

Discovering

God's Story

An IBS for ELSS
for young adults

UNIT 1

...Beginnings



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Lessons

1. In the Beginning, God created

上帝

Making a book

- | |
|------------------------|
| Book Binder (書黏合劑) |
| needle (針) |
| thread (螺紋) |
| tape (磁帶) |
| knot (結) |
| scissors (剪刀) |
| Surgeon's knot (外科醫生結) |

Introducing ourselves...

A: Hello, my name is _____ What's yours?

B: Hi, I'm _____, but just call me _____

A: Okay, _____. Please call me _____.

B: Nice to meet you.

A: Nice to meet you, too. (Bye.)

Western Class Rules (Politeness)

- | |
|------------------------------------|
| 1. Attend >7/9 classes |
| 2. Phone first, if must be absent. |
| 3. Be on time for class. |
| 4. Try. |

My classmates' English names ...

Name:
Name:
Name:
Name:

Name:
Name:
Name:
Name:

New Song: "The B-I-B-L-E"

Bible Study: Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

God (上帝)
Beginning (起初)
Create~Make (創造)
heaven (天/天空)
earth (地)

Memory: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Genesis 1:1

My Application: _____

起初，神創造天地。

2. The 1st Week



Continuing conversation: Hobbies

A: Do you have any hobbies?

B: Yes, I like to _____.

A: [I also like to _____.] When did you first become interested in _____?

B: When I was _____ years old.

My Classmates' hobbies...

<i>Name</i>	<i>Hobby</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hobby</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hobby</i>

New Song: "God is so good"

Bible Study: Genesis 1:3-2:1

On the first day, God said, "Let there be light." There was light. God saw it was good.

On the second day, God created the firmament. He separated the waters that were below the firmament from those that were above.

On the third day, God gathered the water under the firmament together. Dry land appeared. God saw it was good. God said, "Let plants grow on the earth." Plants grew on the earth. God saw it was good.

On the fourth day, God made the sun, moon and stars. God saw it was good.

On the fifth day, God made fish and birds. God saw it was good.

On the sixth day, God made animals. God saw it was good.

Finally, God made human beings. He made them like himself. He gave them a job. Their job was to take care of the plants and animals. He told them they could eat green plants. God saw what he had made. It was *very* good.

On the seventh day, God rested. He made the seventh day special.

Memory: "God saw it was good." (Genesis 1:10,12,18,21,25)

My Application: _____

Light (光) divide (分開) human beings (人) good (好) very good (甚好) rest (安息) special (特別)

3. The 1st man and woman

好

Continuing the Conversation: “Birthplace”

A: Where were you born?

B: I was born in _____. And you?

A: _____ Thank you very much. I need to go.

Location of classmates' birthplaces

Name	Place	Name	Place	Name	Place

New Song: “God made me”

Bible Study: Genesis 2

There was no rain. The plants were watered by a mist. There were no people. Everything was good.

God made a man. This is how he did it. First, he made a body out of dust. Next, he blew into the nose of the body. This gave the man a soul. The man was alive.

God made a beautiful garden. He let the man live there. He gave him a job. His job was to take care of the garden. In the garden there were many beautiful trees. There were 2 special trees: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told the man he could eat fruit from all the trees except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

God saw that it was not good that man was alone. He decided to make a helper for him. God made many animals out of dust and let the man see them. He let the man give them names. The man did not find an animal suitable to be his helper.

God put the man to sleep. God took a rib from the man. He made a woman. The man was happy. He called her Woman. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

rain (雨)
 mist (霧氣)
 people (人)
 dust (塵土)
 body (身體)
 blew/blow (呼吸)
 soul (靈)
 garden (花園)
 know (知道)
 good (善)
 evil (惡)
 rib (肋骨)
 suitable (合適)
 leave (離開)
 cleave (連合)

Memory (Genesis 2:24)

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

My Application: _____

4. The 1st Sin → Separation



Conversation : at a reception/party

A: This fruit is delicious. What is it?

B: It's called durian. But I don't like it.

