

Storytelling scripture - Your turn...

Storytelling scripture through spoken word...

You can use the same 4-beat structure of *Eden* – Creation, Fall, Redemption, New Creation – to tell scripture. Another option is to unpack this further by following the 6 beats through ‘the drama of scripture’. Try using the following alliteration of ‘C’ to tell the story. I’ve included my stab at it to give you a sense of what this could look like.

Creation... (Where it all started)

Gen 1:1 – ‘In the beginning God...’

The story starts with...

God – created the heavens and the earth.

From **plants** to **planets**, **mice** to **mountains...**

out of the nothing, God created the something.

And the pinnacle of his creation was you and me,
image bearers, God reflectors.

The very first you and me – Adam and Eve –

strolled through a garden in constant company with the creator... God.

Crisis... (The fall)

But then, crisis – it all goes Pete Tong, wrong.

The serpent deceives Adam and Eve.

With the world’s freshest fruit at their fingertips, they take a bite from the tree that’s off limits.

The result? They get a taste of mess, pain and brokenness.

They’re separated from the God they were made to reflect.

Everything’s changed.

But in the **pit of the pain**, there’s a promise – Genesis 3:15. A serpent striker, one man, will **rectify and reconcile**.

One man will beat the brokenness by becoming broken for us.

Chosen... (The story of Israel starting with the call of Abraham)

Flip forward to Genesis 12:2. God chooses Father Abraham, and his family become a chosen people –

Israel – a nation that God chooses to reveal himself to the world.

God sets up laws, tabernacles and temples,

puts judges and kings in charge

and picks prophets to keep the nation on track.

But a constant cycle of disobedience and repentance, followed by God’s patience and forgiveness.

Israel divides,

gets conquered.

The cycle continues...

and the chosen people wait for the promise...

Christ... (Life, death, resurrection, ascension)

... Of the chosen one (some 400 years later)... Christ – Son of God.

He chose...

a manger over a mansion,

a colt over a chariot,

serving over status,

a crown of thorns over a crown of gold.

He chose the cross for us...

John 19:30 – it.is.finished.

The crisis has been carried,

penalty paid for.

Christ dies... but the twist in the story –

three days later the tomb's empty.

Christ resurrects to life and the payment for sin clears.

Church... (This starts in Acts, but we're part of the story too)

Jesus sends his spirit at Pentecost and followers of Jesus become...

the Church.

(1 Peter 2:9). A royal priesthood, a chosen people,

offspring of Abraham adopted into the family of God, reflecting Christ.

And it doesn't end in Acts. The chapter's unfinished...

it's still going today – 2000 years later, in every corner of the globe –

and this is where we fit into the story.

Completion... (New Creation, seen through the eyes of John in Revelation)

But the story hasn't finished...

One day the promise will come to completion.

John gets a revelation of how the journey ends –

Revelation 21 – a new heaven and earth.

No more pain, no more tears.

A place where full restoration will be the final destination.