

BIBLICAL STORIES & PASSAGES

Several ministries have created Bible story sets—usually 30 to 50 stories—that they translate into multiple languages to use within an outreach strategy. The set may be modified slightly for some contexts. Generally, the stories are retold, and not direct Bible translation—so a story that spans several chapters may be compressed so it is significantly shorter. They are often made available in audio or video form in addition to text, and text is often accompanied with animation-style pictures giving the effect of a “comic book.”

Some ministries, such as unfoldingWord and Spoken, translate stories or passages as an initial step in translating a major Bible product—in these cases the stories or passages are a step to a larger project, not an end in themselves.

unfoldingWord: Open Bible Stories

The most common set of Bible stories is Open Bible Stories, available under Creative Commons license. It was developed by unfoldingWord and the Door43 World Missions Community. The set was designed by a team of Bible translators, theologians, and Bible teachers to provide essential stories from the Bible for evangelism and discipleship in a way that lays a solid foundation for theological formation and Church-centric Bible Translation.

The topics of the 50 Open Bible Stories are listed below.

Story Number	Story Title
1	The Creation
2	Sin Enters the World
3	The Flood
4	God’s Covenant with Abraham
5	The Son of Promise
6	God Provides for Isaac
7	God Blesses Jacob
8	God Saves Joseph and His Family
9	God Calls Moses
10	The Ten Plagues
11	The Passover
12	The Exodus
13	God’s Covenant with Israel
14	Wandering in the Wilderness
15	The Promised Land
16	The Deliverers
17	God’s Covenant with David

Story Number	Story Title
18	The Divided Kingdom
19	The Prophets
20	The Exile and Return
21	God Promises the Messiah
22	The Birth of John
23	The Birth of Jesus
24	John Baptizes Jesus
25	Satan Tempts Jesus
26	Jesus Starts His Ministry
27	The Story of the Good Samaritan
28	The Rich Young Ruler
29	The Story of the Unmerciful Servant
30	Jesus Feeds Thousands of People
31	Jesus Walks on Water
32	Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man & a Sick Woman
33	The Story of the Farmer
34	Jesus Teaches Other Stories
35	The Story of the Compassionate Father
36	The Transfiguration
37	Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead
38	Jesus Is Betrayed
39	Jesus Is Put on Trial
40	Jesus Is Crucified
41	God Raises Jesus from the Dead
42	Jesus Returns to Heaven
43	The Church Begins
44	Peter and John Heal a Beggar
45	Stephen and Philip
46	Saul Becomes a Follower of Jesus
47	Paul and Silas in Philippi
48	Jesus Is the Promised Messiah
49	God's New Covenant
50	Jesus Returns

Source: <https://www.unfoldingword.org/open-bible-stories>

Spoken: Sudanese Arabic Oral Bible Translation Passages

Oral Bible Translation (OBT) is a cutting-edge development in missions, combining innovative orality methodology and traditional Bible translation principles. OBT seeks to capture the information contained in every Scripture passage and deliver it accurately and naturally to oral learning communities. Such work may start with a set of passages that can be used promptly for outreach to the community. Ultimately, the whole Bible or the New Testament and large portions is orally translated. An example of an initial list of passages being prepared in Sudanese Arabic, supplemented by New Testament books, is below.

Focus/Book	Passage	Recording Duration
Adam	Genesis 1:1-2:3	7:40
	Genesis 2:4-2:25	4:40
	Genesis 3:1-3:24	4:58
	Genesis 4:1-5:5	5:25
Noah	Genesis 5:28-6:22	4:46
	Genesis 7:1-7:24	3:49
	Genesis 8:1-8:22	3:33
	Genesis 9:1-9:28	4:05
Abraham	Genesis 11:27-13:9	7:14
	Genesis 13:10-16:6	10:12
	Genesis 16:7-18:33	10:02
	Genesis 19:1-21:21	12:32
	Genesis 21:22-24:14	10:51
	Genesis 24:15-25:10	9:28
Joseph	Genesis 37:1-37:36	6:54
	Genesis 39:1-39:20	3:23
	Genesis 39:20-40:23	4:22
	Genesis 41:1-41:57	9:38
	Genesis 42:1-42:38	6:28
	Genesis 43:1-43:34	6:03
	Genesis 44:1-45:8	7:55
	Genesis 45:9-46:34	8:33
	Genesis 47:1-47:13	2:06
	Genesis 47:14-47:26	2:37
	Genesis 47:27-50:13 (compilation)	4:14
	Genesis 50:14-50:26	2:19

