

God Spoke: The Word of God

Teacher Handbook

We are thrilled to embark on another study with our Children! Our church, Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, is excited to continue our journey together in teaching the truth of God's Word to our children. To help them know the importance to understand it in the way God has given it. Over the next weeks, we are going to be studying How God Spoke to us through His Word.

Our main scripture throughout this study will be from Hebrews Chapter One:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds [Lit., ages]...

By the end of the study hopefully the children will understand how God spoke to us through His Word and what the phrases 'various times' and 'various ways' mean. We are also going to teach what 'time past' means, and who 'the fathers' and 'the prophets' are. As they have learned in past studies Jesus Christ, God's Son, is the Word made flesh. We are going to see how the Old Testament is God's *complete* Word, how Jesus Christ is that Word made flesh, how the New Testament gives us more understanding of what was already spoken in the Old Testament, and what it means to be an heir and have an inheritance on offer.

It is truly a gift for us to have God's Word to read and study daily and to teach and train these children. This is a discipline that we hope to pass down as they develop and grow into adults who will have their own families one day. It is our greatest hope that they develop such a strong love for truth and understanding that they will make sure they are obedient to it all their life and that they will Seek First His Kingdom!

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you".

Please continue to ask the Holy Spirit to teach and guide you as He uses YOU to teach and guide these children through His Word.

We will continue to pray that each of us continues in our pursuit of the Lord through His Word and live a life worthy of The Inheritance.

As you go through the weekly lessons you will see words in a font & color like this: *Old Testament*. This indicates that the older children have certain locations in their Student Workbook where they are to write answers to the questions being asked.

You will also notice, as we progress in these weeks of study, that the last few weeks have more “Group Discussion” questions and answers. This is done purposefully, as the children – having worked through the Student Workbook during these weeks – will have grown in their understanding, and hopefully will be able to have good discussion as you lead them through questions. We want to get them used to discussing the Scriptures and talking about God’s Word with each other.

Thank you so much for your dedication in teaching our children and being a Godly example for them to look up to.

Sincerely,
Cornerstone Curriculum Writing Team

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God Speaks to us through His Word

Key Verse: Isaiah 28:10, “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line...”

Main Idea: God speaks to us through His Word, which is inspired by God and is living and powerful. His Word should be studied by laying a proper foundation at the beginning and then building upon the foundation line upon line.

Supplies: Bible

Timeline – draw on white board or pass out timeline handout.

Lego's

The words of Isaiah 28:10 cut up for an “Unscramble activity” at the end of class

God speaks to us through His Word. We call His Word the Bible, which is composed of 66 books. Do you know how many men wrote those 66 books? There were 40 authors, so that means some men wrote more than one book. For example: Moses wrote 5 books, and Paul wrote 13! But Who inspired each of the 40 men to write every book and every word in those books? God did!

Do you know what the word “inspired” or “inspiration” means? Well let’s look at a verse that will help us understand this. **2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

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The word “inspiration” in this verse literally means “God-breathed.” Can you tell me where else we see that God breathed His breath into something? (I’ll give you a hint...we find this in the very first book of the Bible.) Yes! God breathed His breath into Adam, didn’t He? Good job!

In **Genesis 2:7** we read “**And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.**”

God’s Breath is always linked with the giving of life. So let’s read the 2 Timothy passage again and instead of reading “Inspiration of God” let’s put in the words “God Breathed”.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God Breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

So how much of Scripture is God-breathed? All of it! That means from the very beginning in Genesis to the very end in Revelation, ALL Scripture is God-breathed and is *profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Certain men were directed by God to write down everything that we find in the Bible. The Divine Author of Scripture is God Himself.

Let’s read another verse from Scripture that talks about Scripture! **Hebrews 4:12** “**For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**” Let’s focus on the first phrase of this verse. This verse says that the Word of God is living and powerful. Have you ever wondered what that could possibly mean? How could

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a book be *living*? When we think about that we must remember that the Bible is no ordinary book. It is a book like no other. It is given by God's own *inspiration* and it is living because **John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... 14 and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”**

When we read the phrase ‘the Word became flesh’ it means that the Word became a human, a man. But not just any man!

Question: Who was the Word that became flesh?

Answer: We see that the Word is *Jesus, the Son of God*. So this verse links God's Word with a person, but not just any person! The Word is Jesus Christ the very Son of God. Everything spoken in the Word of God is fulfilled in the Person of Jesus Christ. (We are going to learn so much more about that fact in coming weeks.) So God speaks to us through His Word, which He gave to certain men to write, and this Word is living and powerful because Jesus Christ, the Son of God is the Word that was made flesh.

Not only that! God also designed how His Word was to be put together and how it is to be understood. There is a *specific beginning* and there is a *specific ending*, with *specific points* in between. (*To the Teacher: Show this by pointing to various points on the timeline*). God intended to design it in that way. And knowing this helps us to understand that it is important to study God's Word the way that He gave it.

The Prophet Isaiah was *inspired* by God to write these words showing how God designed His Word: **Isaiah 28:10, “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”**

Also in **1 Corinthians 2:13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

Together, let's illustrate how this works with our arms. Everyone please bend your arms horizontally and put them up like this. That is our first precept, then

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let's put another precept/arm on top of that, and then another and then another. Good! That is how God teaches us His word – He gives a little understanding from here, let's say Genesis, (*be moving arms/laying one upon another as you say these things*) and then a little from there, like some verses from Deuteronomy, and add a precept from Psalms, and another precept from Luke, and it keeps building. A bit from here and from there, from each book of the Bible until all it is put together in order to give us the understanding we need.

As God is the Divine Author of all 66 books, we can also know that all of the books relate to each other. Even though they were written by different men at different times, and each book is unique and different from the others, we can see that they all have the same **FOCUS** (emphasize the word FOCUS with your voice). Do you remember what that focus of Scripture is? I will give you a hint: you learned this focus in the form of a song...there are two main focuses of Scripture... lets sing it!!!!

"There are two main focuses of Scripture, two main focuses of Scripture, two main focuses of Scripture, the Seventh Day and Jesus Christ."

Good! So as we study books like Exodus, and Proverbs, and Obadiah, and Revelation, and on and on, we will realize that some things are repeated in each of these books, and as we put them together – precept upon precept, line upon line – they fit together to form the big picture which gives us a clearer understanding of God's message in Scripture. And in keeping the 2 main focuses of Scripture in mind, we will know that that big picture throughout each book is about Jesus Christ and His Future Kingdom.

(Illustrate this again with a Lego demonstration. Using lots of Lego long pieces, explain that each Lego is a line or precept, and here are all the precepts [show individual Lego pieces]. Explain that they must be put together properly to form the correct structure. The structure shows a correct understanding, and it must look like what the instructions say.)

Review:

We have learned and hopefully understood that the Bible is *inspired* by God (literally God-breathed), and is *alive* and *powerful*. We have learned that God

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used multiple men to write the words that He gave them to write in all 66 books. We also learned that the Word became flesh in Jesus Christ.

We have seen that there is a *specific beginning* and there is a *specific ending*, with *specific points* in between (*show this by pointing to various points on the timeline*). God intended to design His Word in this way. And knowing this helps us to understand that it is important to study God's Word the way He gave it to us.

We read from **Isaiah 28:10**, “**For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little**” and **1Corinthians 2:13** **These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.** This tells us that in order to fully and correctly understand the Bible we must not skip over any of the books (reading only the ones that we like or the ones that are easy to understand)! We must read and study all the books of the Bible as we will need to understand portions from one book and portions from another to get a correct overall understanding of the Scriptures.

If we study the Bible in this way, we will build a proper foundation upon which all of Scripture is built. *Scripture must interpret Scripture by comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

Activity: Have the children unscramble the words for Isaiah 28:10.

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Week 1 Scriptures:

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, [lit. God-breathed] and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Genesis 2:7 “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

Hebrews 4:12, “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... 14...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”

Isaiah 28:10, “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”

1 Corinthians 2:13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

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God's Design of the Scriptures

Key Verse: Isaiah 46:9 “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.’”

Main Idea: God has designed the Scriptures a certain way, from start to finish. Starting in foundation is so important.

Supplies: Bible

Timeline – draw on white board or pass out timeline handout.

Legos

Today we are going to talk about God's design of Scripture. We learned last week from **2 Timothy 3:16** that **All Scripture is God breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.** A proper study of God's Word is very important for us, because apart from that we will not be able to understand doctrine and the Lord would not be able to reprove us, correct us, and train us in righteousness.

We also learned last week that there are **66** books in the Bible. And the bible translators had chosen to divide those **66** books into **two** sections?

Question: Do you know what the two main sections the Bible are divided into?

Answer: The **Old Testament** and the **New Testament**.

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Question: Can you show me where the Old Testament is?

Question: What book does the OT begin with and what book does it end with?

Answer: Begins with Genesis and ends with Malachi.

Question: Anyone know how many books are in the Old Testament?

Answer: 39 Books

Question: How about the New Testament? What book does it start with and what book does it end with?

Answer: The New Testament begins with Matthew and ends with Revelation.

Question: How many books are in the New Testament?

Answer: 27 Books

Great Job!

God is a God of order and He has laid the Bible out in a very specific way.

Another thing we need to know is what language the Bible was originally written in. Did you know that the Bible was not written in English? So here is a tough **question** for you: What language was the Bible written in? Let's get even a little more specific. What language was the Old Testament written in?

Answer: Hebrew

Question: What language was the New Testament written in?

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Answer: *Greek (To the teacher: If you want to explain that a small portion was also written in Aramaic, please do! But for the foundational aspect of this we are just stating Hebrew and Greek).*

We said last week that God has made a specific beginning to Scripture and a specific ending. (*Point at the time line again*) Isaiah the prophet tells us something interesting about that.

Isaiah 46:9, “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.’”

Question: According to this verse, what does God declare?

Answer: God declares the *end* from the *beginning*, and from ancient times, things that are not yet done.

So what does that mean? If we continue with our Lego idea from last week, this is just like seeing the end result – the final creation. It is seeing the picture of the whole set put together (like seeing the picture on the box), even as we begin building. It helps to see how it is all put together so that you know what you are working towards, so that you can understand how each part fits into the whole.

We need a proper foundation (*pick up Lego*) for us to understand Jesus, the prophets, the importance of the Kingdom, and other spiritual concepts. We must have a solid foundation upon which the rest is built.

Thinking about the end and the beginning, the ancient times and future, we must begin where God begins in the Bible...Genesis. Is there anyone who can quote Genesis 1:1 for me (or at least the beginning of that verse)?

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Yes, God created the heavens and the earth, but the earth *became* formless and void and darkness was over the raging waters. You will remember that Satan was

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the cause of this ruin when he rebelled against God in a time past. Following this rebellion, God set about to restore that which was ruined:

- On *day one* light was brought forth and was separated from darkness;
- On *day two* an expanse -- the sky – was created to separate the waters from the waters,
- On *day three* the dry land came out of the waters below and it brought forth vegetation,
- On *day four* the sun, moon, and stars where set in the sky,
- On *day five* sea creatures and birds were created, and
- On *day six* land animals and the first man and the women were created. They, the man and the woman, were created specifically to “rule over the earth and have dominion.” And then...
- On *the seventh day* God.....RESTED!

That alone tells the end from the beginning! The first seven days recorded in Scripture give us a **Type** of all that will happen in all of time. In the beginning, there were 6 days of work followed by a 7th day of rest, which sets **a pattern** in Scripture of that which must occur again for any ruined creation (Remember, a pattern is something that will be repeated).

Here is what the pattern points to: God had created the heavens and the earth perfectly. He created angels to rule over His provinces throughout the Universe. Satan was the perfectly-created ruler of this province, but when he sinned, the earth became formless and void and the heavens surrounding the earth became filled with darkness, which covered the earth. God then set about to restore this ruined creation using 6 days of work followed by a 7th day of rest. At the end of the 6th day, God created man, who was eventually to take Satan’s place as ruler.

But then the man sinned and so God removed the man and the woman from the garden where they were to rule. And because God always does things perfectly the first time (as God is perfect and cannot improve on Himself), the pattern for His restoring a ruined creation had already been set. So God repeats this pattern of 6 days of work followed by 7th day rest. The difference is that this time, a day is as a thousand years not just a 24-hour period of time.

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2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. So, with that foundation laid, we are looking at a 6,000-year period of restoration of God's creation – man – followed by a 7th 1,000-year period of time. In the final 1,000 years, there will be Rest, which will be Christ ruling as King with His Bride over the earth.

(To the teacher: Show the timeline and explain the days and the 1,000-year period of times. Explain that we see this pattern in Genesis 1:3-2:3. And as we move through the entire Bible, more detail is filled in on this restoration of this ruined creation – man, ending with God's Revelation of the 7th Day, the 1,000- year period of Rest.)

And that is just the beginning! If we continued from book to book we would see the same thing – that the main focus of all Scripture is the Seventh Day, or the Millennial Kingdom and Jesus Christ.

Review:

To end today, we want to remember that not only did God use certain men to write the Bible, the Bible was God-breathed. These men were inspired by God to write the very words that God wanted them to speak, which brings us to what we learned today. For us to more easily find certain places in Scripture, the Bible translators divided the books into chapters and verses. They also divided the Bible (the one *complete* revelation from God) into two sections, that which we know as the Old and New Testaments. The Old is divided into 39 books and the New into 27. God used two main languages, Hebrew and Greek, to communicate to mankind the things He wanted us to know. And we have learned that we MUST start where God started in the Bible to lay a proper foundation so that we can properly build upon it.

Back to our Lego illustration: When you are building a Lego you must build the foundation according to the directions so that your Lego is built correctly and is strong. Scripture is the same way. We must use the directions that God has laid out for us in His Word to lay the proper foundation in order for us to properly understand that. When you are building a Lego where do you go to start the foundation of your build? It is at the beginning of the instructions. It is the same

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with the Bible. For us to understand and have a proper foundation of the Scriptures, where must we start? At the beginning of the Bible!

Which is the first Book in the Bible? Genesis!

Week 2 Scriptures:

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is *God Breathed*, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Isaiah 46:9, "Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.'"

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. 6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day. 9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day. 14 Then

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God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. 20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. 24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

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Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. **2** And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

2Pe 3:8 ¶ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Another example you parents could consider doing with your children is a jigsaw puzzle: without the picture, it is difficult to put it all together correctly. You would end up putting little bits together but have no idea how they fit into the overall context of the puzzle. Whereas looking at the picture first is like the opening scripture: Isaiah 46:9, “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.’”

You could consider giving the children puzzles or Legos but without them knowing what they should look like. Then after a period of time has elapsed they could be given the picture or the Instruction manuals.

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Week 3

Various Times, Various Ways, Time past

Key Verse: Hebrews 1:1 **God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.**

Main Idea: God spoke at “various times and in various ways in time past.”

Supplies: Bible

Hebrews 1:1-2a Scripture printed out and cut up (Laminate and glue magnetics to the back of each word if you have time)

Timeline pre-drawn on the board with some dates written in prior to class starting.

Review

Last week, we saw that God has a certain way that He has organized the Bible.

Question: Can anyone explain how the Bible is laid it out?

Answer: *Let the children answer, then talk/teach through this asking questions, making sure the children understand and engage in the discussion. (Below are some of the topics that you will want to make sure you cover).*

Bible translators divided the scriptures into two main sections, the Old and New Testaments. The Old has 39 books and the New has 27. God used two main languages, Hebrew and Greek to communicate with mankind. Additionally, we have learned that we MUST start where God started in the Bible if we are to lay a proper foundation so that we can properly build upon it.

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(Using the Lego illustration explain the proper foundation.) When you are building a Lego you must *first* build the foundation according to the directions so that your Lego is strong, and built correctly. The Scripture is the same way. We must study according to the way that God has laid out His Word in order to lay the proper foundation so that we can properly understand what He says. When you are building a Lego where do you go to start the foundation of your build? The beginning of the instructions. It is the same with the Bible. For us to understand and have a proper foundation of the Scriptures, where must we start? At the beginning of the Bible! Which is which Book? Genesis!

This week we are going to be focusing on the how “God Spoke” which is explained in our main Scripture.

Question: Is there anyone who knows the Scripture and can recite it or has their Bible and would like to read it? Who would like to come and rearrange the words on the board to reveal the Scripture?

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

Today we want to focus on the part of the Scripture that says God spoke at 'various times and in various ways in time past'.

Activity: On each table there is a set of words. Work together to piece the Scripture together in order and then with your red arrow point to today's lesson focus: 'various times and in various ways spoke in time past'.

Let's all read it together from the beginning: **Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...**

When we read this Scripture we should ask ourselves when were the 'various times' in time past that God spoke?

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Let's look at the board and our simple timeline. (*At the board review quickly the basic timeline of Days 1 to 7. The Children should have a good understanding as they have just completed the timeline workshop.*)

Remember to raise your hand, no calling out to answer questions...

Question: Who can tell me the 1st Book of the Bible, and who wrote it?

Answer: Genesis is the first book, and Moses wrote it.

Question: Does anyone know approximately when Moses lived on our timeline? (*If you need to give some clues: Was it before or after Abraham?*)

Answer: Approx. 1450 BC (using the timeline explain what it means that a date is “before Christ”)

Teacher needs to have dates underneath the Days and Names:

- Adam 4000 years BC
- Abraham 2000 years BC
- Christ 0 years BC/AD (talk about how we today measure time from Christ)
- End of Day 6 -- 2000 years AD (which means “after Christ.”)

Let's mark on our timeline when Moses lived and wrote the first 5 Books of the Bible – 1450 BC approximately. (Mark 1450 BC on the timeline on the board.) *But make sure that the children understand that Moses wrote about things all the way back to Adam.*

Question: What was the first thing God told Moses to write in Genesis 1:1?

Answer: Genesis 1:1 'In the beginning...' (*Point to the left of the first vertical line and Adam on the timeline).*

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Question: How do you think Moses could write about people and events that happened in the Bible when he was not even born? (*Wait to see if anyone has an answer, if there is no answer ask the next question*)

Question: Do you remember who the Divine author of the Bible is?

Answer: God! It was God Who directed Moses what to write regarding the things that happened on earth long before Moses was even born.

Question: Does anyone know the name and writer of the last book of OT? (*If not, have them turn in their Bibles and look it up.*)

Answer: Malachi was the last author of the OT, writing approximately 400 years before Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem.

(Mark Malachi on timeline at about ¾ of the way between Abraham and Jesus, then group that whole period of time from approx. 1450 – 400 BC in parenthesis and write: "Time Past".)

