

# Joining the Story

An old, worn book with a cross on the cover, set against a textured brown background. The book is the central focus, with its cover showing signs of age and use. The cross is a simple, dark symbol. The background is a textured, brown fabric-like material. The title 'Joining the Story' is overlaid on the image in large, stylized letters.

**a chronological study  
of the Old Testament  
by  
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*Joining the Story* is a chronological study of the Old Testament that explores the story of God's people from creation through the prophets. The hope of the study is that by exploring the stories of God's people, connecting these stories in a timeline, and discovering how God has cared for God's people from one generation to the next, today's youth will find their own place in the story.

Wisdom literature and stories that fall outside of the narrative time-line are presented at the end of the study, and allow students to reflect back how the story of God's people influenced those writings.

While written with "Sunday Best" in mind, activities in *Joining the Story* are appropriate for both Sunday School or more casual gatherings in the life of the Church. Lessons are aimed at youth in grades 8-9, allowing an easy application with both Middle School and High School youth.

Teachers might consider creating a physical time-line in the primary learning space where youth can look back on previous lessons and have visual reminders of each story's context.



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