

The Story of God: The Bible as Narrative

**Introduction - Approaches to the
Text**

Approach 1: Faith Lessons

Approach 2: Centrality of Jesus

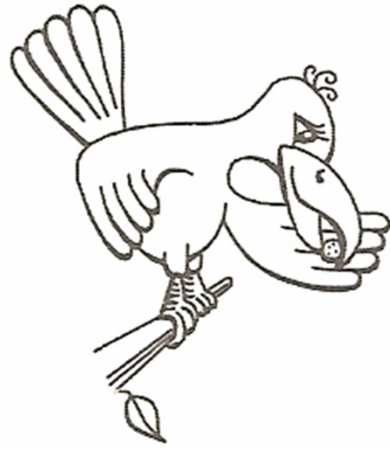
Approach 3: Narrative

***If you know the story = you will know
how Jesus fits in***

***If you know the story = you will be able
to draw accurate faith lessons from the
text***

Next 8 Weeks as Introduction

- 1. What is the Thesis if you will of the Bible?**
- 2. What are the Main Threads that run through the entire story?**
- 3. Why is the Story or Narrative approach so important?**
- 4. What conflict exists in the Story?**
- 5. How does the story really end?**
- 6. How does the story really start?**
- 7. Why is Jesus central to the story**
- 8. And how do we approach the story properly?**



A fox compliments a crow: "My you have a lovely voice; won't you sing me a song?"

What is the meaning of this event?





The crow sits perched high in a tree with a piece of meat. There is a famine in the forest and all the animals use different strategies in an attempt to get the meat. The fox compliments the crow. It opens its mouth; the meat falls out and the fox runs away with it.

Don't be deceived by flattery!