Question: So over how many years approximately did God inspire people to write down His Word in the Old Testament? Let's do some simple math! (*Write the math problem on the board*)

1450 BC – Moses lived

-400 BC – Malachi lived

1050 years

Question: Do you think that God spoke to people *before* Moses? (Point on the space on the timeline *prior* to Moses, all the way back to Adam.) I'll give you a hint...who did God create on the 6th day?

Answer: Adam

Question: Did God speak to Adam?

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Answer: *Yes*, here is an example of a very famous conversation we know very well from our recent studies: **Genesis 3:9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"**

We can see that God even spoke *before* Moses lived! And so we would have to also see these as some of the ways in which *God spoke in various times and various ways in time past*. But the way that we even know about these moments when God spoke to Adam is through Moses' writings.

For us to better understand our Hebrews 1:1-2 passage, we need to put this book into some general *context*. Do you know what *context* means? Context is VERY important when studying the Bible. It means that a verse or section of Scripture is always within an overall chapter and book. Each verse has other verses surrounding it which help us better understand what that specific verse is saying.

Here is an example to help us see how important *context* is:

"When Jimmy finally got out of bed he was so hungry that he didn't even pour _____ on his cereal before he ate it."

Looking at the context of the sentence we know what goes in the blank, don't we? What do you think goes there? (*Pause for an answer.*) That's right, it's the word *milk*.

Now, we can even get *more* understanding of Jimmy's situation by reading the context surrounding this sentence. Let's read the sentences that come before and after:

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"Jimmy was so tired from his late soccer practice that when he finally arrived home he quickly showered and went right to bed. As Jimmy started waking up the next morning he was still so tired that he stayed in bed two hours longer than normal. When Jimmy finally got out of bed he was so hungry that he didn't even pour _____ on his cereal before he ate it. After breakfast Jimmy didn't feel like getting dressed thus he went to the couch and laid down to watch his favorite show."

It's easy to see then that as we study the Bible we need to understand that each verse, chapter, book and testament all have context within the Bible. What this means for us is that when we study the Bible we need to understand how the Scriptures are laid out, what the immediate context is, and then use Scripture to explain or interpret Scripture.

As we go back to our verse from Hebrews Chapter One we need to look at the context for this verse. For our purpose today we are going to look at a VERY general context – where the Book of Hebrews is placed within the Bible.

Question: Which Testament does the Book of Hebrews belong to? New or Old?

Answer: That's right the New Testament.

So when we read our **Hebrews 1:1** verse "**God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past...**" we understand that the phrases "various times" and "time past" point towards the Scriptures which were written *before* the Book of Hebrews was written, that is the things written in the Old Testament.

Question: Who wrote the first book of the Old Testament again?

Answer: That's right Moses.

Question: What's the last book of the Old Testament?

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Answer: Malachi.

So when we read in our Hebrews verse words like “various times” and “time past” we know that God is speaking about the *various times in time past* when He spoke in the Old Testament. Specifically the time period we just looked at a few minutes ago – approximately 1450 BC through 400 BC, but of course we know He also spoke to individuals even prior to Moses.

Next week we are going to look at who “the fathers” are in our verse.

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Key Verse: Hebrews 1:1 **God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.**

Main Idea: God spoke to the fathers by the prophets

Supplies: Bible

Hebrews 1:1-2a Scripture printed out and cut up (Laminate and glue magnetics to the back of each work if you have time)

Timeline page & Type Flash cards could be fun to go through with the questions.

Review:

Last week we learned how important it is to understand the *context* of Scripture in view of a verse within its chapter, book and testament. We saw how reading verses or chapters surrounding that verse is essential in helping us develop the overall picture of what is being said. When thinking about context, we'll remember our example about Jimmy:

“When Jimmy finally got out of bed he was so hungry that he didn’t even pour _____ on his cereal before he ate it.”

Looking at the context of the sentence itself we know what goes in the blank. Do you remember what word goes there? (Pause for answer.) That’s right, the word *milk*.

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Then we can even get more context and understanding on the situation by reading the sentences that come *before and after* that sentence as well:

“Jimmy was so tired from his late soccer practice that when he finally arrived home he quickly showered and went right to bed. As Jimmy started waking up the next morning he was still so tired that he stayed in bed two hours longer than normal. When Jimmy finally got out of bed he was so hungry that he didn’t even pour _____ on his cereal before he ate it. After breakfast Jimmy didn’t feel like getting dressed thus he went to the couch and laid down to watch his favorite show.”

As we study the Bible we need to understand that each verse, chapter, book and testament all have their contexts within the Bible. What this means for us is that when we study the Bible we need to understand how the Scriptures are laid out – what the immediate context is and then what the surrounding context is, using Scripture to explain or interpret Scripture.

Let’s read our verse again: **Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets...**

We have seen in our study that God speaking at the phrase “various times and in various ways... in time past” refers to the time period between and including the books from Moses to Malachi. We also have seen that God spoke to individuals even before Moses’ time... individuals like Adam and Noah, for example. But the way that we even know about these moments when God spoke to Adam and Noah is through Moses’ writings.

Question: Does anyone remember which books are the first and last books in the OT?

Answer: Genesis is the first; Malachi is the last.

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Question: What do we call this section of Scripture?

Answer: The *Old Testament*

Knowing when the various authors of the OT lived, what do we know regarding the time frame? (*To the teacher: You may want to review Week 3 in preparation to teach this, so that you understand what we are dealing with here in these dates.*)

1450 BC

-400 BC

1050 years

God spoke to His people through His Word which He inspired various men to write over a 1050 year period of time. He spoke in *various ways* through many different authors as God directed Jewish men to write the Old Testament. Do you remember when He spoke to Moses through the burning bush or when he spoke to Balaam through a donkey? This is what it means that “God spoke in various ways...”

Today we are going to look at and hopefully understand the “various ways” that God spoke to the fathers, and also learn who the fathers are. So...

Question: Who do you think “the fathers” are that God spoke to by the prophets at various times and in various ways?

Answer: Mainly the Jews – the people of Israel.

The ‘fathers’ encompasses all those God spoke to up until Christ came. In particular, this would be speaking of the Jewish people, but it would also include those people who came before Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, e.g. Adam and Noah, and others in the OT prior to Abraham.

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So, what are some of the 'various ways' God spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets?

Have you ever wondered how Moses, or any of the other prophets knew what to say or to write? How did God communicate with them so they could be God's spokesman on earth?

For example, the Book of Genesis covers the time from Adam to Joseph – over 2000 years of man's history. These things happened **before Moses** was born, therefore Moses was not an eye-witness to the events he wrote about. But we know that Moses was able to speak with God in a very intimate way, not dissimilar to the way God talked with Adam. We can see that in **Exodus 33:11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.** After Moses died this was said of him: **Deuteronomy 34:10 But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face...**

Much of the details in Moses' writings form what we have come to understand as **TYPES** or **Word Pictures.**

Question: Who can tell me what a Type is?

(If the children are getting fidgety by now this might be a good time to get them to stand up and sing the Types song.)

Answer: *(Have them write the answer down if you have time or just talk through it)*
A type is one of the various ways God spoke to the fathers and it is how He speaks to us also.

Teach through the next few questions trying to get the children involved in the discussion, while pointing to the place on the timeline where these different events belong.

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Question: Who can give me an example of a person who is a *type* and who it is that they point to in the *antitype*? (Ask for several different ones – if you want to use the *TYPE FLASH CARDS*, please do).

Answer: Some examples of answers could be:

Abraham = God the Father

Keturah = Fruitful Israel

Isaac = Christ

Esther = faithful Israel

Sarah = Un-fruitful Israel

Ruth = faithful Christians

Question: Who can give me an example of a place that is a *type* and what/where it points to in the *antitype*?

Answer: Some examples of answers could be:

Egypt = World

Promise Land = Millennial Reign

Question: Who can give me an example of a thing that is a *type* and what it points to in the *antitype*?

Answer: Some examples of answers could be:

Mountain = Kingdom

Fire = Judgement

Oil = Holy Spirit

Question: Finally, who can give me an example of an event that is a *type* and what it points to in the *antitype*?

Answer: Some examples of answers could be:

Passover = Christ's Death

10 Plagues on Egypt = Tribulation

Noah's Flood = Tribulation

Red Sea Crossing = Baptism

Other ways that God spoke to the fathers by the prophets was by giving to them DREAMS and VISIONS and by giving them skills to interpret those dreams and visions.

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Question: Who can tell us someone God gave a dream or vision to?

Answer: Pharaoh or Nebuchadnezzar

Question: Can anyone think of someone who was given the skill to interpret dreams or visions?

Answer: God gave the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream to Joseph. He also gave the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream to Daniel.

Here is another way God spoke to the fathers – He sent ANGELS with messages to various individuals.

Question: Does anyone know of someone in the Bible who received a message from God via an angel?

Answer: There are multiple answers but the one that everyone may know best is when Gabriel spoke to Mary regarding the birth of Christ, or to Joseph – the husband of Mary, or to the shepherds on the hillside the night Jesus was born.

And so we have seen that the Bible is made up of 66 individual books – with 39 books in the OT and 27 in NT. There were as many as 25 different authors of the Old Testament books who wrote down God's Word over a period of 1000+ years. But God did not reveal His complete revelation all at once – He did it step by step using different authors with different styles of writing. Some of the prophets painted pictures with words using metaphors or figurative language. For example, what can a mountain in Scripture be a metaphor for? (It can be used as a metaphor representing a kingdom.)

Although there are many different authors in the Bible who spoke in 'time past' there really is only ONE Author: **2 Peter 1:20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.**

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Question: So Who is the Author of Scripture according to 2 Peter 1:20-21?

Answer: God, the Holy Spirit

Visual Analogy of a Skeleton (See the Skeleton pictures at the end of the Lesson):

*Using visual pictures of a fish skeleton and then of a human skeleton, demonstrate how when you look at a skeleton it is just bones, but you can tell which is a fish and which is a human being. Then explain how **Genesis 1:1-2:3 is like the skeleton.***

Question: When you look at this skeleton of a human, can you tell if it is a boy or a girl, a man or a woman, and what color hair or eyes or skin tone they have?

Answer: No. We would have to fill in more details by having flesh and skin and hair put on the skeleton in order to know more about the human. Well that is the process we see in God's Word. What He lays out at the very beginning of Scripture (Gen. 1:1-2:3) is like a skeleton. Then He adds more information to that skeleton through the various authors of the other books in the OT. What the other prophets' writings do is to give further details with various additional information using different emphasis or focus or style until what God wanted to say "to the fathers" was complete.

Do you remember that verse from the beginning of the unit? **Isaiah 28:10, "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little."**

This is exactly how God has laid out His Word, and how we are to study it. God doesn't reveal all truth to us at one time, and so it takes work for us to study

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through all the different books as we continue to build on that foundation so that we have a proper understanding of the Scriptures.

And here is something that we all need to remember – Scripture will ALWAYS interpret Scripture. The Holy Spirit Who led all the different authors of the Bible to write what they wrote is the same Holy Spirit Who lives inside of each of us, and Who promises to guide and lead us into all truth.

John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

As we finish this week let's remember that God gave His Revelation – that which is contained in the OT Scriptures – at ‘various times’ and in ‘various ways’ by speaking through various “prophets in time past,” all of whom presented God’s Revelation in their own particular fashion and style. What God revealed to each writer was 100% true, but not 100% complete... His Revelation was finally complete by end of the Old Testament, 4000 years of history and approximately 1050 years of writings through 39 books written by 25 different authors. By the end of the Old Testament, God’s Word was so complete that at the birth of Jesus Christ, God could say that “the Word was made flesh.” The entire New Testament, then, is simply an opening up of the Old. The New Testament is more and more light shed on what God had already said in the Old Testament.

Next week we will look more closely at The Prophets (*point this out on the timeline visually again*).

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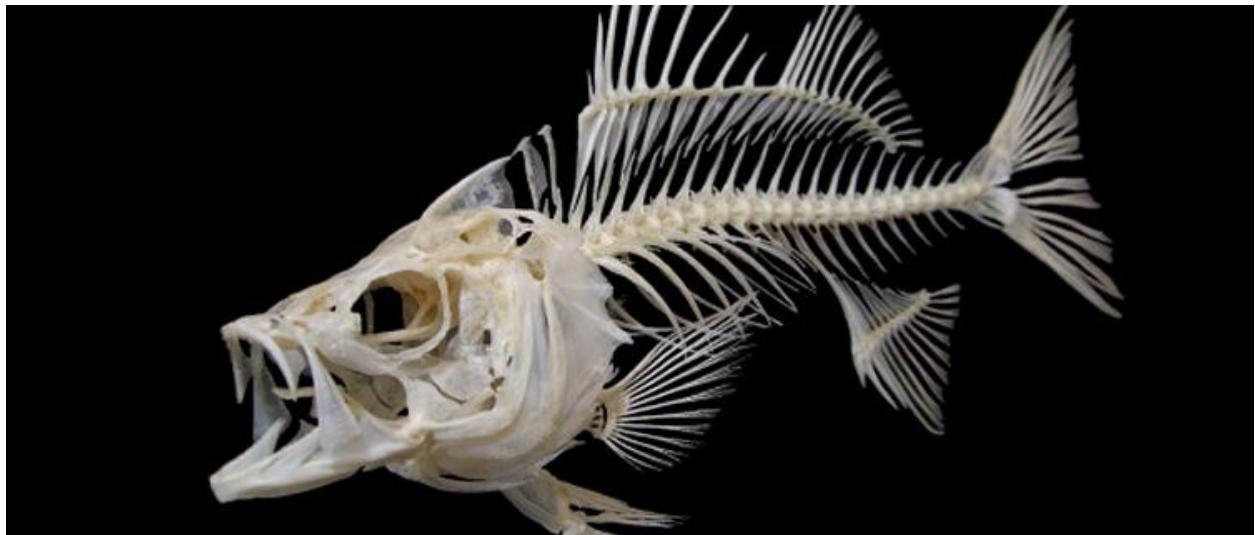
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Fish Skeleton:



Human Skeleton:



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Key Verse: 2 Peter 1:20 “knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*”

Main Idea: God speaks to His people in specific ways. God spoke through the prophets.

Explain what a prophet is, how he is called and examples of how God would have given a message to the prophets and then how they conveyed that message

Supplies: Bible

Chart of the prophets (Located at the end of this lesson)

Map of Israel (At the end of lesson)

Review:

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Hebrews 1:1 “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.”

As our Hebrews verse tells us God spoke in various times and in various ways in time past. Then right after that we are told that He spoke through the prophets. Today we are going to focus on God speaking through the prophets.

Do you know what a prophet is? Firstly, a prophet was a man who was Jewish. We will remember that the Jews are God’s chosen people that started with Abraham. **Romans 3:2** says, “**...to them, [the Jews] were committed the oracles of God.**” The phrase *oracles of God* means the *Word of God*, so it was through the Jews that God gave the Revelation of His Word.

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The prophets were sent to Israel to call the Jews to repentance and to show them what would happen if they refused, but also, in what they wrote they laid out the entirety of God's plans and purposes for Man; for Jews, Gentiles and Christians with regards to the Millennial Kingdom

1 Peter 1:10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven – things which angels desire to look into.

Each prophet lived in some part of Israel, (*show map – located at the end of the lesson*) and their message was to the children of Israel, sometimes to a Gentile nation (*like Jonah going to Nineveh*), and even now we Christians can read the books of the prophets and learn all about God's plans and purposes for the 7th Day.

Secondly, this is a list of all the prophets (*show chart and list some of the names – the chart is at the end of the lesson*). We have many prophetic books of the Bible, but not every prophet wrote a book of the Bible. Some men who were prophets did not write books like Nathan, Elijah, Elisha, Jesus even, and others as well.

Thirdly, a person couldn't just decide that he wanted to be a prophet, like some of us might say that we want to be a fireman when we grow up, or a teacher or that sort of thing. It wasn't a matter of their own choice. God was the One who selected the prophets. He chose them Himself.

Finally, let's get a definition of a prophet so that when you go home today you can tell your parents exactly what it is.

Definition: A prophet is a man who was called by God to give a specific message to God's people.

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The word prophet in the Bible means ‘inspired man.’ We will remember a few weeks back when we began, we were taught that all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God. It was God who gave the prophets the words they were to say or write. We see this in **2 Peter 1:20 “knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”**

The word *prophecy* means to ‘speak forth,’ which means saying what God has told them to say about His will and His plans. The prophets did not speak on their own authority but declaring the will and plans of God as He gave it to them. Even Jesus didn’t speak on His own authority, but only what the Father told Him. So, a prophet was a man who had received a message from God, being directed by the Holy Spirit, and after receiving it, he gave it to God’s people.

The verse in 2 Peter says “that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation...” Why do you think God says that? Do you remember how Scripture is interpreted? The Word of God interprets the Word of God; Scripture interprets Scripture. So we don’t need to try and think up a clever thought about what the Scriptures are saying, we just need to use Scripture to help us understand Scripture.

In our study, we have seen that God spoke to the prophets in a variety of ways. Sometimes it was simply His speaking to them, “The word of the Lord came unto...,” or “Go to the house of Israel and speak my words to them...” But sometimes a prophet received a dream, or a vision where they actually saw an event or some sort of image. And then after receiving the vision, they were often given an interpretation of the vision from the Lord. This means that the vision was often explained so that the prophet would understand what the vision meant in order to tell the children of Israel.

Other times God had the prophet act out what was going to happen like Ezekiel, who was told to portray Jerusalem on a clay tablet then build siege walls and battering rams against it. Then he had to lie on his left side with his face towards Jerusalem for a period of time, and then do the same on his right side!

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From these things we can see that God gave His Word in *various ways*.

We are going to do a little demonstration together in order to illustrate what I just told you and I will need 3 volunteers who are able to speak loudly in front of the group.

What we are about to do is to demonstrate how God might give a message to the prophets and then how the prophet conveyed that message to the people. We are going to act it out.

1. First, we are going to demonstrate ‘the Word of the Lord coming unto’ a prophet. (*Pick one of the children and whisper this to him: We are going to have Chick-Fil-A for lunch today and it is going to be yummy! Now have the child speak it to the whole group.*)
2. Second, we are going to demonstrate a prophet receiving a vision. (*Show the second child a picture and then they will tell the group about the picture – sample picture is at the end of the lesson if you would like to use that one*).
3. Thirdly we are going to demonstrate a prophet receiving the command to act out a future event. (*Have the child act out going to a swimming pool and jumping in and swimming and splashing around.*)

Great Job.

How amazing do you think it would have been to be a Jewish man during that time and have God pick you to be a prophet? To have God speak directly to you and tell you what He was about to do. Well even though we are not Jewish and the Lord is not using prophets now-a-days, God still speaks directly to us through His Word! And if we study it in the fashion that God has laid it out, He reveals what He will yet do in the future! We can learn where we are on our timeline and what the Lord still has planned for us yet future. What an amazing gift from the Lord.

