

## STUDYING A STORY

Adapted from “Simply the Story”  
<http://simplythestory.org/oralbiblestories/>



**PLEASE NOTE: We highly recommend that you refer to the material on this link to learn *how* to study and tell Bible stories effectively.**

1. What is the **SETTING** of the story?  
Where did it take place?
2. **CHARACTERS**  
Who were they?  
Does the story show us clearly how they felt?  
Could their feelings tell us anything about their spiritual condition?  
What is said or done by each character that shows their spiritual condition?
3. **CHOICES**  
What choices did each character make?  
What was the result of each choice?  
What was the impact of their choice on others?  
What other choices *could have* been made?
4. **GOD**  
What does the story show us about Jesus, God and/or Holy Spirit?  
i.e. His characteristics and attributes  
Was He warning? Was He teaching?  
What were the people’s responses to Jesus, God and/or Holy Spirit?  
What was His response to the people?
5. **APPLICATION**  
Have I or someone I know been in a similar situation?  
How am I like any of the characters?  
Which character am I most like? How?  
Which character do I want to be like? Why?  
What can I learn from each character?  
What different choices can I begin making with my words, attitudes, thoughts, actions?