RULES FOR BIBLE STORYING

1. Read the scripture passage.
2. Relax! Ask God to help you be yourself.
3. Outline the passage with key phrases.
4. For each outline point write in your own words the main scripture passage you want to remember.
   a. Acts 1:1-12
      i. Ascension
         1. Luke explains what Jesus came to do and to teach
         2. Jesus showed himself
         3. He gave convincing proofs
         4. He appeared over 40 days
         5. He commanded do not leave Jerusalem
         6. He asked them to wait for Holy Spirit
         7. Disciples question Jesus about kingdom
         8. He explains its not for them to know
         9. He states will receive power when Holy Spirit comes
         10. He proclaims they will be witnesses
         11. He is taken up
         12. Two men appear
         13. Why looking? He will come again!
         14. They return to Jerusalem from Mount of Olives.
5. Do not try to memorize it. Seek to internalize it.
6. Consider how you might tell a friend an occurrence in your life.
7. DO NOT!!! I repeat… DO NOT!!! Add any other scripture, commentary, background, or thoughts while telling the story. This will confuse the audience and they will not be able to discern what the truth for this Biblical passage.
8. Open by explaining the context of the Biblical situation. Keep this short, only a few sentences at most.
9. Use a defined beginning and a defined ending so people know the Biblical story has begun and ended.
   a. Good beginnings might be…
      i. Everything in the Bible is true.
      ii. In the Bible…
   b. Good endings might be…
      i. You can learn more about Peter in Acts 1-12.
10. If you make a mistake, simply correct it and move it. Do not make a big deal about it. Treat the error as you would in a conversation with a friend. Correct it and move on.
11. Give your best and leave the rest to God. Trust the story to weave its power. The WORD of God will not return void.
12. Have fun! Say it like you mean it and enjoy it while you tell it.
13. Remember… to do and then to teach is the most effective method! Live the story for this teaches!