

# **Bible Storytelling**

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**Resource: *Tips for Bible Storytellers*, by Jackson Day**

*Begin by telling the Bible story...rather than preaching it or dissecting it. (Tips for Bible Storytellers, by Jackson Day)*

- 1. Bible stories are organized to be understood orally**
- 2. When telling a Bible Story, do not invent facts beyond those found in the narrative**
- 3. The Storyteller may include complementary facts to make the story understood by today's listeners.**
- 4. Prepare by identifying the structure of the story – Identify the following**
  - a. key person(s)
  - b. key location(s)
  - c. key repetitions
  - d. key attitudes expressed in the story
  - e. initial situation of the Bible story, the initial problem, then the final solution
- 5. Prepare yourself by learning the story**
  - a. Read and re-read the Bible story daily for several days before telling the story
  - b. Avoid memorizing the story, but it may be helpful to memorize a few key parts
  - c. Think and re-think the story before telling it
  - d. Make a story map using visual symbols
  - e. Pantomime the story
  - f. Rehearse the story
- 6. Final tips:**
  - a. Understand structure of story to help listeners experience the story.
  - b. We will sometimes make mistakes when telling a story and that's okay.
  - c. Trust the Holy Spirit to reap the fruit from the Bible story. Don't pressure listeners for an immediate response.