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We have seen that a prophet is an inspired man, called by God to give a specific message to the Children of Israel (and sometimes a Gentile nation like in Jonah's case when he went to Nineveh). And we have seen that God used various methods of communicating with the prophets, like simply speaking to them, or giving them a vision, or having them act out what was to happen.

Next week we are going to think about the two main focuses of Scripture...Which are... ? ? ?

1. Seventh Day
2. Jesus Christ

We'll also look more closely at *the message* that the prophets brought forth.

Week 5 Scripture:

John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

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Use this picture for the example of HOW the prophet would receive a vision and then have to explain that vision to God's people.

Have the child examine this picture, then explain the picture to everyone else in the room without everyone in class room being able to see the picture.



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Prophets			
Prophet	Prophesied	Date (BC)*	Home/Location
Elijah	To Israel	870-845	Tishbe
Elisha	To Israel	845-800	Abel Meholah
Isaiah	To Judah	760-673	Jerusalem
Jeremiah	To Judah	650-582	Anathoth
Ezekiel	To Exiles in Babylonia	620-570	Babylon
Daniel	In Babylon	620-540	Babylon
Hosea	To Israel	758-725	Israel
Joel	To Judah	450	Jerusalem
Amos	To Israel	765-754	Tekoa
Obadiah	Concerning Edom	590	Jerusalem
Jonah	To Nineveh	781	Gath Hepher
Micah	To Judah	738-698	Moresheth-gath
Nahum	Concerning Nineveh	658-615	Elkosh
Habakkuk	To Judah	608-598	Unknown
Zephaniah	To Judah	640-626	Unknown
Haggai	To Judah	520	Jerusalem
Zechariah	To Judah	522-509	Jerusalem
Malachi	To Judah	465	Jerusalem

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Holy Land: Now



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Where Jesus Walked: Now



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The Prophets – Part Two

Key Verse: Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

Main Idea: God speaks to His people in specific ways. God spoke through the prophets.

Explain the two main focuses of the Scriptures and the prophets' message. How it had a present and future fulfillment nature.

Supplies: Bible

Timeline

Amos Scripture cut outs

Review:

Last week we saw that a prophet was a man inspired by God and called by God to give a specific message to the children of Israel (and sometimes a Gentile nation like in Jonah's case where he went to Nineveh).

Question: Could any person be a prophet?

Answer: No

Question: Why Not?

Answer: A prophet had to be Jewish and was specifically chosen by God.

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Question: Did a prophet have to write a book of the Bible?

Answer: No, not all prophets wrote a book of the Bible. A few examples would be: Nathan, Elijah and Elisha.

And so, not just any person could be a prophet. God specifically chose the person. Also, not all prophets wrote a book of the Bible either. We saw that God used various methods of communicating with prophets like simply speaking to them, or giving them a vision, or having them act out what was to happen.

This week I want us to think about the two main focuses of Scripture. You've already been taught this, so let me ask...

Question: What are the two main focuses of Scripture?

Answer: The two main focuses of Scripture are Jesus Christ and the Seventh Day (have them sing the song if they wish).

We need to keep these two focuses in mind as we listen to this next verse because now we are going to talk about what *the message* of the prophets was. Over the last few weeks we are learning about how God speaks to us and God used prophets to speak His message. For that reason, it is very important for us to understand what they are saying!

Revelation 19:10 “...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.... ...13
...and His name is called the Word of God.”

What is *the testimony of Jesus*? (*That is a rhetorical question so don't expect an answer from the children*) The testimony of Jesus means *everything that is said about Jesus in the entire Bible, everything from Genesis to Revelation*. This passage even goes on to say that *His name is the Word of God*. So that means that the entire Word of God is about prophecy and is fulfilled in Jesus! Keep this in mind as we keep going.

Prophecy is unique, it tells us about the future. (*Teach this point...on the timeline show that the Word was given at one time, and it points to another time in the*

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future. For example, God spoke through the Prophet Isaiah [point to the space between Abraham and the cross] saying that a Child will be born, a Son will be given. God was speaking about the birth of the baby Jesus, the Son of God [so move ahead on the timeline to the first coming of Christ]).

As we learn about prophecy the will and plans of God are declared, and by God's grace, He tells us the end from the beginning, things that are out ahead. When God gave a message to the prophets, He was telling them things that would happen in the future – to the Jews, the Gentile Nations, and even to us Christians – as these things were all a part of His plans and purposes for mankind. (*Show "TIME" on the timeline, and say: Most all prophecy speaks directly to this section of time – 7 thousand years.*)

Sometimes it was a message about what would happen 3 years ahead of them, or 10 years, or 400 years ahead (*Point on the timeline and move forward a bit, then a little bit bigger, then even bigger as you say that*) and some of those prophesies have been fulfilled already.

Let's look at a couple of examples:

- The Prophet Isaiah told about Jesus coming to the Earth to be the Savior. He wrote down that Jesus would be born to a virgin woman, 700 years *before* Jesus was actually born! So, that prophecy has been fulfilled; it was written before it ever happened or came true.
- Micah, the prophet, prophesied that Jesus would be born in the city of Bethlehem 400 years before His actual birth. Jesus *was* actually born in the city of Bethlehem, so that prophecy has been fulfilled.

However, there are some prophecies that have not been fulfilled yet. In the future, Jesus will be coming to Earth again for a *second* time. But it will look different than it did the first time. He will not come as a baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Listen to the description of Jesus in His second coming, **Revelation 19:11 “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He was sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except**

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Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called the Word of God.”

This prophecy has not yet happened, but it will happen in the future, at about ‘here’ on the time line, just before the Kingdom begins. (*Point to the place on the timeline.*) John, the disciple of Jesus “saw” this in a vision. So, prophecy is quite special because in it God reveals His plans and purposes for the future.

Prophecy is not just found in the Books of the Prophets. It is also seen in *types* and *antitypes*. What is a type? (*Sing it*)

“A *type* is something that points to something else, a type can be seen in a person place thing or event from the Bible like Adam and Jesus, or Isaac and Jesus, or Joseph and Jesus, or Egypt and the world, oil and the spirit, or the flood and Tribulation, a type points to something else.”

Yes, types point to something else; sometimes a type points to an event that will happen in the future, or sometimes a type points to Jesus where the fulfillment is a role that Jesus may have in the future. One example of this is from the story of Joseph. You are familiar with that story, right? Remember when Joseph became a ruler over all of Egypt? This type points to the time when Jesus will be King over all the Earth in the antitype. This type will be fulfilled yet in the future. Types always points to the antitype, something future to the type. There are many, many more types that point to the future, but we will have to save those for another day!

Prophecy is so important. Let’s hear what the prophet Amos wrote. **Amos 3:7** **Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.**

That means God has told us all of His plans through the prophets. And He told us by using holy men of God, the prophets, to be the ones who recorded what He said, and spread the Word to God’s people. God will never do something that He hasn’t already told us He will do. There will be no surprises to God’s plan, because He has revealed it to His servants the prophets.

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Question: Do you think it is so important for us to study God's Word?

Question: Why is it so important?

Answer: (*Group Discussion*) Because He has revealed His secrets to the prophets and the Bible is what we have been given that we might understand the plans and the will of God.

(*Lead a discussion regarding this. Might be good to mention about Leaven and bring into our lesson what we studied in the last unit of study*).

And all of prophecy will be fulfilled either by the Son of God, Jesus Christ, or by something or someone in relation to Jesus. We will continue to learn more about how God speaks through the Son next week it.

End with UNSCRAMBLE verse activity for Amos 3:7.

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Key Verse: Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,

Main Idea: God speaks to His people in specific ways. Another way God speaks to us is through His Son, Jesus.

Supplies: Write the Key verse on the white board.

Key Verse cut up into sections at each table.

Timeline

Review:

Last week we studied more about prophecy. We read **Revelation 19:10 “... For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy... 13 ... and His name is called the Word of God.”**

Question: Does anyone remember what *the testimony of Jesus* means?

Answer: (*Group discussion*) *The testimony of Jesus means everything that is said about Jesus in the entire Bible, everything from Genesis to Revelation.*

Question: What else does this passage say about Jesus?

Answer: This passage even says that *His name is the Word of God.* So that means that the entire Word of God is about prophecy and is fulfilled in Jesus!

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We also learned another very important thing about prophecy. Prophecy is unique and tells about the future (*Teach this point...on the timeline show that the Word was given at one time, and it points to another time in the future. For example, God spoke through the Prophet Isaiah [point to the space between Abraham and the cross] saying that a Child will be born, a Son will be given. God was speaking about the birth of the baby Jesus, the Son of God [so move ahead on the timeline to the first coming of Christ]).*

As we learn about prophecy, the will and plans of God are declared, and by God's grace, He tells the end from the beginning, and things that are out ahead. When God gave a message to the prophets, He was telling them things that would happen in the future to the Jews, to the Gentile Nations, and also to Christians, revealing all of His plans and purposes for mankind. And because of all that God was telling them about the future, He also told them that they needed to REPENT. (*Show "Time" on the timeline. Most all prophecy speaks directly to this section of time – 7 thousand years.*)

Review **Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.**

Question: Who can explain this verse to me?

Answer: (*Group Discussion*) This means God has told *all* of His plans to us through the prophets. And He told us by using holy men of God, the prophets, to be the ones who recorded what He said, and spread the Word to God's people. God will never do something that He hasn't already told us He will do. There will be no surprise to God's plan, because He has revealed it to His servants the prophets. This is why it is SO VERY important for us to study God's Word. Because when we do, the Holy Spirit can reveal God's plans and will for us.

We also must understand why it is so important for us to be faithfully obedient to God's Word! It is because of the 7th day – the opportunity that each one of us has to rule and reign with Christ during the Millennial Kingdom.

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Today we are going to focus on the last part of our **Hebrews 1** passage: “...[God] **has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,**”

Let’s read verses 1 and 2 again: **Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...**

Over the past six weeks we have focused very much on Hebrews 1:1 where we discovered that: **God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets.** Today we want to look at the first half of verse 2: [God] **has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.**

- We are going to discover when the ‘last days’ are,
- We are going to discover what it means that God spoke by His Son,
- And we are going to discover a lot more about ‘the Son.’

On each table there is a set of words. Work together to piece our Scripture in its correct order, and then with your **red arrow** point it at today’s lesson focus: in these last days spoken to us by His Son

Question: As we look at our two verses there are 2 time periods referred to, what are they?

Answer: (*Go to board to teach ‘time past’ [Days 1-4] and ‘last days’ [Days 5 & 6]. Time Past was covered in weeks 3 & 4 lessons on ‘various times and various ways’.*)

The Book of Hebrews was probably written by 62AD, before the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 AD. (*Mark this on the timeline approximately, and then point out where we are today on the timeline.*)

Question: How can the writer say ‘THESE last days’ when close to 2000 years have passed since he wrote that? Did he make a mistake as to when the ‘last days’ are?

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Answer: No! He didn't make a mistake. As you know from your foundational study, each 1000 years of time since Adam is the antitype to each 24-hour day in Genesis chapter one dealing with the restoration of the heavens and earth. (*Show and explain this on the timeline*)

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Question: So as we look at the first 6 Days, or 6000 years, when do you think the 'Last Days' are?

Answer: (*Have them answer out loud. After they answer put 'Last Days' on the timeline under Days 5-6.*)

Question: Was the writer of the Book of Hebrews living in 'the last days'?

Answer: Yes – show on the timeline

Question: Are we living in 'the last days'?

Answer: Yes – show on the timeline

The Book of Hebrews was probably written around 30 years after Jesus' death on the Cross. Some of the people who received and heard the letter may even have physically heard Jesus speak at some point. And so, we can see that God has in these last days **spoken to us by His Son**.

Question: We have established that we, too, are living in the 'last days,' so how is Jesus able to speak to us today? And how did He speak at any other time between when He ascended into heaven until now? And what (or Who) has He given us?

Answer: (*Answer this question as a group discussion*) Yes, God can (and *does*) speak to us even today! Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, to guide and teach us as we study the

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Word of God. And when we study it, and come to understand what He wants us to understand, then *that* is when and how He speaks to us today!

But is *that* the main focus of what is stated in Hebrews 1:2? It's good to learn very early on that we cannot look at a verse of Scripture in isolation and expect to fully understand it. We MUST read and understand the *context* of the verse or passage. Here we see that verse 2 has a position within chapter 1 of the book. This is what we call CONTEXT. And most importantly for our particular passage verse 2 is a continuation of a sentence, which was begun in verse 1 and therefore it is connected to verse 1.

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

Question: Through whom did God speak in verse 1?

Answer: *The prophets*

Question: To whom did the Prophets speak?

Answer: *The fathers (those in the OT)*

Question: What would the Prophets have been focusing on or saying as they spoke to the fathers at various times and in various ways?

Answer: (*Hopefully someone will answer Jesus Christ and His Coming Kingdom or the 7th Day, but if not the following song will remind them and provide the answer.*)

Do you remember our study on **Types** and how there are 2 main focuses of Scripture? Let's sing it together: "*There are two main focuses of Scripture, two main focuses of Scripture, two main focuses of Scripture, the Seventh Day and Jesus Christ.*"

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So, let's just confirm once again this week what the prophets would have been telling the fathers about. It is: **Jesus Christ and the 7th Day.**

Great job this week! Next week we will continue our study of how God in these last days has spoken to us through His Son.

Week 7 Scriptures:

**Revelation 19:10 “...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy ... 13
...and His name is called the Word of God.”**

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the prophets.”**

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Main Idea: God speaks to His people in specific ways. Another way God speaks to us is through His Son, Jesus.

Supplies: Write the Key verse on the white board.

Key Verse cut up into sections at each table.

Timeline

Review:

Last week we learned about the “last days.” Can anyone tell me what ‘the last days’ refers to?

Answer: Days 5 & 6

Question: Can you explain to me why we refer to Days 5 & 6 as the ‘last days’?

Answer: (*Group Discussion*) Because a one day is as a thousand years. **2 Peter 3:8** **But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

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In Genesis, we know that the Lord lays out very important foundational truths regarding God's dealings with the ruined Earth and Mankind. We know that He has laid out 6 days of restoration, which was followed by a 7th day of rest. With this foundation laid, God now uses the remainder of the Scriptures to fill in and build His complete Word with *much* detail. He wants His people to understand His Word so much that he sent His Son to the earth, He sent the 'Word made flesh.'

Everything in Scripture from Genesis to Revelation is related to or speaks of Christ, and the plans and purposes of God for Mankind. After Jesus died and rose from the dead He sent the Holy Spirit to guide and direct His children into all truth. God wants and desires us to know His Word, to seek Him with a whole heart, to understand what His plans are for our lives in view of the 7th day, and so He has given us everything to help us achieve that. It is just up to us to make sure we are disciplined and have the desire to understand and follow.

A great passage talking about this is found in 2 Peter: **2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

(Teach through this passage and relate it to what we have been learning. Examples "Knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord...Knowledge of Him" only done through His Word. The "exceedingly great and precious promises".)

Remember our song we sang last week: "There are two main focuses of Scripture." Let's sing it one more time. *"There are two main focuses of Scripture, two main focuses of Scripture, two main focuses of Scripture, the Seventh Day and Jesus Christ."*

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On the day of Jesus's resurrection from the dead, He met two disciples on the Road to Emmaus. These disciples didn't recognize Him. In fact, they didn't realize all that you have come to realize, and what you just sang about! Look at what Jesus said to them: **Luke 24:25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.**

Question: Which Scriptures would Jesus have been referring to?

Answer: All the OT Scriptures beginning with what Moses wrote in the 1st five books.

These OT Scriptures are exactly what the prophets revealed to the fathers in 'various times and in various ways' which were ALL about THE SON, Jesus Christ. The disciples should have known this, which is why He refers to them as 'foolish ones and slow of heart to believe'.

Do you remember all the way back at week 1 when we looked at **Hebrews 4:12** and **John 1:1, 14** and talked about how the Word of God is living, and how the Living Word of God became flesh – became a Man Who was actually the Son of God?

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful... and

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

The Old Testament is the complete Word of God! Therefore, even *before* Jesus was born, even before any part of the New Testament was written, the Word of God was complete! We can know this because when Jesus was born, He was complete – He was not missing any parts. And He was the WORD MADE FLESH! From this we can know that the Old Testament is the complete Word of God, nothing is missing.

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So how does all this fit in with **Hebrews 1:2** and God speaking by His Son in these last days? Let's think about this. The Book of Hebrews had been written by 62AD, which was **after** Jesus had been born. So, if God's Word was complete, then what about the Book of Hebrews, or any other book in the New Testament? How is any part of the New Testament *also* part of the Word of God, if it was complete before Jesus was born?

Since we know that Jesus came as the Living Word made flesh, then all that He said and did was simply to fulfill that which was written in the Old Testament. The New Testament brings further amplification of details in the Old Testament; it brings further understanding of the Old. And this would be how *God has spoken to us in His Son.*

Question: So how is He still speaking today?

Answer: Here it is: *The Son, who is the Lord Jesus Christ*, and...

- His literal birth,
- His earthly ministry,
- His death on the Cross,
- His resurrection
- and also His ascension to heaven

are all proof positive of everything God said at 'various times and in various ways by the prophets to the fathers' with respect to **His Son** and **the 7th Day!** (The two main focuses of Scripture!)

The prophecies in past times (Days 1-4) with respect to Jesus Christ were confirmed and fulfilled **when** that Word became flesh. AND because of that, we can know for sure, that everything that the prophets wrote about the future and the 7th Day which has not happened yet will also be fulfilled. That is how 'God still speaks to us today by His Son' even though His Son is currently sitting at His right hand in the heavens!

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We have one final section to look at which deals with **Who the Son is**. Let's consider that now.

At the beginning of this study we read: **Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

And we've also read: **John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** (Teach this – Jesus, is the Word, who was with God in the beginning, and who was God, in the beginning!)

Now let's look at what follows verse 1, which really is a repeat of part of verse 1:

John 1: 2 He [Jesus] was in the beginning with God.

(If time permits, ask one of the children to draw the timeline on the board. If the child is having a hard time remembering have the rest of the class help direct. You – the teacher – will need to draw 2 stickmen on it in a few minutes to teach the following details)

Question: If Jesus was in the beginning, then why was He begotten/born 4,000 years *after* the beginning, if He already existed in the beginning?

