

Thirty Key Old Testament Stories

Story	Bible Text	Key Verse
Creation	Genesis 1—2	Genesis 1:27
The Human Condition	Genesis 3—4	Genesis 3:5
The Flood and the First Covenant	Genesis 6—9	Genesis 9:8
The Tower of Babel and Abraham and Sarah	Genesis 11—12	Genesis 12:1
Sarah, Hagar, and Abraham	Genesis 12—25	Genesis 17:19
Isaac and Rebecca	Genesis 22—25	Genesis 24:67
Jacob and Esau	Genesis 25—36	Genesis 28:15
Joseph and God's Hidden Ways	Genesis 37—50	Genesis 50:20
Moses and Pharaoh	Exodus 1—15	Exodus 2:23
The Ten Commandments	Exodus 20	Exodus 20:2
From the Wilderness into the Promised Land	Exodus 16—18; Deuteronomy 1—6; Joshua 1—3, 24	Deuteronomy 6:4
Judges	Book of Judges	Judges 21:25
Ruth	Book of Ruth	Ruth 4:14
Samuel and Saul	1 Samuel 1—11	1 Samuel 3:1
King David	multiple books	1 Samuel 8:6
David, Nathan, and What Is a Prophet?	2 Samuel 11—12	2 Samuel 7:12
Solomon	1 Kings 1—11	1 Kings 6:12
Split of the Kingdom	1 Kings 11	1 Kings 12:16
Northern Kingdom, Its Prophets and Fate	1 Kings—2 Kings 17	Amos 5:21
Southern Kingdom, Its Prophets and Fate (Part 1)	multiple books	Isaiah 5:7
Southern Kingdom, Its Prophets and Fate (Part 2)	multiple books	Jeremiah 31:31
The Exile	Isaiah 40—55; Ezekiel	Isaiah 40:10
Return from Exile	multiple books	Ezra 1:1
Ezra and Nehemiah	Books of Ezra and Nehemiah	Ezra 3:10
Esther	Book of Esther	Esther 4:14
Job	Book of Job	Job 1:1
Daniel	Book of Daniel	Daniel 3:17
Psalms of Praise and Trust	Psalms 8, 30, 100, 113, 121	Psalms 121:1
Psalms for Help	various psalms	Psalms 22:1
Wisdom	Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes	Proverbs 1:7

Thirty Key New Testament Stories

Story	Bible Text	Key Verse
The Annunciation	Luke 1:26-56	Luke 1:31-33
Magi	Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 2:2-3
Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-20	Luke 2:10-11
Simeon	Luke 2:25-35	Luke 2:30-32
Wilderness Temptations	Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13	Luke 4:12-13
Jesus' Nazareth Sermon	Matthew 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6; Luke 4:16-30	Luke 4:18-19, 21
Jesus Calls the First Disciples	Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11	Luke 5:9-10
Beatitudes	Matthew 5:3-12	Luke 6:20-26
Gerasene Demoniac	Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39	Luke 8:39
Feeding of the 5,000	Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14	Luke 9:16-17
The Transfiguration	Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36	Luke 9:34-35
Sending of the Seventy	Matthew 8:19-22; Luke 10:1-16	Luke 10:8, 16
Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:27-28
Healing the Bent-Over Woman	Luke 13:10-17	Luke 13:16
Parables of Lost and Found	Luke 15:1-32	Luke 15:31-32
Rich Man and Lazarus	Luke 16:19-31	Luke 16:29-31
Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-11	Luke 19:9
Sheep and Goats	Matthew 25:31-46	Matthew 25:40
Parable of the Vineyard	Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19; (Isaiah 5:1-7)	Luke 20:14-16
The Last Supper	Matthew 26:20-29; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:14-38	Luke 22:19-20, 27
Crucifixion	Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19	Luke 23:42-43, 46
Road to Emmaus	Luke 24	Luke 24:30-31
Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	Acts 2:17-18
Healing the Lame Man	Acts 3—4	Acts 4:19
Baptism of the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-39	Acts 8:35-37
Call of Saul	Acts 7:58—8:1, 9:1-30	Acts 9:15-16
Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10	Acts 10:34-35
Philippians' Humility	Philippians 2:1-13	Philippians 2:12-13
Love Hymn	1 Corinthians 13	1 Corinthians 13:4-7
Resurrection	1 Corinthians 15	1 Corinthians 15:51-55