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## a word about what's ahead...

The goal of *Cornerstone Connections* is to lead you to the Bible to see the big story of God and people. This big story continues from the first generation in Eden to your generation today. It's about the lives of people as the God of the universe interacts with them.

If you are looking for a word from God that is **real**, *Cornerstone Connections* captures the message of Scripture and challenges you to make the connections to your real life.

God's Word is not only real; it is rock **solid**. For the first generation to hear God's voice in the garden as well as the last group standing before Christ at the Second Coming, the Word of God has been and continues to be reliable.

The word from God comes to us in the **stories** of people who encountered Him and made a decision to either follow Him or walk away.

**Real. Solid. Stories.** You will find one in *Into the Story* in each lesson. *Out of the Story* will provide you with ways to search for truth you can apply to your life. In each lesson you will also find:

- **What Do You Think?**—a mental activity to get your mind and heart in gear for the story to follow. Every time you approach a Bible story, you are coming to it in the context of the story in which you live every day.
- **Did You Know?**—a brief statistic or definition that digs a little deeper into the story or simply provides some helpful facts to bring to the lesson.
- **Key Text**—a verse that points out a key concept from the story. It is also a great place to find verses that you can memorize and store away for later use.
- **Punch Lines**—a few other verses from Scripture that punctuate key concepts of the lesson. You may see connections between them and the Bible story as well as your own life.
- **Flashlight**—a brief snapshot of Ellen White's input on the story. These glimmers that shed light onto the biblical passage will also give you a glimpse of what awaits you in the suggested weekly reading from her inspired commentary on the stories—the Conflict of the Ages.
- **Further Insight**—one or two quotes that will provide further insight into the central message of the lesson.
- **Connecting to Life**—the guide to making the truths about God in this story your very own. Study the Bible lesson during the week in preparation for Sabbath School. On Sabbath you will have the opportunity to review, discuss, and elaborate on what you learned with your teacher and other students in your Sabbath School class. Each day of the week you will be directed to explore one of the sections of the lesson, to relate it to the story you live, and to make the message from God apply to you personally.

Welcome to *Cornerstone Connections*.

—The Editors

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### October

#### 7—Keeping It Real! [p. 5]

Jesus is truth, but He was constantly surrounded by lies. He challenged the pretense and false piety of the religious leaders, which is why they were determined to rid themselves of Him forever.

#### 14—What Belongs to God [p. 9]

The religious leaders attempted to use Scripture to trap Jesus. However, all of Jesus' arguments were based on Scripture. He proved that God's Word is reliable. An assurance that we can still have today.

#### 21—Preparing for Tomorrow Today [p. 13]

One of the key issues in the last days is remaining faithful to Jesus. So long as we are "in Christ," we have nothing to fear. What does that mean?

#### 28—May I Help You? [p. 17]

When no servant was present to wash the disciples' feet, and they were too filled with their own competitiveness to lower themselves to the task, Jesus did the job Himself. Service requires us to get our hands dirty for "the least of these."

### November

#### 4—My Way Versus God's Way [p. 21]

Jesus would have saved Judas had he surrendered, but Judas chose a path of greed rather than salvation. He could not bring himself to surrender himself to a humble Messiah. Are we able to?

#### 11—The Choice [p. 25]

Christ came face to face with the hell of becoming a Sinbearer, yet He made the decision to choose God's will over His own. He won the spiritual battle by surrendering to His Father's will. How will you meet the temptation to go your own way?

#### 18—Trials [p. 29]

The trials Christ endured the night before He was crucified revealed betrayal and injustice on the part of the Jewish legal system, as well as cowardice and corruption from the Roman authorities. But Christ was always in complete control.

#### 25—Christwise [p. 33]

It is from the bloody tree at Calvary that Jesus calls us to live lives of sacrifice, forgiveness, perseverance, selflessness, and grace. Never underestimate the power of gazing upon the cross!

### December

#### 2—Resurrection Power [p. 37]

Satan and his evil host engineered the dark events that led to the death of Christ. They thought Christ's sinless life and perfect death would be rendered moot by power of the grave. They were wrong!

#### 9—First Witness [p. 41]

Mary of Magdala's love of Christ won her a revelation that no other human could match: she was the first person to witness Jesus in His glorified post-death state. A lesson for us in that those who love Jesus with their whole heart and seek after Him will be given fresh revelations of God's divine grace.

#### 16—Journeying With Jesus [p. 45]

Viewing the two travelers on the road to Emmaus as they walked in disillusionment and dismay, we may wonder to ourselves, *Couldn't they see truth right in front of their eyes?* But it may be that humanity is blinder today than they were on that ancient road.

#### 23—Making Things Right [p. 49]

Drained from grief, and in need of encouragement after Jesus' death and resurrection, the disciples responded to the stress differently. Thomas chose to doubt and Peter distanced himself from the group. How would Jesus bring them back to unity?

#### 30—Calling Change Agents [p. 53]

God doesn't need Christians standing around looking into the sky and wondering when Jesus will be coming back. He needs change agents—fully committed disciples who will fulfill the Great Commission and reach lost people and teach them to obey *everything* Jesus commanded. What will you choose?

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