Answer: *(Lead the children in a group discussion talking through this).* Not only is Jesus the Son of God, but according to **John 1:1-2** He is also God (God the Son) and He was there in the beginning with God when God created the heavens and the earth. *(Ask the children – If He [Jesus] was there in the beginning, where do you think I should draw Jesus? Draw the 1st stickman on timeline to the left of the 1st vertical line – **Eternity Past.**)* He **already existed** and has **always existed** prior to His birth on earth, and **will always exist** in the ages future!

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, *(Ask the Children where to draw the 2nd stickman? Draw it to the left of the vertical line with the cross on.)*

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Question: So why was He begotten if He already existed?

Answer: (*Continue the Group Discussion and lead them through this.*) A few verses further on from our Hebrews Scriptures give us the answer: **Hebrews 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"?** And again: **"I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?**

This is a quote from the OT, part of that very Word that became flesh: **Psalm 2:7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today [literally: 'for this Day, the 7th day] I have begotten You.**

Jesus was born of a woman even though He was and is God. When the fullness of the time had come (the ‘time was past’ – when all the OT was complete) He was born in order that He might redeem for mankind what had been lost in the Garden of Eden – the right to rule in the 7th Day with Jesus. Jesus was begotten *for* the 7th Day, which is why even though He is God and has always existed, He had to be born of a woman who was living under the law, under the very Word that He was!

So far in our study...

At this point in our study, let's reflect back on our study of Hebrews chapter 1:1-2a; and let's close our study by remembering the main things we have learned:

- We have learned that all Scripture is God-breathed; that it is alive and powerful because that Word which was there from the very beginning is Jesus Christ.
- We also have come to realize that God has laid His Word out in a very specific way, and that we need to follow His way in order for us to properly understand it. We must study God's word line upon line, here a little and there a little by taking from the various books of the Bible to build a complete picture of the 2 main focuses of Scripture:

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- Jesus Christ, and
- The 7th Day.
- Then we have seen how God spoke at various times and in various ways in time past to His people Israel through His prophets to produce the writings which are called The Old Testament.
- We have looked at the prophets, and have seen who they were, and how they were given the task by God to declare the will and plans of God to Israel (and by extension to us). All of God's prophets presented God's revelation in their own particular style, as they were inspired by Him to reveal different aspects of the Scriptures.
- And most recently we looked at how the Word – that was entrusted to those prophets – became flesh in the form of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and was the confirmation of everything that was revealed in *time past*. Consequently, Jesus still speaks to us today because much of what the prophets revealed has yet to be fulfilled. But we know that when the fullness of time comes God will send forth His Son once again and we must be ready!

Hebrews 9:28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Are YOU eagerly waiting for Him?

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Week 8 Scriptures:

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Dealing with the last half of Hebrews 1:2

(This section was added after the first 8 weeks were completed.)

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Heir of all Things

Key Verse: **Colossians 1:16** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Main Idea: Jesus Christ is Heir of all things

Supplies: Bibles and student workbooks

Review:

In the past 8 weeks

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presented God's revelation in their own particular style, as they were inspired by Him to reveal different aspects of the Scriptures.

- And most recently we looked at how the Word that was entrusted to those prophets became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and was the confirmation of everything that was revealed in time past. Consequently, Jesus still speaks to us today because much of what the prophets revealed has yet to be fulfilled. But we know that when the fullness of the time comes God will send forth His Son once again and we must be ready!

Today we want to begin to study the second half of verse 2: **whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;** where the focus shifts from how and when God spoke, to giving further details concerning the Son, the One Whom He has spoken through in these last days.

Let's open our Bibles and read from the very beginning of Hebrews chapter 1 to the end of verse 2:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

In this lesson, we are going to look at how the Son, Jesus Christ has been '**appointed heir of all things'**.

Question: What do you think an **heir** is and what might he receive?

Answer: An heir is someone who will receive an **inheritance** by right of being a **son** (and in particular – being a **firstborn son**).

It is someone who is entitled to receive property and/or rank and position as someone's legal successor, normally received at the death of the former owner.

In the natural when a person dies they have normally made provision for their property to be passed on to a family member, or members, who then receive it as

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an **inheritance**. This would normally be bequeathed or appointed to the **inheritor**, the **heir**, in a **will** which is a legal document revealing the wishes of the owner of the property as to how their property (land, title, possessions, money) should be distributed after their death. Maybe your parents have done something similar in which case you are **an heir**.

(Explain how in the natural daughters and other family members can also be heirs as well as sons. Then write Hebrews 1:1-2 up on the board.)

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Question: If we go back to our scripture we see that God's Son has been '*appointed heir of all things*'. Who made Him the heir of all things?

Answer: Verse 1 tells us that the 'He' in verse 2 is **God (the Father)**. **Hebrews 1:1 God,...** So, **God the Father** made God the Son heir of all things!

Question: What do you think the '*all things*' are that Christ has been appointed Heir of?

(Allow the students opportunity to give their answers, maybe leading a discussion back to them being an heir to their parents and all things being passed down to them, relating this to God the Father passing down to His Son.) Now have them turn in their Bibles and read the following:

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him...

20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

*(Put these 2 verses on the board underneath Hebrews 1:1-2 and in both sets of scripture underline or circle "**all things**" and demonstrate how Colossians 1:16, 20 gives commentary on Hebrews 1:1-2 and vice versa.)*

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Question: According to these 2 verses, what are the '**all things**' that Christ the Son of God has been appointed Heir of?

Answer: Visible and invisible thrones, dominions, principalities and powers.

Question: Where are the '**all things**' located?

Answer: In heaven and on earth.

Question: Where do you think the visible thrones, dominions, principalities and powers are located?

Answer: Earthly rulers ruling over nations on the earth.

Question: Where would the invisible thrones, dominions, principalities and powers be ruling from?

Answer: The heavenly realm above the earth.

Question: Who created these 'all things' and for Whom were they created?

Answer: The '**all things**' were created by Jesus Christ and for Jesus Christ.
*(The 'Him' in Colossians 1 verses 16 and 20 refer to Christ the Son of God.
Reference to the cross in v.20 gives that to us. So, Christ not only created the 'all things' but we see in v.16 He created them for Himself.)*

We can go elsewhere in scripture to find further evidence that it was Christ Who created the 'all things' in heaven and on earth:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

(This could also be an opportunity to reinforce how John 1:1-3 is a commentary on Genesis chapter 1.)

Colossians 1:16, 20 and **John 1:3** teach us that **all things** (the places of rulership and dominion) in the heavens and on earth both the visible and the invisible were created **by** the Son of God and also **for** the Son of God. And God the Father,

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according to our **Hebrews 1:2** scripture, has appointed Christ Heir of those same '**all things**'.

Now here's the thing - Christ being appointed an **heir** means He has yet to receive His inheritance. A person is considered an heir only until he receives his inheritance. But once he has received the inheritance, then he is no longer an heir but has become **the owner** of the property and title. (*A good example that they might be familiar with is that Queen Elizabeth II is the highest ruler over the United Kingdom and along with her rank and title she owns much property. Her firstborn son Prince Charles is her heir and as such when she dies Charles will become King Charles and will also receive the property that she owns – he will become owner of her rank as the highest ruler in the land along with her property.*)

(Now put **Acts 3:20-21** on the board as students find it in their Bibles and again underlining or circling the "**all things**" and emphasizing "until" and how that shows us that Christ will remain in heaven for a particular length of time "until" something happens.)

Acts 3:20 ...that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 "whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, ...

Before Christ can receive His inheritance – the 'all things' in the heavens and on earth - something needs to happen. The verse above tells us the 'all things' need to be **restored**.

Let's go back to Colossians 1 verse 20 again and fill in further details:

20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Question: What does Christ need to do to Himself with regards to the 'all things'?

Answer: Reconcile the all things to Himself.

Reconcile = means to settle a disagreement, to make compatible, to harmonize; to bring back into proper order.

(*Show how the 'reconciling of all things' in Colossians is the same as the 'restoration of all things' in Acts 3: 20-21.*)

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Question: Again, from Colossians 1:20 how is Christ going to accomplish this harmony and proper order in the places of rulership in the heavens and on the earth?

Answer: He is going to make ‘peace through the blood of His cross’.

The blood shed on Christ’s cross is going to bring peace and harmony in the heavenly places and on earth.

This brings up 2 very important questions to which we need to know the answers. We have already seen this in previous studies.

- Firstly, **why** did the places of rulership (the visible and invisible thrones, dominions, principalities and powers) in the heavens and on earth need to be reconciled **if** Christ created them perfect in the beginning?
- And secondly, **if** they are to be reconciled through Christ’s blood on the cross and He has already gone to the cross and shed His blood, **why** has He not received His inheritance yet?

These are good questions to know the answers to. Any thoughts?

Let’s look at our first question:

Question: Why do the places of rulership - the ‘all things’ - need to be reconciled, or restored? What happened sometime after the perfect creation of the heavens and the earth that required restoration work to take place?

Give the students time to formulate their answers before making sure they can recall the various details of the answer below using it to lead the discussion by asking further questions as necessary.

Answer: Satan rebelled from his position as ruler of the world and so God then took 6 days to restore the heavens and the earth and created Man to have dominion over the earth in place of Satan. However, the Man had to be tested first before Man could replace Satan. Therefore, Satan set out to bring about the fall of the Man and Woman. Of course, we know they failed the test. Satan had deceived the Woman in the garden and because God had set up rulership this time to take place within a marriage relationship Adam chose to enter into her sin as well (God having

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told them previously to ‘leave and cleave’ to each other) in order that they might one day be redeemed. Now God would need to restore fallen mankind and like before it would take 6 days of work.

The answer to the first question will help us answer the second question:

Question: Why has Christ not received His inheritance yet when He has already gone to the cross and shed His blood to ‘reconcile all things’ in the heavens and on earth?

Answer: The short quick answer is the 6 days for the restoration of mankind has yet to be completed. The 6000 years have not run their course. Ask what they remember about the restoration process seen in foundation in Genesis 1:1-2:3 and their study of the timeline.

However, as well as the timing factor, we have something else we need to add to the picture concerning Christ's inheritance and the restoration/reconciliation of all things in heaven and on earth. Turn in your Bibles and read the following scriptures:

Psalm 2:7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

Psalm 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Psalm 2 tells us that the nations and the earth are the Son's inheritance and possession.

Question: However, where does Psalm 110 tell us the Lord is currently sitting and why? (*Students are to fill in the missing words.*)

Answer: Jesus is currently sitting at the right hand of God the Father until His enemies have been dealt with and put under His feet as a footstool.

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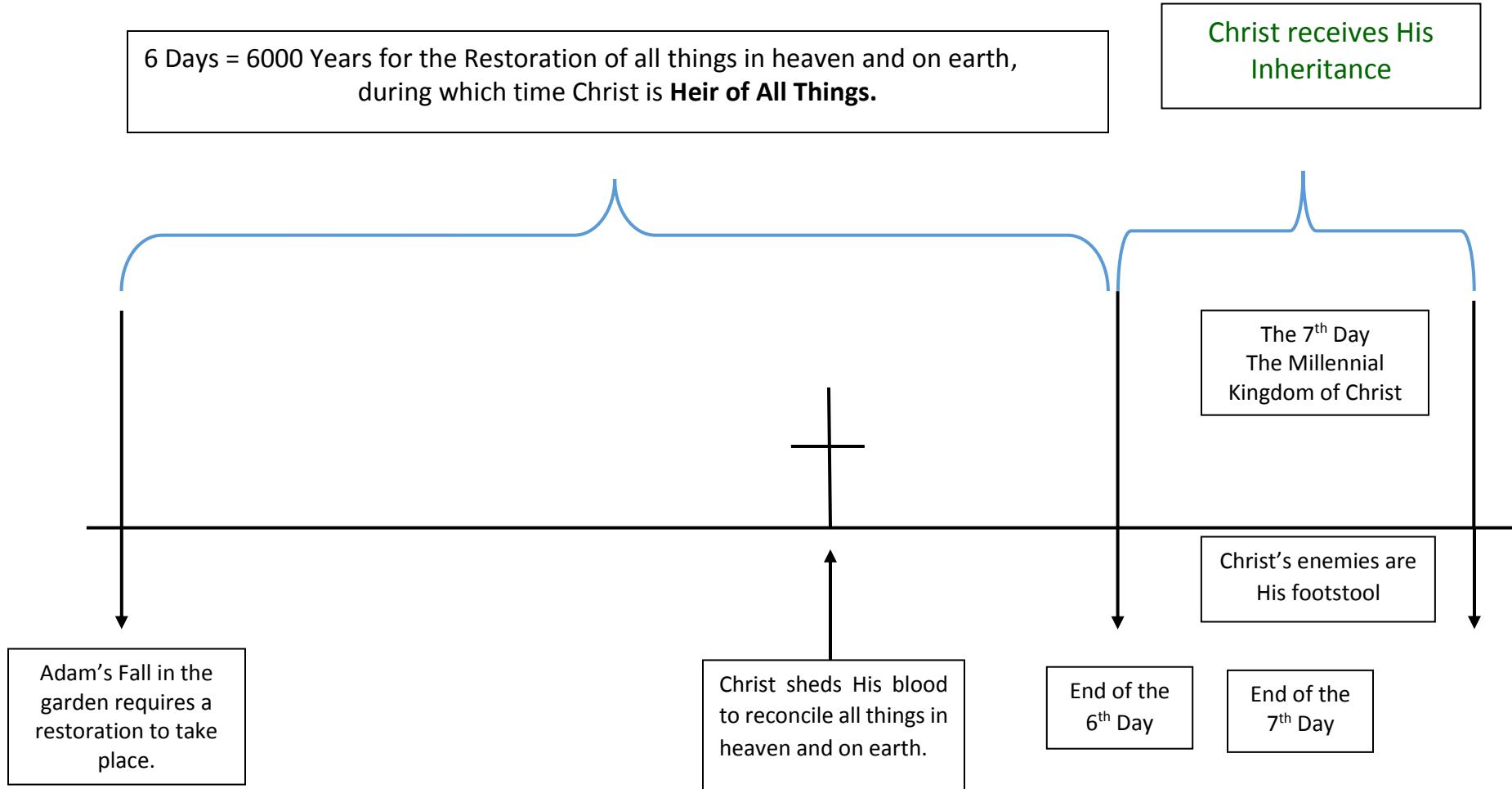
Conclusion:

- Today we have seen by comparing our Hebrews 1:1-2 scripture with other scriptures that Christ has been appointed by the Father to be the heir of all things in the heavens and on earth and that the ‘all things’ relate to rulership: thrones, dominions, principalities and powers.
- The ‘all things’ that are not currently reconciled, are not able to be reconciled apart from the blood of the cross which Christ shed.
- Having shed His blood Christ is qualified to be appointed by God the Father as heir; Christ will receive His inheritance once His enemies have been subdued under His feet.
- The period of time required to restore all things in heaven and on earth was laid down in foundation. God will take 6 days of work to restore a ruined creation at the end of which the inheritance can be realized.
- Once the 6 days of 1000 years have passed then Christ’s enemies will be His footstool and Christ will receive His inheritance: ruling from the heavens and over the earth, that which we know as the 7th Day, the Millennial Kingdom, as typified through God having rested from His work on the 7th Day in Genesis chapter 2.
- Until that time arrives Christ is seated at the right hand of God the Father waiting...

Final Activity:

On the chart that follows showing the ‘Restoration of All Things’ review what you have learned today and write in where appropriate Days 1 through 7.

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Inheritance and Firstborn Sons

Israel

Key Verse: **Exodus 4:22** "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn."

Main Idea: Due to a special creation in Jacob, Israel is God's Firstborn Son

Supplies: Bibles, workbooks and map showing the distribution of the inheritance to the 12 Tribes of Israel in the Promised Land. See Final Activity.

Introduction:

In our continuing study of Hebrews 1:1-2 and how God spoke, we have discovered that Jesus Christ was appointed by His Father to be '**heir of all things**'. The 'all things' are places of rulership in the heavens and on earth (Colossians 1:16). Not only has Christ been 'appointed Heir of all things' but He was the very One Who created them in the beginning (Genesis 1:1; John 1:3).

The Bible in speaking of **heirs** and **inheritance** reveals an **heir** as someone who will receive an **inheritance** by right of being a **son** and in particular – being a **firstborn son**.

It was God the Father's will that Jesus Christ, His 'Only Begotten Son', should be appointed as heir of the places of rulership in the heavens and on earth.

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However, the Father has also stated that His Son, must ‘sit at His right hand until He has made Christ’s enemies a footstool’ (Psalm 110:1). Christ has yet to receive His inheritance from His Father.

Inheritance and Rulership

The Bible has much to say about **inheritance** not only in connection with Christ but also with regards to **Israel** and the **Church**.

Today we are going to see how not only does Christ have an inheritance in the future (which we discovered refers to places of rulership: all things visible and invisible - thrones, dominions, principalities and powers), but **Israel** and the **Church** have been offered the same inheritance alongside Christ. We have been offered an opportunity to be a **joint-heir** with Christ, but more on that in the next lesson.

Question: Do you remember in foundation in Genesis chapter 1 God’s reason for creating the Man?

Answer: “Let them have dominion (rulership).” Genesis 1:26

In our study entitled *“The Heavens Do Rule”* we learned that prior to creating Man to have dominion God had created an innumerable number of angels to rule over His universe including the earth. And at some point, after the rebellion of Lucifer with one third of his angels, the earth became a waste place, formless and void. God then set about restoring the earth and creating Man to rule instead of the angels.

Question: We learned that the angels are also called ‘**Stars of God**’ but can you remember what those with higher positions are called? (Hint: Lucifer had the same title.)

Answer: Morning Stars.

Read the following scriptures:

Isaiah 14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars

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of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Question: Who is Isaiah talking about?

Answer: Lucifer = Satan

Question: Who is God talking to Job about?

Answer: The angels

Now go back and read the verses again and circle the following descriptions of Lucifer and the other angels:

'son of the morning'

'stars of God'

'morning stars'

'sons of God'

*Discuss with the students how these verses and their description of the angels reveal to us that they are not only referred to as **stars of God** but also **sons of God**. And explain that the reason they can be called 'sons of God' is because all the angels were created individually to rule. Feel free to draw a chart showing the hierarchy of rulership which they should be familiar with from '**The Heavens Do Rule**' study, showing 'God' at the top, then underneath various 'Morning Stars' including Lucifer then underneath that the 'Hosts of Angels'. Then next to Morning Stars and Hosts of Angels write: '**Sons of God**'.*

Now read the following verse from the genealogy of Jesus and see who else is a 'son of God'.

Luke 3:38 ... the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Question: Why do you think Adam can also be called a 'son of God'?

