent messengers called 'prophets' to warn the Israelites that they shouldn't keep on ignoring God, but the people did not listen. Finally, they were conquered by their enemies, the Babylonians. Jerusalem was destroyed and the people were taken into exile (which means living away from home, in another country). Some of them returned home about 70 years later.

The prophets also spoke about God's plan for better times to come, and especially about a Saviour who would rescue the people and give them hope.

Trail marker 11:

Read 2 Kings 24.8–13
3 POINTS

Trail marker 12:

Read Isaiah 9.2–7
2 POINTS

- Tail marker 14:
Read Matthew 6.25–34
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- Tail marker 15:
Read Matthew 27.3–50
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- Tail marker 16:
Read Mark 16.1–8
1 POINT

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