A: Oh, what type of fruit do you prefer?

B: Cherries.

Classmates' Favorite Fruits

Name	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Name	Fruit

New Song: "Sunday, Monday"

Bible Study: Genesis 3

Narrator: In the middle of the garden, under 2 trees.

Serpent: Did God say 'You may not eat fruit'?

Woman: We may eat all fruit except that of one tree. God said if we eat, or even touch, that tree then we will die.

Serpent: You will not surely die. God knows that if you eat, you will be like gods knowing good and evil.

Narrator: The woman looked at the fruit. It was beautiful. It looked delicious. She thought, "This will make me wise." She picked the fruit. She and her husband ate it. They felt ashamed because they had no clothes. They tried to make clothes. That evening, God came to the garden. They were afraid. They found a place to hide.

God: Adam, where are you?

Adam: "I heard you. But I was afraid, because I had no clothes."

God: "Did you eat the fruit I told you not to eat?"

Adam: The woman you gave me, gave me the fruit and I ate,

God (to woman): "Why did you do this?"

Woman: "The serpent cheated me."

God (to serpent): You will move on your belly all your life. There will be hate between you and the woman and her children. It will bruise your head. You will bruise his heel. (to woman): You will have pain in child birth. You will desire your husband and he will rule over you." (to man): Work will be hard. Your body will die.

Narrator: God made coats of skin for them.

God (to himself): If man eats from the tree of life, he will live forever. We must put man out of the garden.

Memory: "It will bruise your head. You will bruise his heel."

(Genesis 3:15)

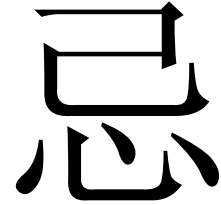
My Application: _____

touch (摸)
 serpent (蛇)
 wise (智慧)
 hide (藏)
 ashamed (羞愧)
 afraid (害怕)
 cheat (騙)
 heel (脚跟)
 belly (肚子)
 bruise (傷)

5. The 1st Murder (effect of sin)

Blame game (each person called once only)

All:	Who	took	the cook-ie from the cook-ie box	?
Jon:	Jim			
Jim:	I didn't	take		.
Last:	I	don't	know.	



New Song: "Amazing Grace"

Bible Study: Genesis 4

Scene 1. Adam had sex with his wife. Eve had a baby. They named him Cain. Later they had another baby. They named him Abel. The children grew up. Abel looked after sheep. Cain grew vegetables and grains.

The two men brought offerings to God. Cain brought vegetables and grain. Abel brought the best meat from the best animals. God was happy with Abel's offering. God was unhappy with Cain's offering.

Scene 2. Cain was angry. He was angry with God. He was angry with his brother. He sulked.

God asked Cain: "Why are you angry? Why are you sulking? If you decide to do what is right, your offering will be accepted. If you decide not to do what is right, sin is waiting."

Cain talked with his brother. They walked together. Suddenly Cain murdered Abel.

God asked Cain: "Where is your brother?" Cain replied: "I don't know." God said: "I know what you have done. From now on, you will be homeless." Cain and his wife left the presence of God. He built a city.

Scene 3. Adam and Eve had another son. They called him Seth. Seth had a son named Enosh. People started to pray to God.

Memory "If you do well, won't you be accepted?" (Genesis 4:7)

My Application: _____

had sex (同房)
 Eve (夏娃)
 Cain (該隱)
 Abel (亞伯)
 sheep (羊)
 vegetable (蔬菜)
 grains (五穀)
 offering (奉獻)
 meat (肉)
 angry (發怒)
 sulk (生氣而不說話)
 decide (解決)
 suddenly (突然, 偶然)
 murder (殺人)
 Seth (塞特)
 Enosh (以挪士)
 pray (求)
 sin (罪)

6. The 1st Flood: Justice and Mercy



Conversation: “transportation”

Q: Do you know how to ride a bicycle?

Q: Do you know how to drive a car?

Q: Have you ever ridden in a boat?

Q: Have you ever flown in an airplane?