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Answer: Because Adam was a created being just like all the angels are created beings and therefore he is ‘a son of God’. Adam was also created for the same reason as the angels – rulership. (*Have students fill in the blanks in the answer.*)

However, all those who came from Adam, including ourselves, are not created:

Genesis 5:3 **And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.**

Do you remember how God created Adam in His own likeness and image in Genesis chapter 1?

Question: In Genesis 5:3 in whose likeness is Seth?

Answer: Adam’s (*You may wish to briefly explain how Seth was born with his father’s sin nature rather than in the likeness of God and this means that Seth is not automatically a son of God.*)

So far, we have discovered that because all the angels were individually created for the purpose of rulership in God’s universe, they are all ‘sons of God’. We also know that as a result of the creation of Adam, again for the purpose of having rulership, he is also a ‘son of God’. However, after the fall all subsequent children Adam and Eve had, were made in the likeness of Adam instead of God, because they were not created but procreated. Adam’s offspring were born with a sin nature revealing that they were not individually created by God but were the offspring of their parents, in the same way we are today.

Israel is a Son of God

Please note: It is ONLY through God’s work of Creation that one can be a son of God!

There is another entity which has also been created and therefore is also a son of God. Do you know who that might be?

Isaiah 43:1 **But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by**

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your name; You are Mine...7 Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

Question: According to Isaiah who else has the Lord created?

Answer: Jacob

Question: What evidence is there that God here is referring to more than just Jacob, the son of Isaac?

Answer: Isaiah says: **who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel.** Israel as a nation was formed from the descendants of Jacob's 12 sons.

Draw the students' attention to the creative process involving being 'formed' and 'made' and take it back to the process for the creation of the man Adam and then the Woman being 'built' or 'formed'. If God was going to make a new creation to be sons of God for the purpose of rulership the number 12, which represents government, would be the perfect number of sons for Jacob to have had!

Israel is a Firstborn Son of God

When Moses had left Egypt in fear (because he had killed an Egyptian), one of the Children of Israel said '*Who made you a prince and judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?*' Moses spent 40 years in Midian before God spoke to him at the Burning Bush, telling Moses to go back to Egypt and bring His people Israel out from under Pharaoh's bondage. God told Moses to say quite a remarkable thing to Pharaoh, the most powerful ruler in the world at that time which gives us our key scripture for today:

Exodus 4:22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn.

Question: How does God refer to Israel?

Answer: **"Israel is My son, My firstborn.**

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God was telling Moses to tell Pharaoh, the most powerful ruler in the world at that time, that Israel was not only a **son of God** but also a **firstborn son of God**. Firstborn sons were always the ones who were supposed to **inherit** the following:

- take over as leaders and rulers in the father's house
- they were to receive a double portion of the father's inheritance
- and they were to become the priest, the spiritual leader for the family

Discuss: What was to be the impact of God telling Pharaoh that 'Israel is My son, My firstborn'? (*Draw the students' attention to the fact that God was giving the then current ruler of the world notice that Israel, and not him and Egypt, were to be the premier rulers and nation on the earth! Given that Israel at that time was in slavery to Egypt you can imagine how angry it made Pharaoh and how preposterous it must have seemed!*)

Israel Receives the Inheritance

You are probably very familiar with the rest of the events in Exodus. It took the 10th plague, the death of all the firstborn in Egypt of both man and beast, before Pharaoh did agree to let Israel go. In that 10th plague because, Pharaoh had not allowed **God's firstborn son Israel** to leave, Pharaoh's own firstborn son, the one who was his heir and would have been ruler after his death, died along with all the other firstborn sons and beasts in Egypt. However, for Israel because they had slain the Passover lambs and applied the blood to their doorposts and lintels, the Angel of Death passed over their houses and the firstborn sons inside did not physically die. The lamb each household killed was a substitute for the death of the individual firstborn sons inside their houses. And because Israel is God's Firstborn Son, it is as if all of Israel died that night.

God's firstborn son, Israel, left Egypt having passed through the Red Sea and having seen Pharaoh's army and kingdom destroyed there, they began the journey towards their inheritance – **the Promised Land**. Through a continuing series of incidents of unfaithfulness and disobedience culminating in the children of Israel refusing to go in to the land – **the inheritance** they had been promised since the days of Abraham was lost to them – that whole generation, except Joshua and

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Caleb and those under 20 years of age, died in the wilderness without receiving their inheritance.

Deuteronomy 31:7 Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them [Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and Jacob's 12 sons, and you shall cause them to inherit it.

It was 40 years after leaving Egypt that the next generation finally, under Joshua's leadership, entered The Promised Land of their Inheritance. And it was after several years of conquest in which they were supposed to drive out the other people dwelling in the land that God had given to them, (which they did not totally manage to do) that Joshua divided up the children of Israel's inheritance according to their tribes.

Joshua 18:10 Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions.

Israel was then no longer an heir but owner and possessor of that which had been appointed to them hundreds of years before when God had spoken to Abraham.

Final Activity:

Map Work: Turn to the maps section in the back of your Bibles and find a map that shows Israel's Conquest of Canaan and Joshua's division of the land according to the 12 Tribes of Israel.

Turn to the maps section and the Conquest of Canaan in the back of your Bibles and use the information there to fill in the details of the 12 Tribes of Israel's inheritance in the Promised Land on the map provided on the following pages.

There are 13 green blank boxes for the names of the Tribes to be written in. (Manasseh received 2 lots hence there are 13 blank boxes.) When you have labelled the map, you may color each individual tribe's inheritance a different color.

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(Teachers have available some Bibles or copies of maps showing the 12 Tribes division of Canaan after its conquest for those students who do not have their Bibles or a relevant map enclosed so they can complete the task above.)

(If time permits and for further enrichment with the older students you may discuss how Levi's descendants were not given an inheritance in the land as they formed the priesthood but instead Joseph descendants received a double portion of the inheritance through his 2 sons Ephraim and Manasseh thereby making up the 12 tribes.)

The 12 Tribes of Israel Receive Their Inheritance in
The Promised Land

MAP OF CANAAN - TWELVE TRIBE PORTIONS



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The 12 Tribes of Israel Receive Their Inheritance

The Great Sea
(Mediterranean sea)



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Week 10 Scriptures:

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Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Luke 3:38 the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Genesis 5:3 And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

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The Church

Key Verse: **Romans 8:16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, **if** indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Main Idea: We have been called to be a joint heir with Christ.

Supplies: Bibles and workbooks

Review:

In the past 2 weeks, we have discovered that Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, was appointed by God the Father to be '**Heir of all things**'. Those 'all things' are places of rulership in the heavens and on earth, both visible and invisible. (**Col.1:16**). Christ has yet to receive His **inheritance** and is currently seated at the right hand of God the Father waiting until His enemies are made a footstool for His feet.

Last week we learned that all created beings (angels and Adam) are **sons of God** and were created for the purpose of rulership. In the angelic realm, all angels are **sons of God** because they were individually created and are currently in a position of ruling or were ruling previously. However, within the realm of mankind it is only by being not just a son but a **Firstborn Son** that one will get to exercise rulership.

Israel was created and then adopted by God to be His **Firstborn Son** and as such Israel is to be the premier (the first and most important) nation on the earth. **Exodus 4:22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn."**

As God had promised to Abraham and to his descendants the nation of Israel, they would eventually receive their inheritance in the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua. Before Joshua died he divided up the land of their inheritance according to the 12 Tribes of Israel.

Joint Heirs with Christ

Today we are going to discover that we too, as part of the Church and members of Christ's Body, are in a position to be **adopted** as a **Firstborn Son** and receive an inheritance in the Kingdom of God.

Inheritance is a family term and in order to receive an inheritance we must be in God's family. When we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ we became a part of **His body** and part of **God's family**. We are potential **heirs** to an amazing **inheritance** and as we shall discover this **inheritance is a reward** for faithful obedience to God's Word. What do you think our potential inheritance is? (*No need to expect the correct answer or give the answer at this stage of the lesson.*)

Let's begin by looking at a scripture that reveals how God views us:

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

Question: According to this scripture what does it take to be an 'heir of God'?

Answer: A child of God.

Question: If we are heirs of God because we are children of God what else are we? (v.17)

Answer: Joint heirs with Christ! Wow!

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The Holy Spirit bears witness (testifies, gives us evidence) that we are in God's family and we are His children. He also testifies to us, from the scriptures, that as children of God we are also heirs! Then what is even more remarkable is that we can be joint heirs with God's Son!

However, as we look at the rest of v.17 we see that it takes more than just being a child of God to be a joint heir with Christ:

Romans 8:17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Question: What does it take to be a **joint heir with Christ?**

Answer: If we suffer with Him.

(*Teachers have the students put a circle round the word 'if' and underline 'we suffer with Him'.*)

Question: According to the end of v.17 what will be the result of being a joint heir with Christ?

Answer: 'We may also be glorified together' with Him. (*Students fill in blanks.*)

(*Discuss the distinctions Paul makes within these 2 verses showing how our spiritual birth places us in God's family and how it takes being a child of God to be an heir, which is a family term. But it takes more to be a joint heir with Christ, sharing with Him the position of the firstborn son. Discuss what suffering with Christ would look like. Hopefully they will be able to respond with the idea of dying to self but if not then explain how in Christ's suffering He died in His flesh but we are being called to die to our flesh. Get them to give possible examples in their everyday life of what this looks like and involves. Then discuss what being **glorified** together with Christ might look like. Get them if you can to draw from their studies in '**Genesis Chapter 2: A Helper for the Man**' where we looked at the antitype of the helper: The Bride of Christ being covered in **glory**.*)

Our scripture in Romans 8 clearly shows us that when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for our eternal salvation then we become children of God and part of His family, but **if** we are to also be a joint heir with Christ then there is something further we must do – we must suffer with Christ. In fact, **if** we are to be an heir we

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must also be not just a child of God BUT a **son of God**. Do you know what it might take for God to view us as a son of God? Let's look a little earlier in Romans chapter 8 to find the answer:

Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Question: According to v.14 what does it take to be 'sons of God'? (*If the students also say that they must be created beings just like Adam and the angels then commend them for remembering that and say we shall deal with that shortly.*)

Answer: Sons of God are those who are '**led by the Spirit of God**'.

Question: How can we be led by the Spirit of God?

Answer: Through studying and understanding the Word of God.

(*Now relate v.13 to the discussion you had of v.17 and how we must suffer in our flesh if we are to have life in the age to come and how that life is the same as being glorified together with Christ. If we are being led by the Spirit of God, if we are being faithfully obedient to the Word of God, then He looks upon us as sons of God who are worthy of receiving an inheritance with Christ. We will always be children of God because of our faith in Christ for our spiritual birth but He desires for us to be sons of God and receive an inheritance.*)

The Reward of the Inheritance and the Adoption

Let's look at another section of scripture which gives us further details of our future inheritance and what it takes to receive that inheritance:

Colossians 3:23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Question: According to v.23 what are Christians supposed to do?

Answer: Whatever we are doing, we are to do it heartily (with a good heart and attitude, not grudgingly), as if doing it to the Lord and not to men. (*Fill in blanks.*)

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Question: Why are Christians supposed to do this (v.24)?

Answer: So, that they will receive **the reward of the inheritance!**

We can see clearly from the scriptures that we have looked at today that the Inheritance is **a reward for work** we are to do for the Lord and it is to be done heartily – with a good attitude. The work we are required to do is to suffer with Christ – we are to keep our flesh in the place of death and be led by the Spirit, which we can only do by studying God's Word and being faithfully obedient to it.

If we do work 'heartily as to the Lord' then God sees us as **sons of God** and in that future day when we receive 'the reward of the inheritance' we will be 'glorified with Christ' which means we shall also be **adopted as a Firstborn Son** alongside Christ, God's Only Begotten Firstborn Son.

Israel has already been **adopted as a Firstborn Son** and under Joshua she received her inheritance, the Promised Land in the Middle East.

Creation → Sonship → Rulership

In last week's lesson, we learned that 'sons of God' were created beings, such as all the angels and Adam. Before Israel was adopted as a Firstborn son she was also a special creation in Jacob and his 12 sons.

If 'sons of God' are created beings how can those who '**are led by the Spirit of God, and are sons of God**' (**Rom.8:14**) be created beings? What a good question because we know that when God establishes a principle it remains the same throughout scripture!

(Help the students to think through the last paragraph and its question before moving on to the answer in the next scripture.)

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- If we are in Christ, then we are **a new creation** and therefore as we are led by the Spirit of God He looks upon us as sons of God who will one day be **adopted as a firstborn son of God!**

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- And in that day, we shall receive our reward of the inheritance for faithful obedience with a position of rulership alongside Christ when He receives His inheritance.
- We will rule with Christ from the heavens over the earth.
- And Israel will rule from the earthly land over the whole earth.

Final Activity:

Have the children read through today's scriptures and see if they can fill in the missing words from memory without looking them up. Then check their answers.

Week 11 Scriptures:

Exodus 4:22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

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Through Whom Also He Made the Ages

Key Verse: Hebrews 1:2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Main Idea: God the Son made the Ages

Supplies: Bibles, Student Workbooks

Introduction and Review:

- In the last 3 weeks, you have learned that the One God spoke through, His Son, has been appointed by Him to be the ‘heir of all things’ but Christ is currently seated at the right hand of God the Father until Christ’s enemies have been made a footstool for His feet. Christ has yet to receive His inheritance.
- The ‘all things’ which Christ is to inherit are places of rulership in the heavens and on earth which will be the Millennial Reign of Christ, that which is also known as the 7th Day.
- Not only has Christ been promised an inheritance but we too, along with the nation of Israel, have been promised an inheritance – for us rulership as a joint heir with Christ from the heavens. Our inheritance will be the reward for faithful obedience to that very Word which God spoke.
- The nation of Israel received their inheritance in the Promised Land under Joshua but they did not fully occupy that which had been promised to them

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through God's covenant with Abraham; nor did Israel take the Word that God spoke to the other nations as they were always meant so to do.

- However, Israel will one day in the future (once Christ's enemies have been subdued under His feet) occupy their rightful place on the earth and rule from their rightful land in the middle east over the whole earth; and they will go forth speaking that very same Word spoken to 'the fathers by the prophets'.

'Through Whom also He made the worlds [literally 'ages']'

As we conclude our study entitled 'God Spoke – The Word of God' from Hebrews 1:1-2 let's remind ourselves of our scripture:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

(Teachers this would be a good time to do the Scripture Scramble and then once completed point out the final section of verse 2 that we shall be working on today: "through whom also He made the worlds" and use their red arrows to point to it.)

The Book of Hebrews begins with a statement at the end of verse 2 concerning God's Son and we learned in lesson 9 from this statement that God's Son has been '**appointed heir of all things**'. We also learned that Christ's inheritance is in the 7th Day, the age to come, and is to do with rulership over the earth.

We studied other scriptures that revealed further information concerning Christ's inheritance:

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Here we can clearly see that the 'all things' of Christ's inheritance are places of rulership, both visible and invisible, in the heavens and on earth.

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Question: What else does this verse reveal about the creation of those places of rulership, referred to as 'all things'?

Answer: Not only were they created **for** God's Son but were created '**through Him**'.

God's Son Jesus Christ created those very places of rulership in the beginning. So, as we take 'a little from here and a little from there', and a lay a line upon another line, or a precept upon another precept as Isaiah 28:10 has told us to do, where would you want to go to give details concerning the 'all things that were created through Christ and for Christ'?

(Teachers in this discussion the students should be able to go to the beginning of scripture followed by a companion section of scripture at the beginning of John's gospel. The verses you would want to steer them to and discuss with them are below.)

1) Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light...

*(Draw their attention to the fact that "**God said...**" i.e. **God spoke**, which brought about the creation and restoration of the heavens and earth, before steering them to the next scriptures.)*

2) John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God [the Son]. 2 He [Christ] was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, [Christ] and without Him nothing was made that was made.

(Again, draw their attention to how the Word is something that is spoken BUT the Word clearly is, according to the first 2 verses of John's Gospel, a Person. That same Word in Genesis is the same Word at the beginning of John, and it was that very Word, that very Person Who created all things in verse 3.)

3) John 1:14 And the Word [Christ] became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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(In verse 14 of John chapter 1 we now learn that the same Word that was there in the beginning and throughout the Old Testament then became flesh, literally a human being, Who is Jesus Christ and is the only begotten Son of God the Father.)

Worlds or Ages?

We can clearly see now that all things were made through Christ and for Christ so is there anything further we can learn from the final statement in Hebrews 1:2 which says: "**through whom also He made the worlds;**"?

Answer: Yes, there is – we need to look at the word translated '**worlds**' a little further.

The Greek word which has been translated as '**worlds**' is '**aion'** and it means: **an age or ages.**

Sometimes it has been translated:

- world(s);
- age(s);
- forever;
- ever;
- eternal;
- eternity.

The Greek word '**aion**' is not talking about a **PLACE** (like the world) **but is** talking about a period, or periods, of **TIME**.

Now go back and read the whole of Hebrews 1:2 again and this time change the word 'worlds' to '**ages**' as you read.

Hebrews 1:2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the **ages**;

So, we can now see that not only did Christ, in the beginning make 'all things' (places of rulership in the heavens and on earth, but He also made 'the ages'. Scripture does not reveal how many ages there have already been, or how many

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there will be in the future but it does place emphasis on 2 particular ones. Read the following scripture and underline the 2 ages mentioned:

Matthew 12:32 "Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

Question: Which are the 2 ages mentioned In Matthew 12:32?

Answer: 'this age' and 'the age to come'

Jesus was talking to the religious leaders of Israel when He made that statement. That's a long time not to be forgiven!

The Apostle Paul mentions the same 2 ages when talking about the power of God in the life of a Christian believer in Ephesians chapter 1. Underline them:

Ephesians 1:19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His [God's] power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Question: What are the 2 ages mentioned in Matthew and in Ephesians?

Answer: This age and the age to come.

Question: Obviously '**this age**' is the age we are currently living in but why is there also an emphasis on '**the age to come**'? What is 'the age to come'?

Answer: The Millennial Kingdom of Christ; the 7th Day.

It is that period of time for which Christ has been appointed an 'heir of all things'.

By putting '**heir of all things**' together with '**through Whom also He made the ages**' we can begin to realize that all the ages – the past ages (ages of eternity past), this age, the age to come and the endless ages beyond that, have all been made through the Son and for the Son; and that **the age to come** which is the main focus of Scripture, is specifically appointed to Christ by His Father as His inheritance.

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(This would be a good time to remind the students of the 2 main focuses of Scripture: Jesus Christ and the 7th Day and then relate that to Christ's inheritance in the Age to Come.)

