



The Biblical Story PowerPoint

How to use it...

The Biblical Story PowerPoint is in a different format to previous presentations that we have compiled at NYMO, in as much as it's meant to be used as a tool for you as a youth leader to explore the narrative of the Bible. You'll notice that it's not password protected, and that it doesn't (in general) run on a timed loop. This is so that you can take any bits that you find useful and reproduce them elsewhere.

The themes of the PowerPoint are drawn from a book called 'The Drama of Scripture', by Craig Bartholomew and Michael Goheen. If you're interested in exploring the overarching story of the Bible, this is as good a starting place as any!

The principle of the PowerPoint is that approaching the Bible as a big, thick collection of books can be really daunting for us as 21st century readers – especially for young people. Although we'll probably always struggle with some issues of interpretation, a massive first step we can take is to familiarize ourselves and our young people with the overall picture of the Bible. If we do this, the odd bits that we come across – or the occasions that we end up in a section of the Scriptures we've never been in before – will be slightly less overwhelming, as we have a context to put them into.

To accompany the PowerPoint, you'll also find some notes – both as a separate download, and as an area within the PowerPoint itself (if you can't see them, try pulling up the bottom toolbar). These notes are intended to guide you through each slide – with some idea of the story, as well as some thoughts for you to ponder, or to discuss if you're looking at the presentation with a group.

You're strongly recommended to go through the process yourself before using the presentation with a group, as there may be material that you would like to explore more on an individual basis before opening up for discussion.

We have compiled a set of separate downloadable notes for the presentation, because the 4th Slide (which explores much of the Old Testament!) has a great deal of reference material and questions to discuss. This won't print off if you print a copy 'with notes', as there's too much of it! If you prefer, you can copy and paste the notes into your own document and print off your own version of the notes.

Finally, this presentation is not intended to provide the definitive answer or interpretation of Scripture. What it does hope to provide is a way for us to begin to contemplate the big picture of God's kingdom throughout hundreds of years of his Word and even longer of his relationship with humanity. Any feedback, suggestions or examples of how you have used the presentation can be sent to Matt here in the office on matt@nymo.org