



## The God's Story Project (TGSP) presents ... *Simply The Story* (STS) 2-22-13

**The STS oral method of studying and sharing Scripture communicates to literate and illiterate alike.**

- You can learn how to do in-depth preparation and presentation of Scripture using oral methods.
- As a newly-equipped practitioner, you can learn how to train others.

In its first 5 years, STS instructors led hands-on workshops in 75 countries. Reports show 7-generation replication and hundreds of thousands in ministry adopting STS as their major tool for evangelism and discipleship.

**STS Workshops:** In 18 teaching-hours, people new to STS learn this skill in a one-instructor to three-attendee workshop ratio and become Assistant Instructors (AIs). Next, these AIs learn how to train more new people during 19 teaching-hours. Attendees all become STS storytelling practitioners. TGSP encourages the use of STS and sharing this skill with others. Locals are entrusted with making their own selections for the "told" stories. Certification as an instructor can come after helping in 2-4 workshops.

TGSP records Bible stories and *God's Story: From Creation to Eternity* onto solar-powered audio players so illiterates trained in STS can take home Scripture. *God's Story's* 80-minute Bible overview is 2/3 Old Testament, so it lays an ideal foundation to prepare learners to understand stories.

Emphasis in STS is placed on listening well to story content and full exploration of its contents, rather than focusing on pre-determined theme selection of "right" stories. STS sees "All Scripture...is profitable..." and that, during story discussion, the Holy Spirit individually selects topics and speaks to and through the participants.



**STS In Use:** Storytellers present a Bible story in conversational style. Accuracy is stressed! All of the information in the story is included. If explanation or contextualization is needed to help listeners understand a story, then that information is given in a very short introduction. Dramatic delivery includes appropriate expression of dialog and subtle actions that show the story. All actions and voice inflection must be justified by the narrative.



Volunteers retell the story. Then a 3rd "telling," using group participation, discretely and indirectly corrects any errors made by the volunteers. This telling not only cements the story correctly in listeners' minds, it also gently conditions participants to more freely offer their thoughts aloud.

Storytellers prepare and ask discussion questions that invite discovery of spiritual observations. Even a short story of 5 verses may contain 10 or more observations. By exploring the characters' situations, actions, and words, listeners can verbalize what they discover "spiritually" about those in the story. God's character is discussed. Keeping discussion to one Bible story allows diverse participants such as ones with extensive theological education, seekers and non-literates to participate alongside one another. Ideas are shared, but text alone determines truth.

Questions then focus on leading participants to make personal application of the spiritual observations they discovered earlier. Dialog is dynamic. In fact, listeners often bring out insights new to the storyteller! Listeners start to see individuals in the story as live people, making real choices; consequences of those choices are discussed. Through story and prompted personal discovery of biblical truths, listeners' heads and hearts connect to God.

**"Former goals become natural outcomes."** Users of STS testify of tremendous growth in their own lives. The deepening of their Bible understanding and ability then to make personal application of its truths empowers them. Workers involved in churches and in outreach to Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Animists, Cultural Christians and those in Judaism, all report salvations, discipleship and church plants such as they had never before experienced.

Bilingual workers report how their new biblical depth spurs and enables them to go to unreached people groups (UPGs) of their regions and effectively evangelize and disciple. In regions where carrying a Bible could mean jail time or death to evangelists, having Bible stories in their "heart pockets" enables workers to continue and survive.

Web site offers a wealth of information and resources to supplement workshops and help those who cannot attend a workshop.  
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