In Conclusion:

Rulership over the earth from the heavens and on earth, an inheritance and the coming Kingdom in the age to come, are the very things that God spoke of 'at various times and in various ways' 'to the fathers by the prophets'. And they are the very same things that God has spoken to us in these last days by His Son, through His literal presence on the earth at His first coming as the Word made flesh, and by what He said whilst on the earth.

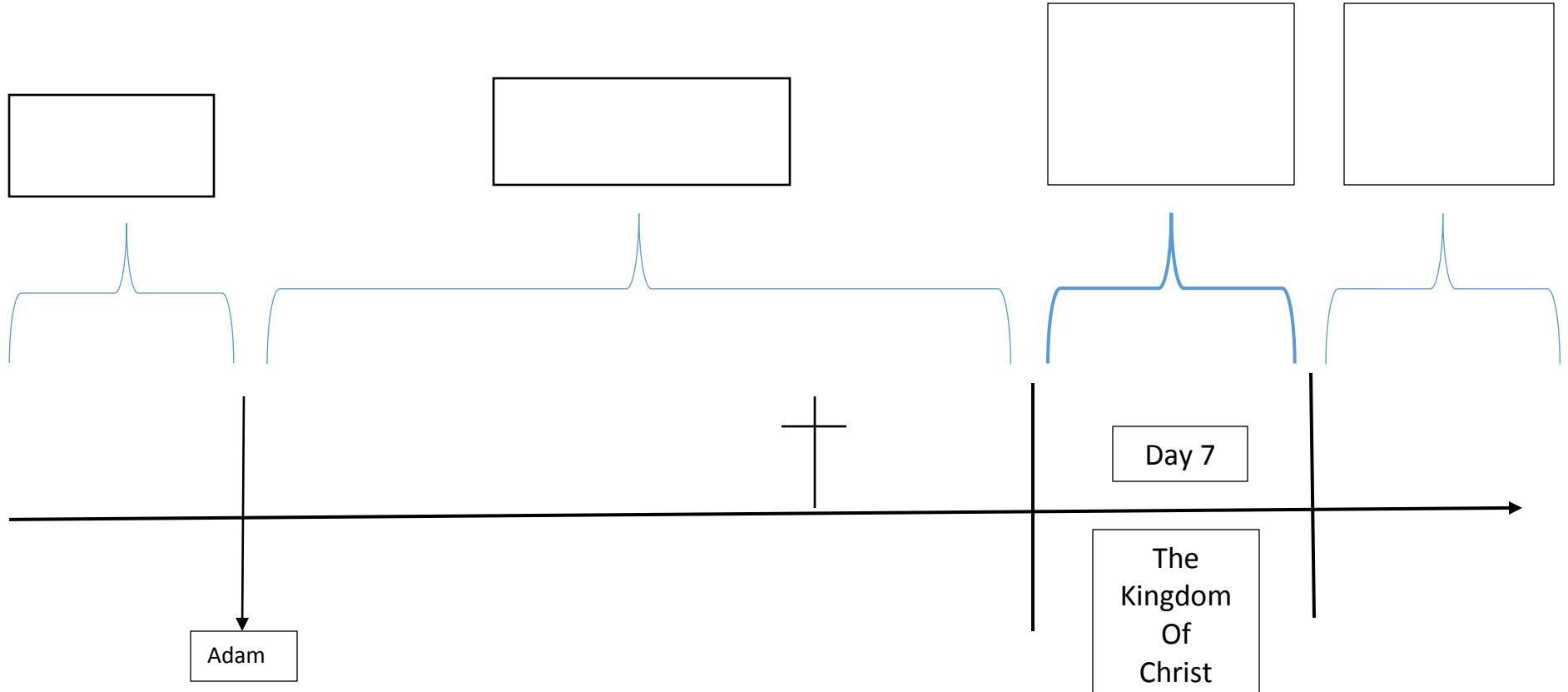
Final Activity:

On the **Timeline of the Ages** provided have the students write in the following ages and discuss:

- Ages Past
- This Age
- Age to Come
- The Ages of the Ages

*(Explain to the students how there is very little said in the Bible about the **Ages Past** and not too much about the **Ages of the Ages** in the future, but the focus of Scripture is on the **Age to Come** and all that has transpired or will transpire in **This Age** to bring it about. This would also be a perfect opportunity to discuss how our actions in **This Age** will have a direct impact on our inheritance in **The Age to Come!**)*

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God Spoke: The Word of God Student Work Book

We are thrilled to embark on our next study together. Our church, Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, is excited to continue our journey together in learning about God's Word and how important it is for us to understand it the way God has given it. Over the next 12 weeks we are going to be studying How God Spoke to us through His Word.

Our main scripture throughout this study will be from Hebrews Chapter One:

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By the end of the study hopefully you will understand how God spoke to us through His Word and what the phrases 'various times' and 'various ways' mean. We are also going to learn what 'time past' means, and who 'the fathers' and 'the prophets' are, as well as things having to do with the inheritance. As we have learned in past studies Jesus Christ, God's Son, is the Word made flesh. We are going to see how the Old Testament is God's *complete* Word, how Jesus Christ is that Word made flesh and how the New Testament gives us more understanding of what was already spoken in the Old Testament.

It is truly a gift for us to have God's Word to read and study daily. This is a discipline that you will hopefully develop and continue for the rest of your life, as you continue to grow and mature. It is our greatest hope that you develop such a strong love for truth and understanding that you will make sure you are obedient to it all your life and that you will Seek First His Kingdom!

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Please continue to ask the Holy Spirit to teach and guide you into all truth.

We will continue to pray that each of you continue in your pursuit of the Lord through His Word and live a life worthy of The Inheritance.

Sincerely,
Cornerstone Curriculum Writing Team

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God Speaks to us through His Word

Key Verse: Isaiah 28:10, “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line...”

Main Idea: God speaks to us through His Word, which is inspired by God and is living and powerful. His Word should be studied by laying a proper foundation at the beginning and then building upon the foundation line upon line.

God speaks to us through His Word. We call His Word the _____, which is composed of _____ books. Do you know how many men wrote those _____ books? There were _____ authors, so that means some men wrote more than one book.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Inspiration in this verse literally means _____

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Genesis 2:7 “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

God’s Breath is always linked with the giving of life.

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So how much of Scripture is God-breathed? _____

The Divine Author of Scripture is _____.

Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Word of God is _____ and _____.

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... 14 and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”

Question: Who was the Word that became flesh?

Answer: _____

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1 Corinthians 2:13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

What's the two main Focuses of Scripture?

1.

2.

“There are two main focuses of Scripture, two main focuses of Scripture, two main focuses of Scripture, the Seventh Day and Jesus Christ.”

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God's Design of the Scriptures

Key Verse: Isaiah 46:9 “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.’”

Main Idea: God has designed the Scriptures a certain way, from start to finish. Starting in foundation is so important.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is *God breathed*, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

We also learned last week that there are _____ books in the Bible. And the bible translators had chosen to divide those _____ books into _____ sections?

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Question: Do you know what the two main sections the Bible are divided into?

Answer:

1. _____

2.

Question: Can you show me where the Old Testament is?

Question: What book does the OT begin with and what book does it end with?

Answer: Begins with _____ and ends with _____.

Question: Anyone know how many books are in the Old Testament?

Answer: Books

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Question: How about the New Testament? What book does it start with and what book does it end with?

Answer: The New Testament starts with _____
and ends with _____.

Question: How many books are in the New Testament?

Answer: _____ Books

Question: What language was the Old Testament written in?

Answer: _____

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Answer: _____

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Question: According to this verse, what does God declare?

Answer: God declares the _____ from the _____, and from ancient times, things that are not yet done.

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Following this rebellion, God set about to restore that which was ruined:

- On *day one* light was brought forth and was separated from darkness;
 - On *day two* an expanse -- the sky – was created to separate the waters from the waters,
 - On *day three* the dry land came out of the waters below and it brought forth vegetation,
 - On *day four* the sun, moon, and stars where set in the sky,
 - On *day five* sea creatures and birds were created, and
 - On *day six* land animals and the first man and the women were created. They, the man and the woman, were created specifically to “rule over the earth and have dominion.” And then...
 - On the *seventh day* God.....RESTED!

That alone tells the end from the beginning! The first seven days recorded in Scripture give us a *Type* of all that will happen in all of time. In the beginning, there were 6 days of work followed by a 7th day of rest, which sets a *pattern* in Scripture of that which must occur again for any ruined creation (Remember, a pattern is something that will be repeated).

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The difference is that this time, a day is as a thousand years not just a 24-hour period of time.

2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

If we continued from book to book we would see the same thing – that the main focus of all Scripture is the Seventh Day, or Millennial kingdom and Jesus Christ.

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the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. 20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. 24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Isaiah 46:9, "Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.'"

Week 3

Various Times, Various Ways, Time past

Key Verse: Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.

Main Idea: God spoke at “various times and in various ways in time past.”

Question: Can anyone explain how the Bible is laid it out?

Answer: *Talk through this answer as a class.*

Bible translators divided the scriptures into _____ main sections, the _____ and _____ Testaments.

The Old has _____ books and the New has _____.

God used _____ main languages: _____ and _____ to communicate with mankind.

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Various Times, Various Ways, Time Past

Week 3

This week we are going to be focusing on the how “God Spoke” which is explained in our main Scripture.

Question: Is there anyone who knows the Scripture and can recite it or has their Bible and would like to read it? **HINT.....Hebrews 1:1....God, who at various.....**

Activity: On each table there is a set of words. Work together to piece the Scripture together in order and then with your red arrow point to today’s lesson focus: ‘various times and in various ways spoke in time past’.

Question: Who can tell me the 1st Book of the Bible, and who wrote it?

Answer: 1st Book of the Bible: _____

Author of the 1st Book: _____

Question: Does anyone know approximately when Moses lived on our timeline?

Answer: Approx. _____ BC

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Question: What was the first thing God told Moses to write in Genesis 1:1?

Answer: *Genesis 1:1* ‘ _____ ’

Question: How do you think Moses could write about people and events that happened in the Bible when he was not even born?

Question: Do you remember who the Divine author of the Bible is?

Answer: _____

Question: Does anyone know the name and writer of the last book of OT?

Answer: _____

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Question: So over how many years approximately did God inspire people to write down His Word in the Old Testament

_____ BC – Moses lived

- _____ BC – Malachi lived

_____ **years**

Question: Do you think that God spoke to people *before* Moses? (Point on the space on the timeline *prior* to Moses, all the way back to Adam.) I'll give you a hint...who did God create on the 6th day?

Answer: _____

Question: Did God speak to Adam?

Answer: _____

Genesis 3:9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

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Here is an example to help us see how important *context* is:

"When Jimmy finally got out of bed he was so hungry that he didn't even pour _____ on his cereal before he ate it."

Looking at the context of the sentence we know what goes in the blank, don't we? What do you think goes there?

Let's read the sentences that come before and after:

"Jimmy was so tired from his late soccer practice that when he finally arrived home he quickly showered and went right to bed. As Jimmy started waking up the next morning he was still so tired that he stayed in bed two hours longer than normal. When Jimmy finally got out of bed he was so hungry that he didn't even pour _____ on his cereal before he ate it. After breakfast Jimmy didn't feel like getting dressed thus he went to the couch and laid down to watch his favorite show."

Question: Which Testament does the Book of Hebrews belong to? New or Old?

Answer: _____ Testament.

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Week 3

Hebrews 1:1 "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past..."

Question: Who wrote the first book of the Old Testament again?

Answer: _____

Question: What's the last book of the Old Testament?

Answer: _____.

Week 3 Scriptures:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,

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Week 4

Various ways...To the Fathers by the Prophets

Key Verse: Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.

Main Idea: God spoke to the fathers by the prophets

Context:

“When Jimmy finally got out of bed he was so hungry that he didn’t even pour _____ on his cereal before he ate it.”

Then we can even get more context and understanding on the situation by reading the sentences that come *before and after* that sentence as well:

“Jimmy was so tired from his late soccer practice that when he finally arrived home he quickly showered and went right to bed. As Jimmy started waking up the next morning he was still so tired that he stayed in bed two hours longer than normal. When Jimmy finally got out of bed he was so hungry that he didn’t even pour _____ on his cereal before he ate it. After breakfast Jimmy didn’t feel like getting dressed thus he went to the couch and laid down to watch his favorite show.”

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Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets...

Question: Does anyone remember which books are the first and last books in the OT?

Answer: First Book: _____

Last Book: _____

Question: What do we call this section of Scripture?

Answer: _____

Knowing when the various authors of the OT lived, what do we know regarding the time frame?

_____ BC

- _____ BC

_____ years

God spoke to His people through His Word which He inspired various men to write over a 1050 year period of time. He spoke in *various ways* through many different authors as God directed Jewish men to write the Old Testament. Do you remember

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when He spoke to Moses through the burning bush or when he spoke to Balaam by a donkey? This is what it means that “God spoke in various ways...”

Question: Who do you think “the fathers” are that God spoke to by the prophets at various times and in various ways?

Answer: _____

Exodus 33:11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

Deuteronomy 34:10 But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face...

Much of the details in Moses’ writings form what we have come to understand as *TYPES* or *Word Pictures*.

Question: Who can tell me what a Type is?

Answer: (write the answer down if you have time)

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Week 4

Question: Who can give me an example of a person who is a *type* and who it is that they point to in the *antitype*?

Answer:

1. _____ ➔ _____
2. _____ ➔ _____
3. _____ ➔ _____
4. _____ ➔ _____

Question: Who can give me an example of a place that is a *type* and what/where it points to in the *antitype*?

Answer:

1. _____ ➔ _____
2. _____ ➔ _____
3. _____ ➔ _____
4. _____ ➔ _____

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Question: Who can give me an example of a thing that is a *type* and what it points to in the *antitype*?

Answer:

1. _____ ➔ _____
2. _____ ➔ _____
3. _____ ➔ _____
4. _____ ➔ _____

Question: Finally, who can give me an example of an event that is a *type* and what it points to in the *antitype*?

Answer:

1. _____ ➔ _____
2. _____ ➔ _____
3. _____ ➔ _____
4. _____ ➔ _____

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Other ways that God spoke to the fathers by the prophets was by giving to them DREAMS and VISIONS and by giving them skills to interpret those dreams and visions.

Question: Who can tell us someone God gave a dream or vision to?

Answer: _____

Question: Can anyone think of someone who was given the skill to interpret dreams or visions?

Answer: _____

Question: Does anyone know of someone in the Bible who received a message from God via an angel?

Answer: _____

2 Peter 1:20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Question: Who is the Author of Scripture according to 2 Peter 1:20-21?

Answer: _____

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Visual Analogy of a Skeleton:

Question: When you look at this skeleton of a human, can you tell if it is a boy, girl, man, woman, or what color hair or eyes or skin tone they have?

Do you remember that verse from the beginning of the unit? **Isaiah 28:10, “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”**

John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

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Fish Skeleton:



Human Skeleton:



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Week 4 Scriptures:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,

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Week 5

The Prophets – Part One

Key Verse: **2 Peter 1:20** “knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*”

Main Idea: God speaks to His people in specific ways. God spoke through the prophets. Explain what a prophet is, how he is called and examples of how God would have given a message to the prophets and then how they conveyed that message

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Hebrews 1:1 “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.”**

Do you know what a prophet is?

Firstly, a prophet was a man who was a _____. We will remember that the Jews are God's chosen people that started with Abraham. **Romans 3:2** says, “...to them, [the Jews] were committed the oracles of God.” The phrase *oracles of God* means the *Word of God*, so it was through the Jews that God gave the Revelation of His Word.

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1 Peter 1:10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things which angels desire to look into.

Secondly, this is a list of all the prophets (*turn to the end of the lesson to see the list*).

Thirdly, a person couldn't just decide that he wanted to be a prophet, like some of us might say that we want to be a fireman when we grow up, or a teacher or that sort of thing. It wasn't a matter of their own choice. _____ was the One who selected the prophets. He chose them Himself.

Finally, let's get a definition of a prophet so that when you go home today you can tell your parents exactly what it is.

Definition: A prophet is a man who was called by God to give a specific message to God's people.

2 Peter 1:20 “knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

The word *prophecy* means to ‘_____,’

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What we are about to do is to demonstrate how God might give a message to the prophets and then how the prophet conveyed that message to the people. We are going to act it out.

1. First, we are going to demonstrate ‘the Word of the Lord coming unto’ a prophet.
2. Second, we are going to demonstrate a prophet receiving a vision.
3. Thirdly we are going to demonstrate a prophet receiving the command to act out a future event.

Next week we are going to think about the two main focuses of Scripture. Which are...

1. _____
2. _____

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Use this picture for the example of HOW the prophet would receive a vision and then have to explain that vision to God's people.



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Prophets			
Prophet	Prophesied	Date (BC)*	Home/Location
Elijah	To Israel	870-845	Tishbe
Elisha	To Israel	845-800	Abel Meholah
Isaiah	To Judah	760-673	Jerusalem
Jeremiah	To Judah	650-582	Anathoth
Ezekiel	To Exiles in Babylonia	620-570	Babylon
Daniel	In Babylon	620-540	Babylon
Hosea	To Israel	758-725	Israel
Joel	To Judah	450	Jerusalem
Amos	To Israel	765-754	Tekoa
Obadiah	Concerning Edom	590	Jerusalem
Jonah	To Nineveh	781	Gath Hepher
Micah	To Judah	738-698	Moresheth-gath
Nahum	Concerning Nineveh	658-615	Elkosh
Habakkuk	To Judah	608-598	Unknown
Zephaniah	To Judah	640-626	Unknown
Haggai	To Judah	520	Jerusalem
Zechariah	To Judah	522-509	Jerusalem
Malachi	To Judah	465	Jerusalem

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Week 5

Where Jesus Walked: Now



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Week 5 Scripture:

John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Hebrews 1:1 “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.”

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Week 6

The Prophets – Part Two

Key Verse: Amos 3:7 “For the Lord does nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets.”

Main Idea: God speaks to His people in specific ways. God spoke through the prophets. Explain the two main focuses of the Scriptures and the prophets' message. How it had a present and future fulfillment nature.

Question: Could any person be a prophet?

Answer: _____

Question: Why Not?

Answer: A prophet had to be _____ and was specifically chosen by _____.

Question: Did a prophet have to write a book of the Bible?

Answer: _____

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The Prophets – Part Two

Week 6

Question: What are the two main focuses of Scripture?

Answer:

**Revelation 19:10 “...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy... . . .13
...and His name is called the Word of God.”**

What is *the testimony of Jesus*?