Find a classmate who can answer yes to each question (each person name only once)

Bike	Car	Boat	Airplane

New Song: “Do Lord”

Bible Study: Genesis 5-8

The number of people began to increase. Men had daughters. God saw that man became more and more wicked. God was very very sad. He decided to destroy man, animals, birds and moving things.

Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. Noah was a good man. Noah walked with God. God (to Noah): “I am going to destroy humans. Build a big boat. I am going to send a flood. You, your wife, your 3 sons and their wives should get on the boat. Take 1 pair of every living creature with you. Prepare food.” Noah did everything God told him to do.

God said, “Get on the boat. Put 7 pairs of clean animals and birds on the boat.” Noah did everything God commanded. God shut the door.

It rained for 40 days and nights. God remembered Noah and stopped the rain. The whole earth was covered with water for 150 more days. Noah, his family and the animals got off the boat. Noah sacrificed to God. God decided he would not again destroy everything because of man's evil – until the end of the world. God put a rainbow in the sky. This was a sign of his promise. God told man: “1. Take care of the animals. 2, You may eat vegetables. You may eat meat. Do not eat meat with blood in it. 3. Multiply. 4. If someone kills another person, you must kill him. This is because man is made in God's image.”

wicked (罪惡)
destroy (除滅)
Noah (挪亞)
daughters (女兒)
found grace (蒙恩)
flood (洪水)
pairs (一公一母)
rainbow (彩虹)
sign (記號)
imagination (思想)

Memory: “the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth”

Genesis 8:21

My Application: _____

7. The 1st Vineyard

Continuing conversation: “getting a drink”

Case 1 (scissor win!)

Q: May I buy you a beer? (May I get you a beer?)

A₁: No, thank you. I don't drink. I wouldn't mind a soda.

A₂: Yes, thank you very much.

Case 2 (paper win!)

Q: May I get you something to drink?

A: Sure..

Q: What would you like?

A: Either tea or coffee, if it is convenient.

New Song: “Oh Be Careful little eyes”

Bible Study: Genesis 9

The sons of Noah were Shem, Ham and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan. Everyone is a descendent of one of Noah's three sons.

Noah was a farmer. He was the first person to plant a vineyard. He made wine from the grapes. He drank the wine. He got drunk. He fell asleep in his tent. He was naked.

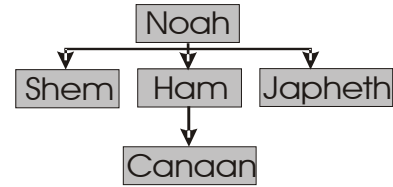
Ham looked at his father. He told his brothers, “Father is naked”. Shem and Japheth got a garment. They walked backward into the tent. They covered their father. They did not look at their father.

Noah woke up. He soon knew what had happened. He was angry. He cursed Canaan. He said “Canaan will be the slave of Shem and Japheth.” He blessed the God of Shem. He said that God would prosper Japheth.

Memory “Blessed be the LORD God of Shem” (Genesis 9:26)

My Application: _____

酉 卒



Shem (閃)
Ham (含)
Japheth (雅弗)
Canaan (迦南)
descendent (後裔)
vineyard (葡萄園)
drunk (醉)
tent (帳棚)
naked (赤身)
backward (後退)
garment (衣服)
curse (咒詛)
bless (祝福)
prosper (擴張)

8. The 1st organized rebellion



Starting conversation: “Do you speak English?”

Q: Excuse me, do you speak _____?

[English, Japanese, French, Chinese, Taiwanese, Cantonese]

A₁: Yes, may I help you?

A₂: A little bit. How may I help you?

Languages spoken by classmates

	<i>Language</i>	<i>Who?</i> <i>[name]</i>	<i>How much?</i> <i>[yes, a little, no]</i>
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

New Song: “The Wise Man”

Bible Study: Genesis 11

Years passed. Man multiplied. Everyone spoke the same language. People moved together to the east. They came to a plain. They decided to live there. Man said: “Let's make bricks. Let's build a city. Let's make a tower that *reaches to* heaven. Let us make us a name. We will not be scattered.”

language (語言)
plain (平原)
brick (磚)
tower (塔)
heaven (天)
scatter (分散)
scramble (變亂)
stop (停)

The LORD came down to look at the city and tower. He said to himself, “The people are one. They have one language. See what they are doing already. What will they do next? Let us scramble their language.”

