

The “Story”

Teaching the Story of Salvation History

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Technique: Highlight the plan of God for us and His constant revelation to us throughout human history. Be sure to make it clear that this is your story and theirs if they choose to accept God’s invitation.

- a. Who is God (happy and complete, describe His family, Trinitarian life)
- b. His creation of angelic beings, some chose to rebel.
- c. His creation of us out of love, to participate in his life.
- d. Our temptation (Satan our enemy) and sin (and loss).
- e. God’s promise and plan for our salvation and divinization
- f. His gradual revelation of Himself and gathering of a people.
- g. Promise and prophecies (as much of salvation history as you have time and need for)
- h. Mary’s “fiat,” her yes to our Lord through her perfect obedience
- i. Incarnation (be sure to give it proper emphasis, this is the crucial mystery of the Deposit of Faith)
- j. Redemption and the fruits of salvation
- k. The Church:
 1. The family of God on earth
 2. Dispenser of the Mystery cf. Eph 3:9-10
 3. The Kingdom of God
 4. The Body of Christ on earth (an Incarnational distinctive)
- l. The history of God’s people and His constant care, saints in constant supply
- m. Today, you and I in “The Story,” living the Christian Life (If you have time show the precursors to sacramental living in the Old Testament.)
- n. The sure promise and hope:

1. Jesus will come again
2. Judgment
3. The heavenly Jerusalem
4. Eternal Life

Be sure to tell these as truths: this is not a fictional story. Keep referring to them as you teach doctrine. Show your students how all that has been revealed by God fits in The Story , as its context.