

Triangle

This might be the easiest and most versatile of all the organizers because it will work with a wide variety of stories. This organizer helps people to determine the three most important lessons in a story and make an application. It also encourages participants to ask questions.

Benefits of using the Triangle Organizer

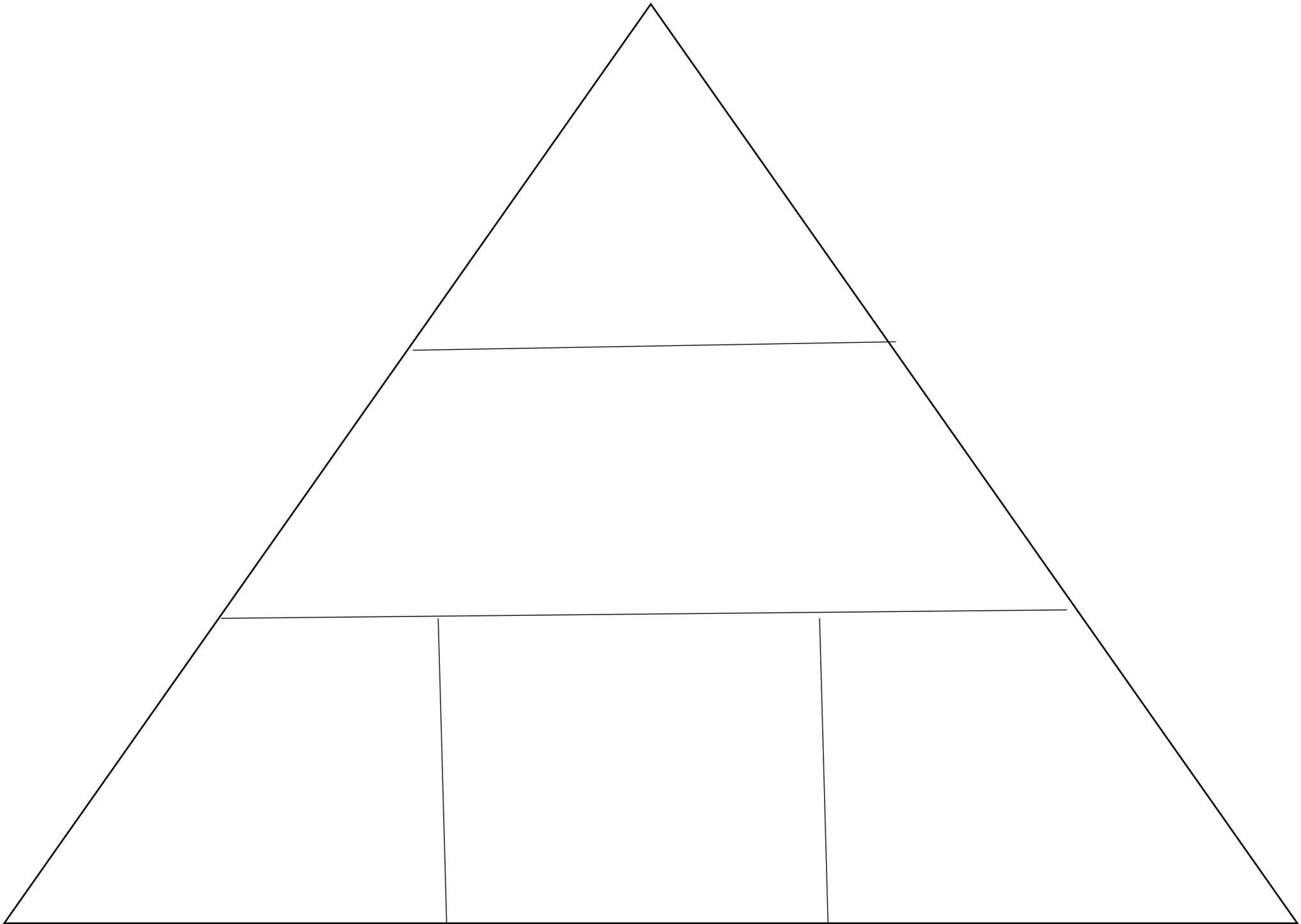
- Encourages dialogue
- Revisits the story after the telling
- Encourages questions
- Enables application of the lessons

Types of Stories for the Triangle

- Look for stories that are complex enough to have three lessons (which is practically any story in the book)
- Consider using the Triangle with Psalms too

Directions for the Triangle

1. Tell the story and then distribute the Triangle Organizer.
2. Have everyone work alone for a minute or two to think about the question, “What do you think are the three most important lessons in this story?” Jot one word in each of the three bottom boxes to help you to remember what you want to share with your small group.
3. Participants begin sharing their ideas. As ideas are shared, each participant will complete the three bottom boxes by adding more ideas and details.
4. If the group has questions about the story during the discussion, those should be added to the middle box.
5. Regroup for a whole class discussion of the three main lessons from the story.
6. As time allows, address the questions in the two middle boxes. Many of those might be answered during the large group discussion. Unanswered questions can be used for individual research and discussed during the next session.
7. Finally, everyone will put a personal application into the top box of the triangle. Ask if anyone would like to share an application, but since this is a personal application, sharing isn’t necessary.



Sample of
Completed
Triangle
based upon
Story # 165
Valley of the
Dry Bones

Be still and
listen so that I
will know God's
plans for me.

God says several times that
then people will know He is
God. What does it mean to
know God?

God fulfills His
promises. Trust
in His word.

No matter how drastic
our situation might
seem, God is sovereign.
His plans for us cannot
be changed.

Listen to God
and obey His
commands.

