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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

PS: Don't forget to check out the reading plan.

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### October

#### 6—Know God, Know Yourself [p. 5]

Only when we know ourselves and the person we are becoming through Christ's working in us are we able to transform our lives into gifts to our families, friends, coworkers, and communities.

#### 13—Shut Door. Open Books. [p. 9]

God will pronounce everyone who confesses their sins and claims the blood of Christ for their life "not guilty." Forgiven. Pardoned. Restored. But *now* is the time to make that choice.

#### 20—The SINDrome [p. 13]

One of the greatest mysteries in the human story has to do with understanding the origin of evil. Ultimately, what people think about God becomes the most important thought any human will ever have.

#### 27—Good Over Evil [p. 17]

A spiritual war is taking place—a war beyond what human eyes can see. Thus, the question remains, How does God's power over evil get fleshed out through His people in the days in which we are living?

### November

#### 3—The Deadly Lie [p. 21]

The subject of death is one of the most controversial issues in the church. Media portrays it, pastors preach about it. Is it that important to understand? See what God says about it.

#### 10—True Power [p. 25]

Headlines abound with stories of corruption and abuse. How can we Adventists live and give a message of uncompromising conviction for this generation?

#### 17—The World's Worst Terrorist [p. 29]

The evil one has launched an all-out terrorist attack, seeking to destroy as many as possible. Are you prepared for it?

#### 24—Discovering Daily Disciplines [p. 33]

Few of us would say no to a lasting and meaningful relationship with God—at least not consciously. But what are we willing to do to make it happen?

### December

#### 1—Run for Your Life [p. 37]

Contrary to human speculation, the world is not getting better. Yet, as the world plunges deeper into peril, the good news is that God's Holy Spirit will give us special power to proclaim His message to the world!

#### 8—The Time of Trouble [p. 41]

The time of trouble is one of those phrases that fills Seventh-day Adventists and others who look for Jesus' appearing with trepidation. Yet even though trying times are ahead, God has promised that His faithful followers will endure to the end.

#### 15—The End of the World as We Know It [p. 45]

We oftentimes focus on the difficulty of the end-times and forget to focus on the power of God to deliver us. We need to remember that we are not alone, and we are truly safe with God!

#### 22—Wiping the Slate Clean [p. 49]

God destroying the wicked is not a comfortable image. But we will have the opportunity to ask our questions, to see why God did what He did, and to let Him prove His goodness to the cosmos.

#### 29—Earth's Makeover [p. 53]

This chaotic world is not all there is. One day the great controversy between God and Satan will be over. The earth will be made new. And we will see our Maker face to face.