The LORD scattered them all over the earth. The work on the city stopped.

Memory “let us make us a name” (Genesis 11:4)

My Application: _____

9. Looking back at the beginnings

Conversation: "getting to know each other"

A: Excuse me, do you speak _____? [English, Chinese, Taiwanese, Cantonese]

B: Yes, may I help you?

A: I would like to get to know you. My name is _____ . What's yours?

B: Hi, I'm _____ , but just call me _____

A: Okay, _____. Please call me _____.

B: Nice to meet you.

A: Nice to meet you too. May I get you a beer?

B: No, thank you. I don't drink. I wouldn't mind a soda.

A: Where were you born?

B: I was born in _____. And you?

A: _____. (...jump off point)

B: Do you have any hobbies?

A: Yes, I like to _____.

B: [I also like to _____.] When did you first become interested in _____?

A: When I was _____ years old. (...jump off point)

B: I'm sorry. I need to go. I have a class.

A: OK, it was nice to meet you. I hope we can talk again.

B: Yes, we really should get together sometime.

Bible Study: Review of the Beginnings...

上帝↓

→ 光→好→婪—————

↓

→忌→船→醉→塔→

world (世界 / 世人)
only begotten (獨生)
whosoever (一切)
believes (信)
perish (滅亡)
everlasting (永生)

Memory: (Review + John 3:16)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son,

that whosoever believes in him will not perish

but have everlasting life

My Application: _____

神愛世人，甚至將他的獨生子賜給他們，叫一切信他的，不至滅亡，反得永生。

Music

1. The B-I-B-L-E

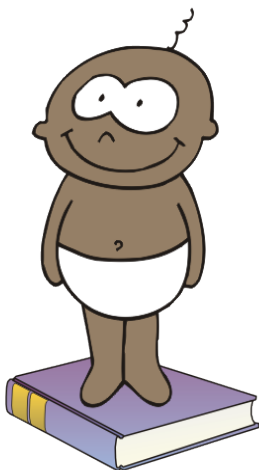
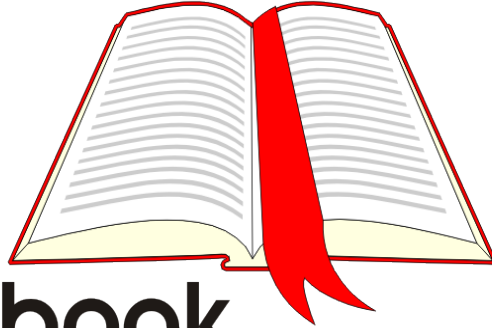
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The **B - I - B - L - E**

Yes,

that's the book

for me,



I stand alone

on the

Word of God,

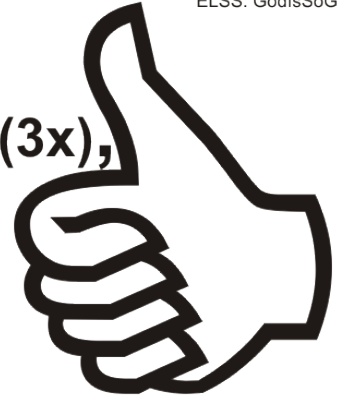
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2. God is So Good

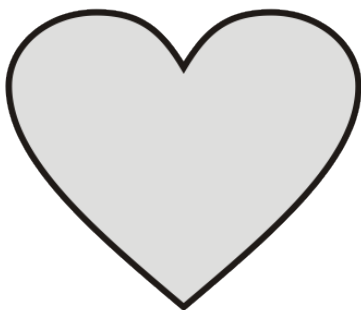
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God is so good (3x),
(Hallelujah!)



He's so good
to me.
(you, him!)

