

Somebody Wanted But So

This organizer provides a framework to use when discussing story elements: characters, motivation, problems, and solutions.

Benefits of Using the Somebody – Wanted – But – So Organizer

- Identifies main ideas, conflict, and cause and effect
- Identifies differences in characters' points of view
- Helps to summarize a story

Types of Stories for Somebody – Wanted – But - So

- Any story with strong characters will work with this organizer.
- Look for stories that present numerous conflicts among the characters
 - Haman wants Mordecai executed but the king wants him honored. Haman thinks he is in the queen's favor but she wants his orders stopped. Mordecai wants Esther to approach the king but she might be executed. (Story #176)
 - The officials want Daniel killed in the den of lions but the king wants Daniel saved. The king signs a law forbidding worship of anyone other than himself, but Daniel continues to pray to God. (Story #171)
 - David commands Joab to number the people but Joab knows this isn't God's will. (Story # 113)

Directions for the Somebody - Wanted – But - So

1. After telling the story, give the organizer to the small groups.
2. Have them refer to the story in the Bible as they complete the Somebody – Wanted – But – So organizer.
3. Explain to the participants that they need to work horizontally. Once they have filled in the Somebody box, they should move to the Wanted – But – So boxes. Some groups have a tendency to fill in all of the Somebody boxes first and then complete the next column which can become very confusing.
4. Explain that they might use the same Somebody more than once. In most stories one person wants numerous things.
5. After the groups have completed filling in the organizer regroup for a large group discussion.

Helpful Hints for Variations

Assign a different character to each group. For example, in the story of David and Goliath, one group might only look at what David wants, another group focuses on Goliath, another group might discuss Saul, Jesse, or Eliab, etc.

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Story #: / Text:

SOMEBODY	WANTED	BUT	SO

Sample Somebody Wanted But So based upon Story #: 87 / Text: 1 Samuel: 17:1-55

SOMEBODY	WANTED	BUT	SO
Goliath	one of the Israelites to fight him	the Israelites cowered in fear	Goliath taunted them for 40 days and nights.
Goliath	to fight one soldier	David approached him dressed as a shepherd	Goliath taunted and threatened him.
Saul	the war to end	no one would step forward to fight Goliath	he offered riches, security and the hand of his daughter to anyone who beat Goliath.
David	to know why no one would fight Goliath	this made Eliab angry	David talked back to his brother and turned his back on him.
Jesse	to know if his sons were safe	he was too frail to travel to the battlefield	he sent his youngest son David with food for the troops.
David	to stop Goliath from dishonoring the Lord	no one would fight	he yelled at the soldiers
Saul	someone to fight Goliath	he didn't want to let David fight when he saw that he was so young	he offered his armor to David after he agreed to let the shepherd boy fight.

