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Youth - Children
**Out of Babe’s Mouth: Jonah by 4-year old**

Daniel is lively and silly like a four-year old should be. But as well, his family sees Daniel as having a spiritual side to him, one that is evident in his actions and observations. His family also places a strong value on spiritual development, making sure to incorporate it into Daniel’s daily life.

Awhile back, Dad decided to ask Daniel to tell the story back to him, and what you see in this film is the result. The film captures Daniel’s recollection of the story of Jonah, separated from a Children’s Bible and retold in his own words.

Could other fathers and mothers and grandparents follow this example and seed into the lives of the precious little ones they love? Could they ask their children to tell the stories back to them? You decide for yourself.

You may notice that this 4-year old boy tells the complete story of Jonah chapter 1 and 3 verses from chapter 2. - 20 verses!

Daniel’s dad explained to us that that at first he had been reading to Daniel out of a Children’s Bible. The dad said, “I wanted to make sure it was a right image when I was reading it to him, so that when I read it to him now it was a right image. The words from the children’s version had been imprinted on my mind when I was young.”

So this dad decided he really preferred to read to Daniel out of the full Bible. He stated, “I want Daniel to learn and yet know. This way I am both educating our son in vocabulary and talking with him about spiritual truth from the Bible.”

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This was one dad’s decision … but perhaps the reasons for this dad's decision parallel our reasons in STS for teaching villagers and the uneducated complete, unedited Bible stories?

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**8-Year Old Tells Bible Story and Gives Deep Insights**

**My Objective, Lost & Found**

A young Thai youth worker finished the second day of the training and had evidently had enough exposure to STS to put his finger on what makes it different from other approaches.
He summarized what he had experienced before the whole group by saying, "I am quite used to preparing lesson objectives, but the big difference was the buy in and interest I received and the longitudinal impact of my lessons.

With STS there is always a clear objective that runs parallel to my typical objectives, but the big difference is that I saw the lesson objectives set in the hearts and minds of my audience. As a result, they have long range retention of what I wanted to teach."

Note: he spent a lot of effort in trying to make sure he explained his objective and he did a good job of it.

Youth Worker in Thailand

Testimonies of Change

A youth pastor from Michigan told us on the phone. “I went home from the workshop and that Sunday, I decided to use the STS story style of teaching. It was amazing! The audience was engaged and responded well. I shared a story that I had heard before, but with a new twist. The audience really connected with the story and my message was well received. It was a success!”

“We are doing a youth retreat in a few weeks and I plan to use STS story style of teaching there. This STS is really useful for youth. I hope to receive more training in the future so that I can effectively train others.”

R. MI, USA

Mental Breakthrough

“I have really enjoyed learning Simply the Story. It has really impacted my life in a huge way.

“Through the stories, God has taught me several important lessons that I know He has been trying to show me for a long time. I discovered that God really can teach me things through His Word, and I've become re-excited about having devotions.

“I also enjoy STS because it is conducive to all ages. As a teenager, I am sometimes turned off by lectures or seminars. But I have found that STS is a great way to share the gospel through conversational, everyday language that engages everyone.

“I am so glad that God brought STS into my life, and I hope to continue using it with those I meet.”

Workshop attendee, Age 17 GA, USA
I Think of STS Story Principles

“STS has really enhanced my personal study of the Bible. Instead of reading Bible stories as they have been told, I find myself looking for new treasures in the stories.

“When I first experienced STS, it was amazing to me how much I did not know about the “common” stories.

“Now, whenever anyone shares a part of the Bible, I mentally ask myself STS type questions about the text. Additionally, whenever I am making a decision, I ask myself STS type questions such as, “What other choices do I have? What will be the impact of my choice?”

“STS has helped me to have a more clear perception of the Bible and it has also encouraged me to study my Bible in a new way. I have learned to discuss the Bible with others in a way that will not be discouraging, but instead will be thought-provoking and most likely life-changing.”

[15 Year old girl] GA, USA

Youth to Youth: Can’t Happen!

“There was this English missionary who had been working in Thailand in a youth facility for delinquents.

“These rowdy ex-street boys, a mixture of Thai and tribals, at first joked around and disrupted the training.

“We ended on a Friday, and on Saturday they were scheduled to give their regular presentation at the facility. But they decided to try an experiment and let these newly trained teenagers tell and teach the Bent over Woman story to the group.

“When the English missionary told the Thai pastor that he was not going to do the program, that their new street youth would be doing leading, the pastor said, ‘I know. They do the music. But who is speaking?’

‘They are. I told you!’ So much to the pastor’s shock, the boys led.

“It was a large group, maybe over 50. Their presentation was very impressive and surprised the missionary.

“One listener during application time... was very open and transparent and said ‘I am like this bent over woman. I have... lifestyle and demonic involvement and I now see that Jesus can set me free.’ The impact throughout was good, like that.

“The really funny part was the reaction of the Thai Christian worker who had been discipling these youth (but hadn’t been involved in the STS training). He was also surprised at the response of the crowd to their STS type presentation. He hadn’t seen that before.”

Added stories on Youth-Children

Time in Juvenile Lockup
Pick Your Spot