God answers
prayer (3x),
(Hallelujah!)



God loves
me so (3x),
(Hallelujah!)

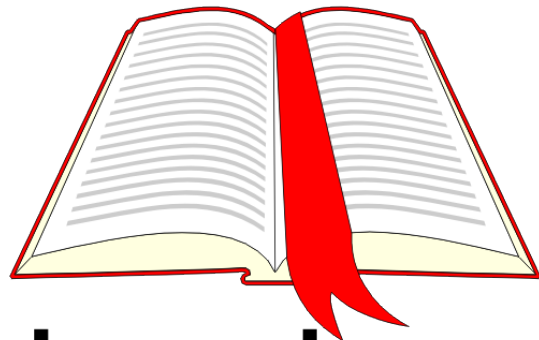
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3. God Made Me

ELSS: GodMadeM



God *made* me



In my
Bible-book

It says that



God *made* me

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4. Through the Week

ELSS : SundayM

*Sunday, Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday
Thursday, Friday,
Saturday*

Monday is a day of work,
Work is truly from above,
For on Monday God was working
making heaven and the earth.

Tuesday, Wednesday God was working
Thursday also he did work,
So I also through the week
work to eat and drink and sleep.

Friday is the final workday,
Saturday soon will come,
For on Friday, God made humans
He made man and woman too.

Sunday is the day for church
Oh how I love Sunday
At the church I learn of Jesus
And I learn to love him so

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5. Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

6. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, Who called me here below,
Shall be forever mine.

7. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Do Lord,
Oh, do Lord,
Oh, do



remember me, (3X)

 Look away beyond
the blue horizon.

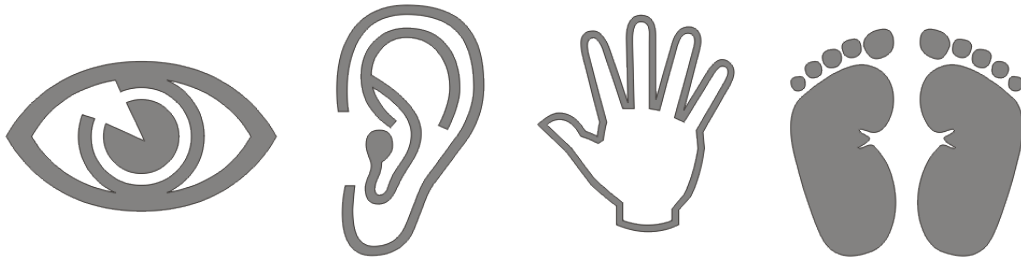
I've got a home
in glory land,
that



outshines the sun. (3X)

7. Be Careful Little Eyes

ELSS: OhBeCare



Oh, be careful little **eyes**
what you **see**, (2x)

*For the Father up above
is looking down in love,*

Oh, be careful little **ears**
what you **hear**, (2x)



 Oh, be careful little **hands**
what you **do**, (2x)

Oh, be careful little **feet**
where you **go**, (2x)



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My Cellmates

<i>Name</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Time to call</i>	<i>Email/MSN</i>		<i>Birth date/place</i>
英	手		MSN: []daily	1 2 3 4 5	yy/mm/dd
中	家		☒ []daily	6 7 8 9 A	place:
英	手		MSN: []daily	1 2 3 4 5	yy/mm/dd
中	家		☒ []daily	6 7 8 9 A	place:
英	手		MSN: []daily	1 2 3 4 5	yy/mm/dd
中	家		☒ []daily	6 7 8 9 A	place:
英	手		MSN: []daily	1 2 3 4 5	yy/mm/dd
中	家		☒ []daily	6 7 8 9 A	place:
英	手		MSN: []daily	1 2 3 4 5	yy/mm/dd
中	家		☒ []daily	6 7 8 9 A	place:
英	手		MSN: []daily	1 2 3 4 5	yy/mm/dd
中	家		☒ []daily	6 7 8 9 A	place:
英	手		MSN: []daily	1 2 3 4 5	yy/mm/dd
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