Let's look at a couple of examples:

- The Prophet Isaiah told about Jesus coming to the Earth to be the Savior. He wrote down that Jesus would be born to a virgin woman, 700 years *before* Jesus was actually born! So, that prophecy has been fulfilled; it was written before it ever happened or came true.
 - Micah, the prophet, prophesied that Jesus would be born in the city of Bethlehem 400 years before His actual birth. Jesus *was* actually born in the city of Bethlehem, so that prophecy has been fulfilled.

Revelation 19:11 “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He was sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called the Word of God.”

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Week 6

Questions: What is a type?

“A *type* is something that points to something else, a type can be seen in a person place thing or event from the Bible like Adam and Jesus, or Isaac and Jesus, or Joseph and Jesus, or Egypt and the world, oil and the spirit, or the flood and Tribulation, a type points to something else.”

Am 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

Question: Do you think it is important for us to study God’s Word?

Question: Why is it so important?

Answer: *Group discussion regarding this.*

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Week 6 Scriptures:

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...and His name is called the Word of God."**

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Week 7

The Son – Part One

Key Verse: Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,

Main Idea: God speaks to His people in specific ways. Another way God speaks to us is through His Son, Jesus.

Revelation 19:10 “... For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy... . . . 13 ... and His name is called the Word of God.”

Question: Does anyone remember what *the testimony of Jesus* means?

Answer: *Group discussion*

Question: What else does this passage say about Jesus?

Answer: His _____ is the _____ of _____.

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Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

Question: Who can explain this verse to me?

Answer: (Group discussion)

Hebrews 1 passage: "...[God] has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,"

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

Over the past six weeks we have focused very much on Hebrews 1:1 where we discovered that: **God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets.** Today we want to look at the first half of verse 2: **[God] has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.**

- We are going to discover when the ‘last days’ are,
 - We are going to discover what it means that God spoke by His Son,
 - And we are going to discover a lot more about ‘the Son.’

Question: As we look at our two verses there are 2 time periods referred to, what are they?

Answer:

1. [Days 1-4]

2. _____ [Days 5 & 6]

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Week 7

Question: How can the writer say ‘THESE last days’ when close to 2000 years have passed since he wrote that? Did he make a mistake as to when the ‘last days’ are?

Answer: _____

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Question: So as we look at the first 6 Days, or 6000 years, when do you think the ‘Last Days’ are?

Discuss answer.

Question: Was the writer of the Book of Hebrews living in ‘the last days’?

Answer: _____

Question: Are we living in ‘the last days’?

Answer: _____

Question: We have established that we, too, are living in the ‘last days,’ so how is Jesus able to speak to us today? And how did He speak at any other time between when He ascended into heaven until now? And what (or Who) has He given us?

Discuss answer.

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Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

Question: Through whom did God speak in verse 1?

Answer: _____

Question: To whom did the Prophets speak?

Answer: _____

Question: What would the Prophets have been focusing on or saying as they spoke to the fathers at various times and in various ways?

Answer: _____ and _____

Week 7 Scriptures:

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Week 8

The Son – Part Two

Key Verse: Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,

Main Idea: God speaks to His people in specific ways. Another way God speaks to us is through His Son, Jesus.

Question: Last week we learned about the “last days.” Can anyone tell me what ‘the last days’ refers to?

Answer: Days _____ & _____

Question: Can you explain to me why we refer to Days 5 & 6 as the ‘last days’?

Discuss answer.

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

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2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

"There are two main focuses of Scripture."

"There are two main focuses of Scripture, two main focuses of Scripture, two main focuses of Scripture, the Seventh Day and Jesus Christ."

Luke 24:25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Question: Which Scriptures would Jesus have been referring to?

Answer: _____ Scriptures beginning with what Moses wrote in the 1st five books.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful... and

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

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Question: So how is He still speaking today?

Answer: _____

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1: 2 He [Jesus] was in the beginning with God.

Question: If Jesus was in the beginning, then why was He begotten/born 4,000 years *after* the beginning, if He already existed in the beginning?

Discuss answer.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law...

Question: So why was He begotten if He already existed?

Discuss answer.

Hebrews 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?

Psalm 2:7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today [literally: 'for this Day, the 7th day] I have begotten You.

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Week 8

Review:

As we conclude this short study, let's reflect back on our study of Hebrews chapter 1:1-2a; and let's close our study by remembering the main things we have learned:

- We have learned that all Scripture is God-breathed; that it is alive and powerful because that Word which was there from the very beginning is Jesus Christ.
- We also have come to realize that God has laid His Word out in a very specific way, and that we need to follow His way in order for us to properly understand it. We must study God's word line upon line, here a little and there a little by taking from the various books of the Bible to build a complete picture of the 2 main focuses of Scripture:
 - Jesus Christ, and
 - The 7th Day.
- Then we have seen how God spoke at various times and in various ways in time past to His people Israel through His prophets to produce the writings which are called the OT.
- We have looked at the prophets, and have seen who they were, and how they were given the task by God to declare the will and plans of God to Israel (and by extension us). All of God's prophets presented God's revelation in their own particular style, as they were inspired by Him to reveal different aspects of the Scriptures.
- And most recently we looked at how the Word that was entrusted to those prophets became flesh in the form of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and was the confirmation of everything that was revealed in time past. Consequently, Jesus still speaks to us today because much of what the prophets revealed has yet to be fulfilled. But we know that when the fullness of time comes God will send forth His Son once again and we must be ready!

Hebrews 9:28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

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The Son – Part Two

Week 8

Week 8 Scriptures:

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Luke 24:25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful... and

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1: 2 He [Jesus] was in the beginning with God.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law...

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Hebrews 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?

Psalm 2:7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today [literally: 'for this Day, the 7th day] I have begotten You.

Hebrews 9:28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Part Two

Dealing with the last half of Hebrews 1:2

(This section was added after the first 8 weeks
were completed.)

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Week 9

Heir of All Things

Colossians 1:16 For by Him **all things** were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things** were created through Him and for Him.

Jesus Christ is Heir of All Things

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

In this lesson, we are going to look at how the Son, Jesus Christ has been '**appointed heir of all things**'.

Question: What do you think an **heir** is and what might he receive?

Answer:

Question: Who made God's Son 'heir of all things'?

Answer: _____

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Colossians 1:16 For by Him **all things** were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things** were created through Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:20 and by Him to reconcile **all things** to Himself, by Him, whether **things** on earth or **things** in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Question: According to these 2 verses, what are the ‘all things’ that Christ the Son of God has been appointed heir of?

Answer:

Question: Where are the ‘all things’ located?

Answer:

Question: Where do you think the visible thrones, dominions, principalities and powers are located?

Answer:

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Question: Where would the invisible thrones, dominions, principalities and powers be ruling from?

Answer: _____

Question: Who created these ‘all things’ and for Whom were they created?

Answer: The ‘all things’ were created by _____ and for _____.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 **All things** were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Acts 3:20 ...that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 "whom heaven must receive until the times of **restoration** of **all things**, ...

Before Christ can receive His inheritance – the ‘all things’ in the heavens and on earth - something needs to happen. The verse above in Acts chapter 3 tells us the ‘all things’ need to be **restored**.

Let’s go back to Colossians 1 verse 20 again and fill in further details:

20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Question: What does Christ need to do to Himself with regards to the ‘all things’?

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Answer: _____

Reconcile = means to settle a disagreement, to make compatible, to harmonize; to bring back into proper order.

Christ has not received His inheritance yet even though He has already gone to the cross and shed His blood to 'reconcile all things' in the heavens and on earth.

Psalm 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

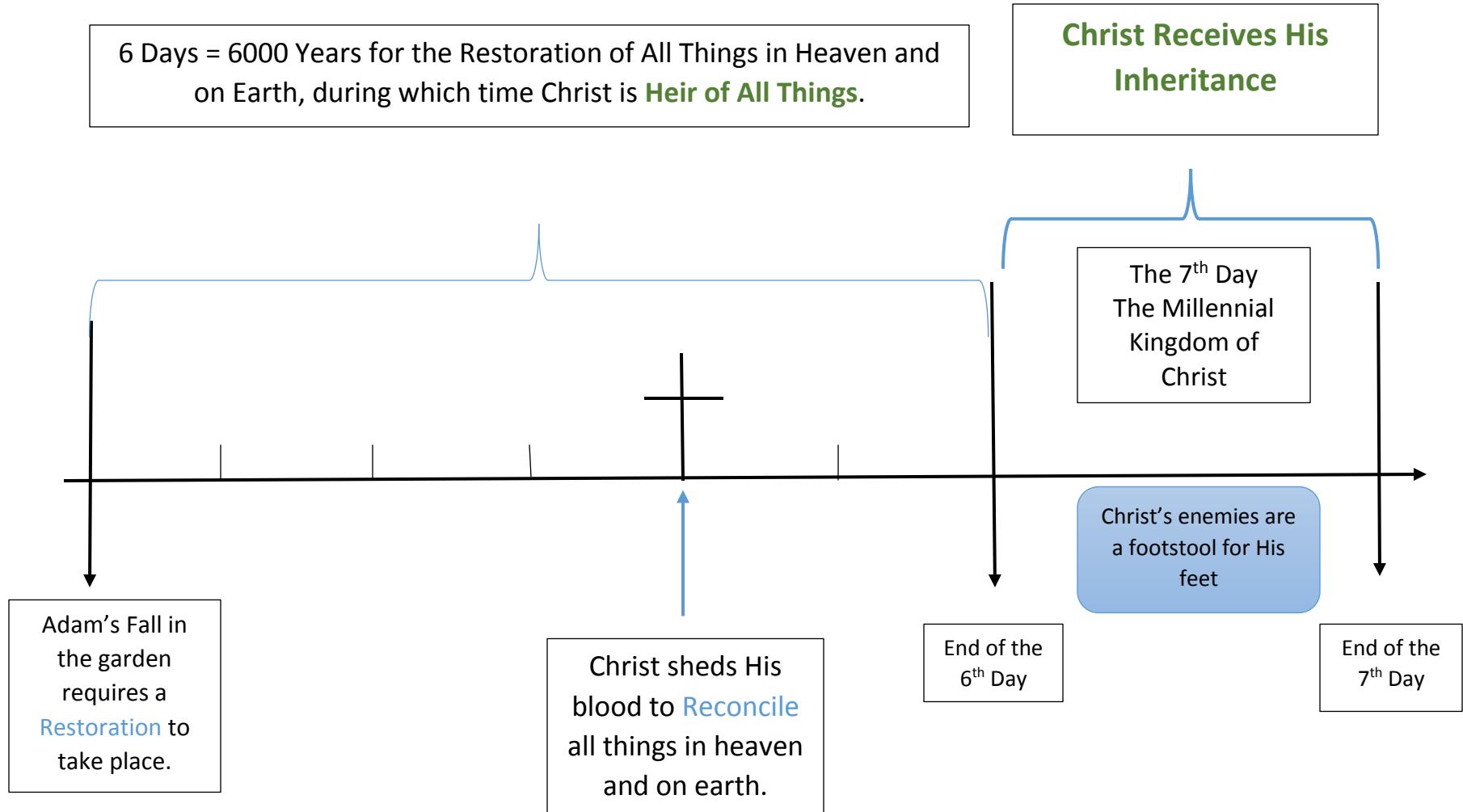
Question: Where does Psalm 110:1 tell us the Lord is currently sitting and why?

Answer: Jesus is currently sitting at the _____ of God the Father _____ His enemies have been dealt with and put under His _____ as a _____.

Final Activity:

On the chart that follows showing 'The Restoration of All Things' review what you have learned today and write in where appropriate Days 1 through 7.

The Restoration of All Things



Week 9 Scriptures:

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Inheritance and Firstborn Sons

Israel

Exodus 4:22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn.

Israel is God's Firstborn Son

Review:

Jesus Christ has been appointed by God the Father to be:

'Heir of All Things'

In the Bible, an **heir** is someone who will receive an **inheritance** by right of being a **son** and in particular – being a **firstborn son**.

Christ has yet to receive His inheritance and is currently seated at the right hand of His Father until He has made Christ's enemies a footstool for His feet. (Psalm 110:1)

Today we are going to see how not only does Christ have an inheritance in the future (which we discovered refers to places of rulership: all things visible and invisible - thrones, dominions, principalities and powers), but **Israel** and the **Church** have been

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offered the same inheritance alongside Christ. We have been offered an opportunity to be a **joint-heir** with Christ, but more on that in the next lesson.

Question: Do you remember in foundation in Genesis chapter 1 God's reason for creating the Man?

Answer: "Let them have _____." (Genesis 1:26)

Isaiah 14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Question: Who is **Isaiah** talking about?

Answer: _____

Question: Who is God talking to **Job** about?

Answer: The angels

Now go back and read the verses again and circle the following descriptions of Lucifer and the other angels:

'son of the morning'

'stars of God'

'morning stars'

'sons of God'

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Now read the following verse from the genealogy of Jesus and see who else is a ‘son of God’.

Luke 3:38 ... the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Question: Why do you think Adam can also be called a ‘son of God’?

Answer: Because Adam was a c _____ d being just like all the angels are c _____ d beings and therefore he is ‘a son of God’. Adam was also created for the same reason as the angels: he was created for r _____ p.

Israel is a Son of God

Please note: It is ONLY through God’s work of Creation that one can be a son of God!

There is another entity which has also been created and therefore is also a son of God. Do you know who that might be?

Isaiah 43:1 But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine...7 Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

Question: According to **Isaiah** who else has the Lord created?

Answer: _____

Israel is a Firstborn Son of God

Exodus 4:22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn.

Question: How does God refer to Israel?

Answer: _____

God was telling Moses to tell Pharaoh, the most powerful ruler in the world at that time, that Israel was not only a **son of God** but also a **firstborn son of God**. Firstborn sons were always the ones who were supposed to **inherit** the following:

- take over as **leaders and rulers** in the father's house
- they were to receive a **double portion** of the father's inheritance
- and they were to become the **priest**, the spiritual leader for the family

Israel Receives the Inheritance

Deuteronomy 31:7 Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them [Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and Jacob's 12 sons], and you shall cause them to **inherit** it.

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Joshua 18:10 Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions.

Final Activity:

Turn to the maps section and the Conquest of Canaan in the back of your Bibles and use the information there to fill in the details of the 12 Tribes of Israel's Inheritance in the Promised Land on the map provided on the next page.

There are 13 green blank boxes for the names of the Tribes to be written in. (Manasseh received 2 lots hence there are 13 boxes.) When you have labelled the map, you may color each individual tribe's inheritance a different color.

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The 12 Tribes of Israel Receive Their Inheritance in The Promised Land



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Inheritance and Firstborn Sons

The Church

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

We have been called to be a joint heir with Christ

Review:

In the past 2 weeks, we have discovered that Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, was appointed by God the Father to be '**Heir of all things**'. Those 'all things' are places of rulership in the heavens and on earth, both visible and invisible. ([Col.1:16](#)). Christ has yet to receive His **inheritance** and is currently seated at the right hand of God the Father waiting until His enemies are made a footstool for His feet.

Last week we learned that all created beings (angels and Adam) are **sons of God** and were created for the **purpose of rulership**. In the angelic realm, **all angels are sons of God** because they were individually created and are currently in a position of ruling, or were once ruling.

Israel was created and then adopted by God to be His **Firstborn Son** and as such Israel is to be the premier (the first and most important) nation on the earth. **Exodus 4:22** "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn."

As God had promised, the nation of Israel would eventually receive their inheritance in the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua. Before Joshua died he divided up the land of their inheritance according to the 12 Tribes of Israel.

Joint Heirs with Christ

Today we are going to discover that we too, as part of the Church and members of Christ's Body, are in a position to be **adopted** as a **Firstborn Son** and **receive an inheritance** in the Kingdom of God.

Inheritance is a family term and in order to receive an inheritance we must be in God's family.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

Question: According to this scripture what does it take to be an 'heir of God'?

Answer: _____

Question: If we are heirs of God because we are children of God what else are we? (v.17)

Answer: _____

Romans 8:17 ...and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, **if** indeed we suffer with Him, **that** we may also be glorified together.

Question: What does it take to be a **joint heir with Christ**?

Answer: _____

Question: According to the end of v.17 what will be the result of being a joint heir with Christ?

Answer: We may also be _____
_____ with Him.

Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Question: According to v.14 what does it take to be ‘sons of God’?

Answer: _____

Question: How can we be led by the Spirit of God?

Answer: _____

The Reward of the Inheritance and the Adoption

Let’s look at another verse of scripture which gives us further details of our future inheritance and what it takes to receive that inheritance:

Colossians 3:23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Question: According to v.23 what are Christians supposed to do?

Answer: Whatever we are doing, we are to do it _____ (with a good _____ attitude, not grudgingly), as if doing it to the Lord and not to men.

Question: Why are Christians supposed to do this (v.24)?

Answer: So, that they will receive the _____ of the _____.

If we do work '**heartily as to the Lord**' then God sees us as **sons of God** and in that future day when we 'receive the reward of the inheritance' we will be 'glorified with Christ' which means we shall also be **adopted as a Firstborn Son** alongside Christ, God's Only Begotten Firstborn Son.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- If we are in Christ, then we are a **new creation** and therefore as we are led by the Spirit of God He looks upon us as sons of God who will one day be **adopted as a firstborn son of God!**
- And in that day, we shall receive our reward of the inheritance for faithful obedience with a position of rulership alongside Christ when He receives His inheritance.
- We will rule with Christ from the heavens over the earth.
- And Israel will rule from the earthly land over the whole earth.

Final Activity:

Read through today's scriptures and see if you can fill in the missing words from memory without looking them up first, then check your answers.

Exodus 4:22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD:
" _____ is My son, My _____.

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Week 12

Through Whom Also He Made the Ages

Hebrews 1:2 ...has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

God the Son Made the Ages

'Through Whom also He made the worlds [literally 'ages']'

As we conclude our study entitled 'God Spoke – The Word of God' from Hebrews 1:1-2 let's remind ourselves of our scripture:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

The Book of Hebrews begins with a statement at the end of verse 2 concerning God's Son and we learned in lesson 9 from this statement that God's Son has been '**appointed heir of all things**'. We also learned that Christ's **inheritance** is in the 7th Day, the age to come, and is to do with rulership over the earth.

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Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Here we can clearly see that the ‘all things’ of Christ’s inheritance are places of rulership, both ‘visible and invisible’, in the heavens and on earth.

Question: What else does this verse reveal about the creation of those places of rulership, referred to as ‘all things’?

Answer: Not only were they created _____ God’s Son but were created _____.

Discussion Scripture References:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Worlds or Ages?

‘through Whom also He made the worlds’

We can clearly see now that all things were made **through** Christ and **for** Christ so is there anything further we can learn from the final statement in Hebrews 1:2 which says: “**through whom also He made the worlds;**”?

