

"The Story" Sermon Series

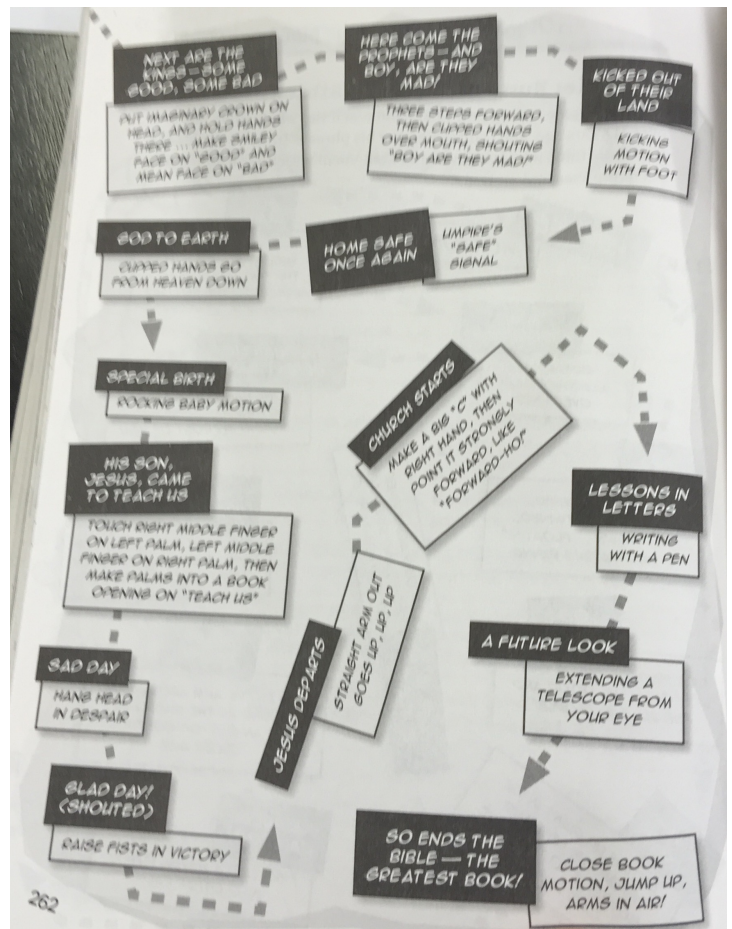
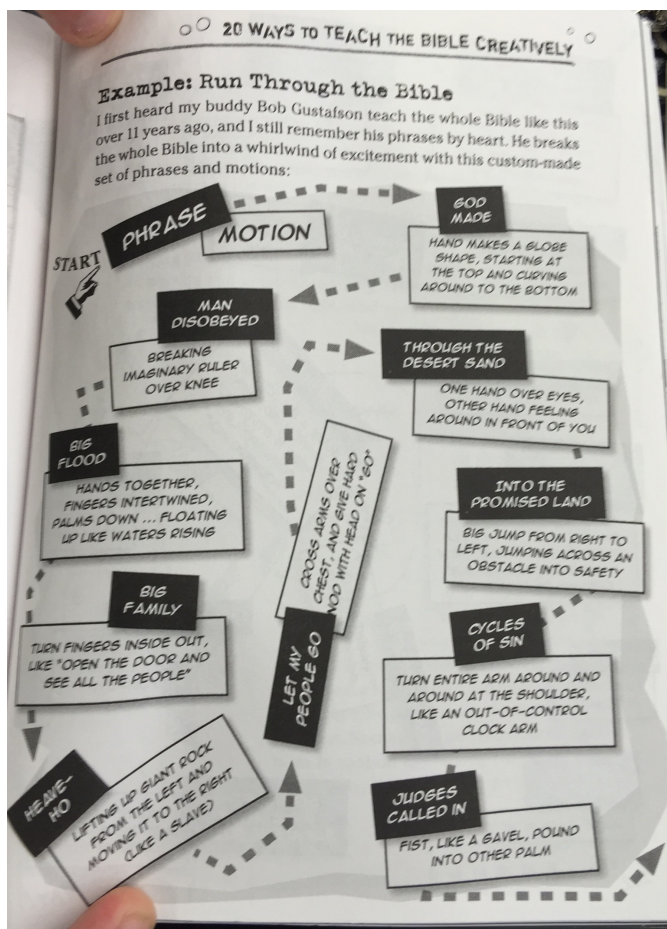
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"This is War!" The battle for Jericho

"Run Through the Bible".

This great, easy to remember overview of the whole Bible Story is from "The Fabulous Reinvention of Sunday School" by Aaron Reynolds.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

The message from the book of Joshua raises questions about God in relation to war. These are things that God's people have wrestled with and how we view God and war will often be determined by our own lived experience.

As a communicator of God's Word, I as a speaker acknowledge that I have my own convictions and perspectives! My reflections on this topic are largely influenced by Dr Greg Boyd, Senior Pastor of Woodland Hills Church in Minnesota. Greg is both an academic and pastor. He has an affinity with the Mennonite tradition of the Christian Church (non-violence).

God at War: The Bible & Spiritual Conflict Paperback – October 12, 1997

by Gregory A. Boyd

Satan & the Problem of Evil: Constructing a Trinitarian Warfare Theodicy by Gregory A. Boyd (Nov 8, 2001)

The Myth of a Christian Nation: How the Quest for Political Power Is Destroying the Church by Gregory A. Boyd (May 1, 2007)

Here is a few blog articles that may be easier to access and follow posts:

<http://reknew.org/2014/02/does-god-have-a-dark-side/#sthash.aZCn4xI2>

<http://reknew.org/2013/12/imaging-god-wrongly-gods-self-portrait-part-2/#sthash.Bdk8BUuu>

<http://reknew.org/2008/04/revealing-the-horror-of-war-review-of-craigie-part-ii/#sthash.2gxyfVz7>

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. What does it look like for us to be strong and courageous?
2. What does it mean for us to be willing to lay down our lives in obedience to the Lord? What does that look like (consider prayer, being a living witness to the reality of the Kingdom of God).
3. Read and reflect on Colossians 3. Allow the Lord to speak to you about putting to death the things in your life that are not yet fully devoted to the Lord.
4. Be on your guard against the lies of our enemy, Satan. Reflect on the importance of dwelling in the Bible, prayer, and in being in Christian community as a way of leaning to discern the voice of God rather than the voice of the enemy (the Accuser).