



Our Stories / God's Stories

- When:** The Sunday you announce Spark Sunday School
- Text:** None
- Preparation:** Gather a Spark Bible and a Spark Story Bible. Mark the Creation Story in the Story Bible
- Optional:** Print Bible Story bookmarks for each child.
- Key Message:** The Bible contains stories about God and God's People. We can share God's Stories.

When my family gets together around the dinner table or sitting around a campfire toasting marshmallows, we like to tell stories. We tell our family stories. Personalize this to share the places you tell family stories. **Where does your family tell its stories?** Give kids a chance to share. Accept all answers. **My family tells stories about happy times and times when we had to help each other. Sometimes we tell stories about the silly things we have done. We tell stories about things that happened that day and we retell stories that we learned from our parents and from our grandparents.**

Today, Pastor _____ Read a story from the book of _____ in the Holy Bible. Fill in the blanks. If age appropriate, you might want to summarize the one of the readings for the kids. **The Bible is a book filled with stories about God and God's Family. We know many of these stories because God's people told them over and over again, just like you tell your favorite family stories over and over again. This year in Sunday school we are going to be reading stories about God and God's Family every week from the Spark Story Bible and the Spark Bible. Hold up the two bibles as you name them. These Bibles look different but they both tell us God's stories. Open the Spark Story Bible to the Creation Story. Here is the creation story. It tells how God created the earth and everything on it. Do you have a favorite Bible Story?** Allow kids to share their favorite Bible Stories. **You are part of God's family. When you are sharing your family stories, you are sharing a story about God's family too! I have a special gift for you today. It is a book mark that has some of my favorite Bible stories, and where you can find them in the Bible. I hope that you take time as you leave church today to share your favorite family story and your favorite Bible Story with each other.**