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Picture the Bible™

A Biblical Pictorial Timeline

First Congregational Church, River Falls, Wis.



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Agenda

- Define the goal of *Picture the Bible*
- Summarize the *PTB* approach to biblical literacy and interpretation
- Explore *PTB art*
- Introduce *PTB resources*
- Discuss the role of *PTB* in congregational life
- Present the new *PTB book*
- Invite conversation



PTB Goal:

To foster biblical literacy and interpretation while nurturing community life.

“If you look *at* a window you see fly-specks, dust, the crack where Junior’s Frisbie hit. If you look *through* a window, you see the world beyond.”

Frederick Buechner,
Wishful Thinking



The *Picture the Bible* Approach to Bible Study

My Life/My World

Picture
the Bible

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The Bible

Explore *Picture the Bible* Art

- Is beautiful, engaging, immediate
- Draws in viewers into the stories
- Depicts people with variety of skin tones and no facial features
- Speaks to learners of all ages
- Embeds the story in peoples' imaginations
- Increases biblical literacy and interpretation
- Becomes the basis of shared language and experience



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Jesus Blesses the Children

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Read the whole story:
Mark 10:13-16

Think about:
Jesus and the disciples didn't agree. What was the issue? Do you think adults are too busy for kids today? Talk about it. Mark included stories in his gospel he thought were important. What makes this story important?

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Bedrooms around the World
Watch on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3d1273P>
What do these bedrooms tell you about God's children?



Ahohoket, Amazonas, Brazil



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Can you find...

- A girl with flowers?** What do you think she will do with them?
- Clouds?** Do you think it is a cloudy day or a mostly sunny day? Why?
- 11 children?** Where would you like to sit in this picture?
- How do you think these children feel?**

Stop and Think

Jesus knew children are important. What important things can you do? Pretend you are one of the children in the picture. What would you see? Hear? Smell? Feel?

What question would you like to ask Jesus? Children have important feelings. Talk about times you have been excited, worried, angry, proud.

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People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.
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Be a: Demographer

Demographers collect and analyze data about groups of people.

Researchers from UNICEF study what life is like for children now in order to hypothesize what life will be like for children in the future. UNICEF says unless things change, by 2030:

- 167 million children will live in extreme poverty
- 69 million children under age 5 will die by 2030
- 60 million elementary-age children will be out of school

What can be done so that life is better for God's children?



Get up and go:

Human Family

by Maya Angelou

I note the obvious differences between each sort and type, but we are more alike, my friends, than we are unalike.

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Maya Angelou

Make a list of things all people have in common. It's a long list, isn't it!

Lined writing area for a list of common things.

The world has more than 7 billion people.

That's a lot! David Smith imagined the world as a village of 100 people. He did lots of math to match the real world population to the 100-person village.



If the world had 100 people:

36 would be school age (ages 5 - 24). Of those:

- 30 would be in school.
- 3 would work around the house (helping with work, getting water)
- 3 would be laborers (working in fields, factories, as soldiers)

What does this tell you about the world?

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Make an abstract self portrait of yourself. Follow the steps shown on the right.



This story makes me wonder about _____

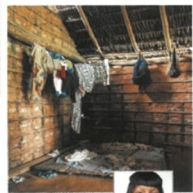
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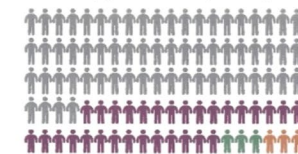


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Talk together:

Study the graphic on the left. Are the children in your family purple, green or orange?

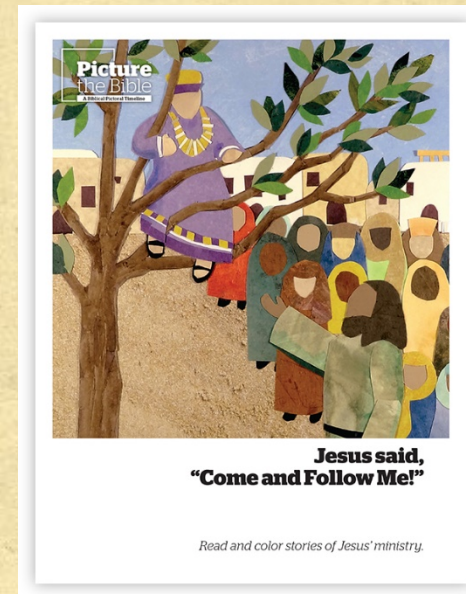
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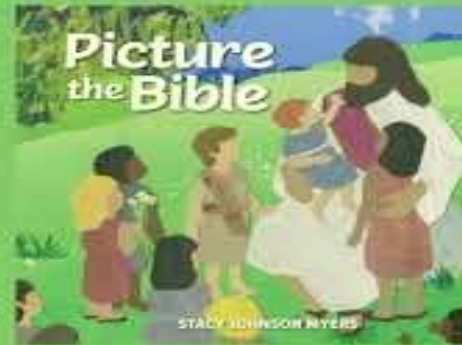
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- Engagement pages
- Story Books
- Electronic Images on CD
- “Little Books”
- Story/Coloring Books
- Cards



Picture the Bible Art in Congregational Life

- Provides basis for creative, yet structured conversations
- Connects to a variety of educational settings
- Conducive to multigenerational learning
- Offers a strong connection between worship and education
- Provides a link between home and church





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