Focus/Book	Passage	Recording Duration
Moses	Exodus 1:8-2:22	6:51
	Exodus 2:23-04:31	10:52
	Exodus 5:1-7:10 (compilation)	8:09
	Exodus 7:14-9:10	11:39
	Exodus 9:13-10:29	12:51
	Exodus 11:1:13:19 (compilation)	9:03
	Exodus 13:20-15:21	10:57
	Exodus 15:22-16:35	8:08
	Exodus 17:1-19:13	12:43
	Exodus 20:1-24:18 (compilation)	6:35
	Exodus 32:1-33:23	11:28
	Exodus 34:1-40:38 (compilation)	9:01
	Numbers 11:1-13:33	15:10
	Numbers 14:1-16:11	13:46
	Numbers 16:1-18—29 (compilation)	14:31
	Numbers 20:2-21:10	7:22
	Deuteronomy 28:1-34:8 (compilation)	6:50
David	24 passages of David, TBD	Unknown
Solomon	1 Kings 1:5-1:37	8:36
	1 Kings 1:38-2:12 (compilation)	7:21
	1 Kings 2:13-2:46	8:13
	1 Kings 3:1-3:28	6:16
	1 Kings 4:1-4:34 (compilation)	5:48
	1 Kings 5:1-6:38	10:52
	1 Kings 7:1-7:51 (compilation)	3:21
	1 Kings 8:1-8:61	14:45
	1 Kings 9:1-9:28	6:56
	1 Kings 10:1-10:29	7:25
	1 Kings 11:1-11:43	10:03
	1 Kings 12:1-12:20	4:52
Gideon	Judges 6:1-6:32	6:16

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	Judges 6:33-7:22	7:04
	Judges 7:23-8:35	6:21
Ruth	Ruth 1:1-1:5	2:01
	Ruth 1:6-1:22	3:53
	Ruth 2:1-3:5	6:29
	Ruth 3:6-4:17	7:00
Job	Job 1:1-2:13	8:20
	Job 3:1-9:35 (compilation)	6:46
	Job 11:1-16:22 (compilation)	7:21
	Job 18:1-27:6 (compilation)	10:56
	Job 29:2-34:6 (compilation)	13:15
	Job 38:1-42:17 (compilation)	11:38
Jonah	Jonah 1:1-2:10	5:02
	Jonah 3:1-4:11	4:22
Luke	Luke 1:1-1:38	5:20
	Luke 1:39-2:24	7:29
	Luke 2:25-3:20	8:15
	Luke 3:21-4:44	11:30
	Luke 5:1-6:7	9:11
	Luke 6:8-7:15	10:46
	Luke 7:15-8:18	10:16
	Luke 8:19-9:14	11:05
	Luke 9:15-9:62	8:59
	Luke 10:1-11:4	7:45
	Luke 11:5-11:54	9:40
	Luke 12:1-12:59	8:58
	Luke 13:1-14:4	9:19
	Luke 14:15-15:32	6:18
	Luke 16:1-17:19	7:54
	Luke 17:20-18:38	9:10
Luke 18:39-19:48	6:26	

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	Luke 20:1-21:4	7:25
	Luke 21:5-22:23	7:21
	Luke 22:24-23:4	5:59
	Luke 23:5-23:56	7:50
	Luke 24:1-24:53	6:26
Acts	Acts 1:1-2:13	7:12
	Acts 2:14-3:26	10:02
	Acts 4:1-5:11	8:19
	Acts 5:12-6:7	6:57
	Acts 6:8-7:60	10:40
	Acts 8:1-8:40	6:42
	Acts 9:1-9:43	8:18
	Acts 10:1-10:48	7:22
	Acts 11:1-12:23	9:27
	Acts 12:24-13:52	8:45
	Acts 14:1-15:21	8:41
	Acts 15:22-16:5	4:19
	Acts 16:6-17:34	12:06
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	Acts 21:37-22:29	5:24
	Acts 22:30-24:27	10:57
	Acts 25:1-26:32	10:41
Acts 27:1-27:44	7:42	
Acts 28:1-28:31	5:47	
Philemon	Entire book	Unknown
Jude	Entire book	Unknown
Colossians	Entire book	Unknown
Titus	Entire book	Unknown
Mark	Entire book	Unknown

Focus/Book	Passage	Recording Duration
John	Entire book	Unknown

Source: Provided by Spoken Worldwide

Passages marked “compilation” comprise a full translation of selected Scripture passages that have been “stitched together” to tell the life of an Old Testament figure. Thus, they contain translation of content using natural language organization rather than verse-by-verse organization.