

Essentials Bible Study

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Our first step in this Essentials narrative inductive Bible study is preparation. If you are teaching an Essentials Bible study group, or if you are simply studying on your own, here are three simple but vital steps to help you prepare well. Preparation is most definitely an essential. When we prepare a scrumptious recipe, we gather our ingredients, consider the temperature, and then proceed. In much the same way, we prepare for Bible study as we **read, research, and always remember to pray.**

READ her story in an essentially literal Bible translation (word-for-word) such as the English Standard Version and a dynamic equivalent version (thought-for-thought) such as the New Living Translation. Whenever possible, read out loud and more than once.

RESEARCH the background of the story to determine context and the type of literature, and to understand the writer's aim for the original audience.

REMEMBER TO PRAY—God has something special to say to you through His Word. While the timeless truths in each story are for everyone, He understands you and your needs, and He wants to meet you right where you are. As you pray, you open your heart to receive His personal and practical Word of exhortation and hope.

1. Where do we find her story in the Bible? If possible, identify the genre or type of literature.

2. How does the context inform the meaning?

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3. Who wrote this specific book of the Bible, and what do we know about them?

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