

# ONCE UPON GOD'S TIME

## Objective:

To teach the basic elements of storytelling in a fun and entertaining way.

## Program Overview:

"Once Upon God's Time" is a 1-3 hour workshop led by Christian writer, poet, workshop leader, singer and songwriter, Sam Kauffman, a roster artist with NEAG. This three-part workshop introduces participants to the basic elements of storytelling and simple yet effective techniques for enhancing stories along with a hands-on experience in presenting a story to a group.

## Program Outline:

Opening:	Introductions Sam Kaufman - My Story Participants - Your Story Workshop - Let Me Tell You a Story "The Farmer's Donkey"	
Part One:	Basic Elements of a Good Story – Leaving a Footprint on the Soul Why Do We Tell Stories Picking a Story – What Makes a Good Story? Looking at the Elements of a Good Story What Do We Hope a Story Will Achieve? Situations for Telling a Story – Whom Does It Serve Who Is Your Audience	
Part Two:	Basic Techniques for Effective Storytelling and Adding Interest An Invitation to a Relationship Getting Audience Attention Engaging the Imagination Sharing Personal Experiences Participation Active Passive Keeping Your Audience Involved Music Props Costumes Serious or Humorous – What's the Point Being a Little Kid Again	
Part Three:	We Learn by Doing Storytelling Exercises Analyzing "The Farmer's Donkey"	Large
Group	Tell Me a Story in Fifty Words or Less Writing a Story as a Group	Individuals Break-Out
Group Part Four:	Feedback and Resources	