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Answer: Yes, there is – we need to look at the word translated '**worlds'** a little further.

The Greek word which has been translated as '**worlds**' is '**'aion'**' and it means: **an age or ages**.

Sometimes it has been translated:

- world(s);
- age(s);
- forever;
- ever;
- eternal;
- eternity.

The Greek word '*aion*' is not talking about a **PLACE**, but is talking about a period, or periods, of **TIME**.

Read the following scripture and underline the 2 ages mentioned:

Matthew 12:32 "Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

Question: Which are the 2 ages mentioned In Matthew 12:32?

Answer: _____

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The Apostle Paul mentions the same 2 ages when talking about the power of God in the life of a Christian believer in Ephesians chapter 1. Underline them:

Ephesians 1:19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His [God's] power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Question: What are the 2 ages mentioned in Matthew and in Ephesians?

Answer: _____

Question: Obviously '**this age**' is the age we are currently living in but why is there also an emphasis on '**the age to come**'? What is 'the age to come'?

Answer: _____

By putting '**heir of all things**' together with '**through Whom also He made the ages**' we can begin to realize that all the ages – the

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past ages (ages of eternity past), this age, the age to come and the endless ages beyond that, have all been made through the Son and for the Son; and that **the age to come** which is the main focus of Scripture, is specifically appointed to Christ by His Father as His inheritance.

In Conclusion:

Rulership over the earth from the heavens and on earth, an inheritance and the coming Kingdom in the age to come, are the very things that **God spoke** of ‘at various times and in various ways’ ‘to the fathers by the prophets’. And they are the very same things that God has spoken to us ‘in these last days’ by His Son, through His literal presence on the earth at His first coming as the Word made flesh, and by what He said whilst on the earth.

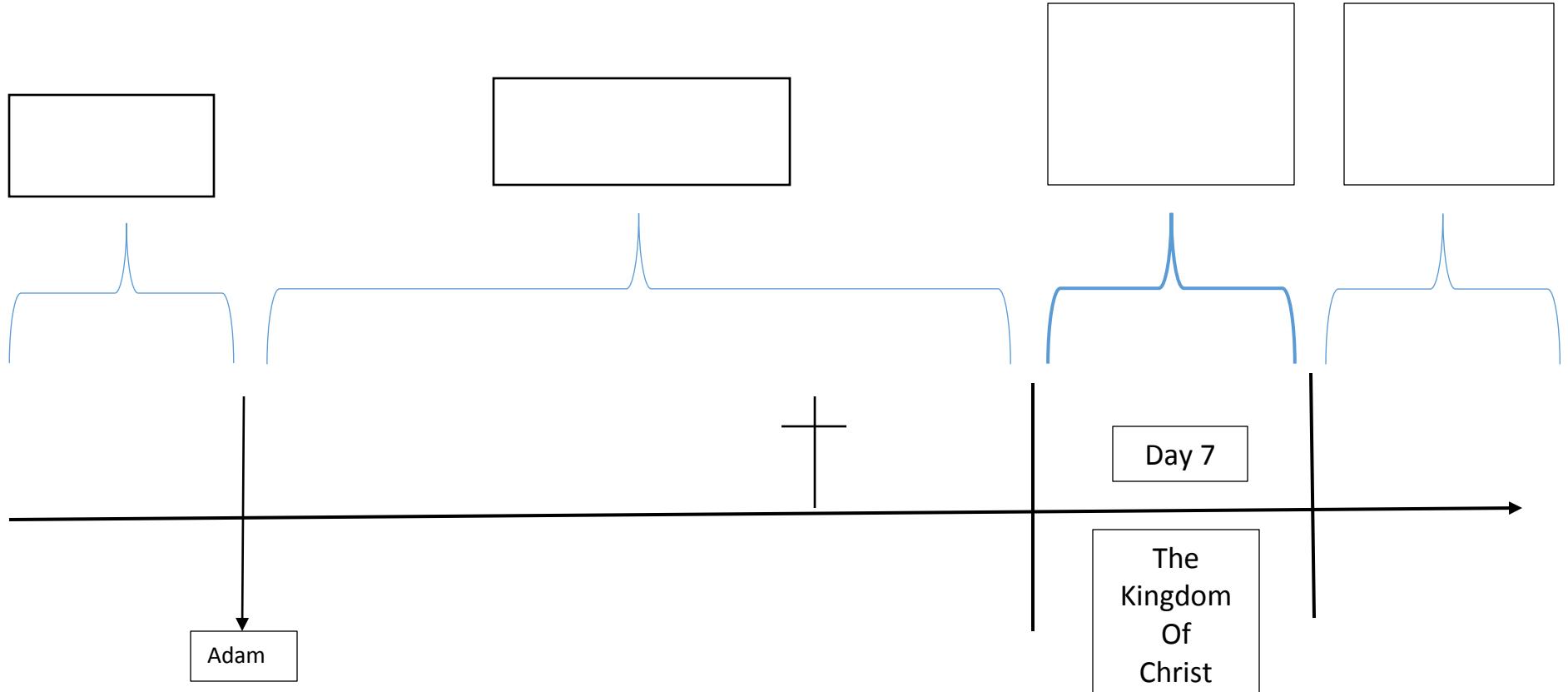
Final Activity:

On the **Timeline of the Ages** provided write in the following ages and discuss:

- Ages Past
- This Age
- Age to Come
- The Ages of the Ages

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Timeline of the Ages



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Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light...

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God [*the Son*]. **2** He [*Christ*] was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, [Christ] and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 1:14 And the Word [*Christ*] became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Welcome Parents and Teachers of Younger Children

This workbook is written to help you lead your younger child/children through the study entitled **God Spoke: The Word of God**. It is written to help parents and teachers of younger children navigate through some difficult concepts using the following Hebrews Passage:

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All the material for this unit of study includes:

- The **TEACHER'S GUIDE**,
- The **STUDENT WORKBOOK** (for the older children) and
- The **YOUNGER CHILDREN'S WORKBOOK** (This is the book you are holding in your hands.)

and can be found on our church's website. For web address see the back page of this book.

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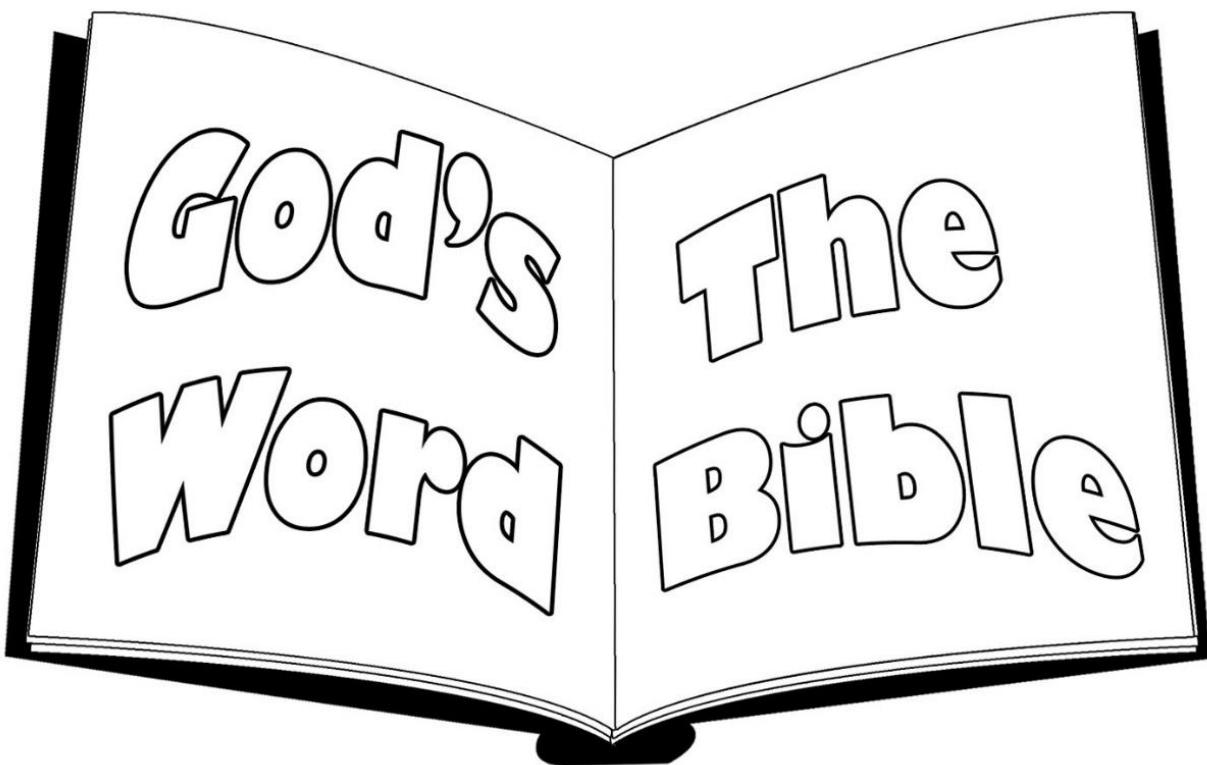
God Spoke: The Word of God

Week 1

God Speaks to us Through His Word

Our memory verse: Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

Did you know that the Bible is actually God speaking to us? God wants to tell us things, so thousands of years ago, He chose different people to write down exactly what He said!



So whenever we READ the Bible, we are actually reading God's very Words.

Did you KNOW that?

There are some things about the Bible that we need to know as we grow up!

The Bible is divided into TWO parts.

Does anyone know the names of the TWO parts of the Bible?

The OLD Testament

And

The NEW Testament

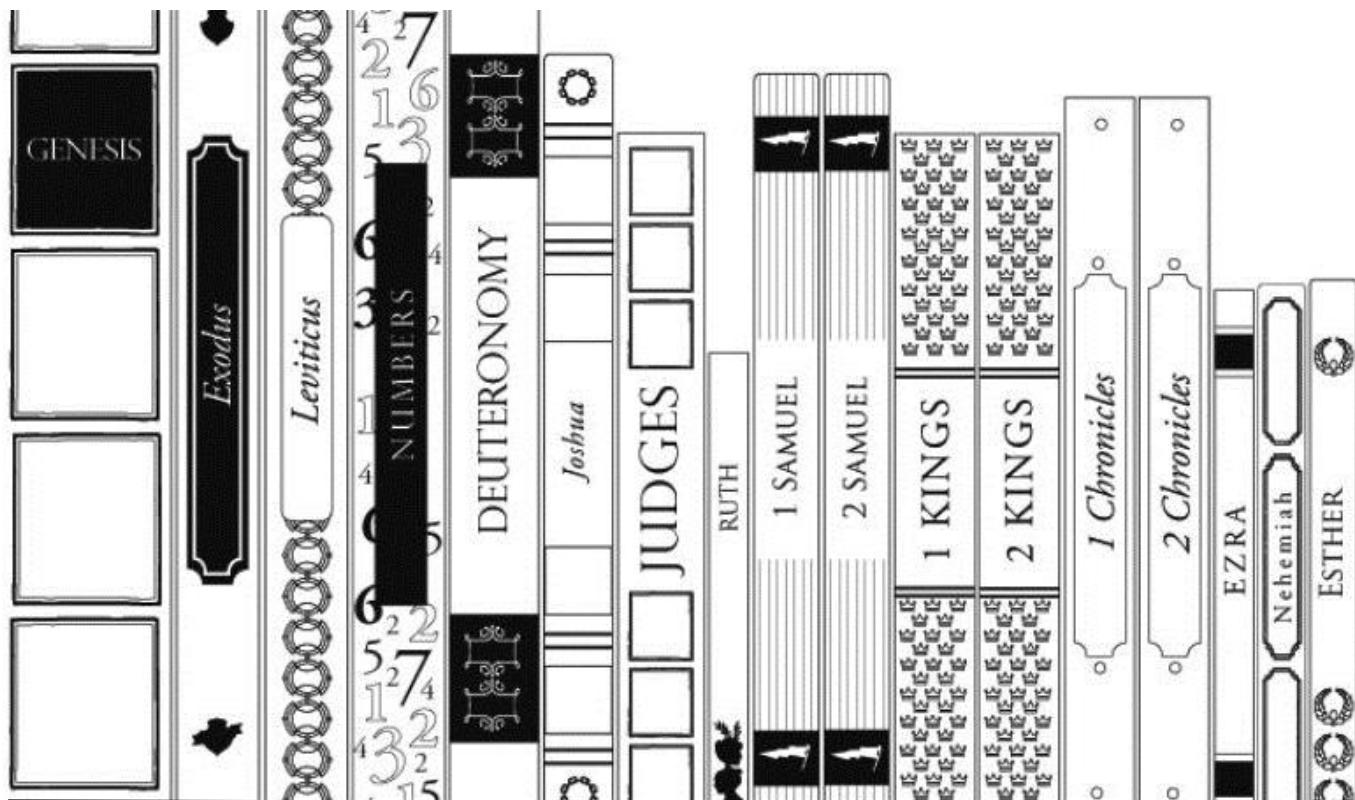
How many parts is that?

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Here is something else we need to know.

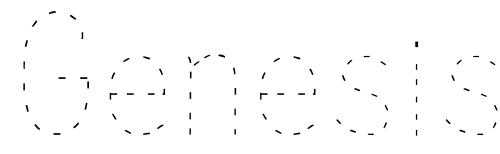
Each Part of the Bible is made up of several different books. It's like having a LIBRARY in a Book! Here are some of the Books in the

Old Testament

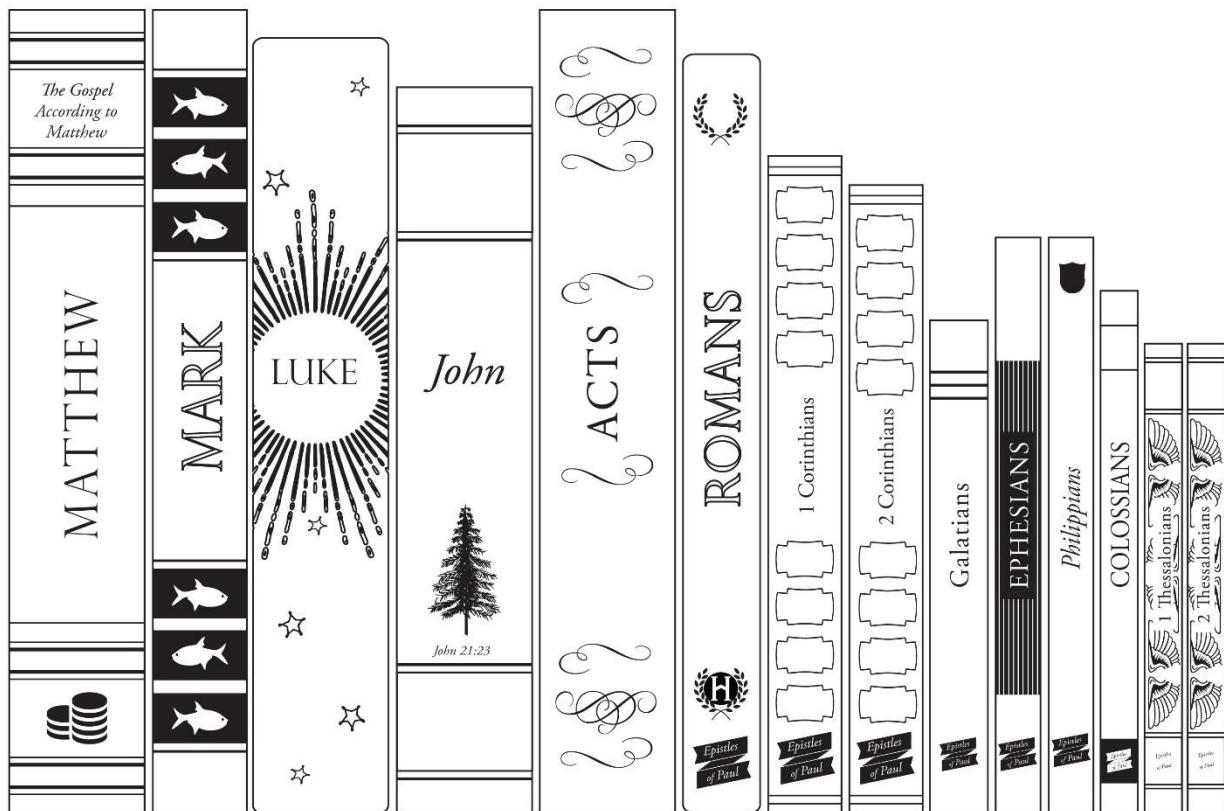


(Mention to the children that these look like books on a shelf)

The Old Testament begins with

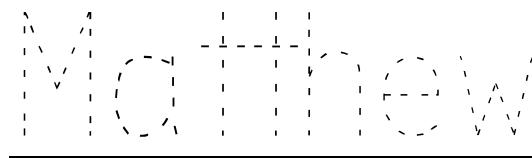


And here are some of the Books in the
New Testament



(Mention to the children that these look like books on a shelf)

The New Testament begins with



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Listen to me read something from the Book of Isaiah.
(Remember, God TOLD Isaiah what to write!)

Isaiah 28:10, “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”

(Write the word ‘precept’ on the board.)

The word “precept” means a rule, or a command given for action. That means that God is TELLING us how we are supposed to act, how we are supposed to live.

Together, let's illustrate how this works with our arms. Everyone stand and bend your arms and put them up like this. That is our first precept (our first rule) then let's put another precept/rule on top of that (putting your other arm on top of the first), and then another and then another. Good! That is how God teaches us His word – He gives a little understanding from here, let's say Genesis, (be moving arms/laying one upon another as you say these things) and then a little from there, let's say Deuteronomy, and add a precept from Psalms, and another from Luke, and it keeps building. A bit from here and from there, from each book of the Bible until it's all put together giving us the understanding we need about how we are to live and what we are to believe.

Precept
Precept

Line
Line

A little from here
A little from there

That is how God tells us what He wants us to know. And He repeats things over and over again in His Word.

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So, now let's review what we have learned about the Bible.

Question: Who is talking to us in the Bible?

Question: How many parts make up the Bible?

Question: What is in each part?

Question: How does God give His Word?

Good Job!!!

Week 1 Scriptures:

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Genesis 2:7 “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

Hebrews 4:12, “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... . 14...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”

Isaiah 28:10, “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”

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Week 2 God's Design of the Scriptures

Preparation before class: Make sure you know the hand motions for the Memory Verse. (Get that from Becky or Shelby)

Even though this will be the lesson you will read to and work through with the younger children, be sure to read the TEACHERS GUIDE Week 2 prior to class.

Crayons to be passed out at the end of the lesson.

Review the memory verse and use the hand motions: Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...



Last week we learned that the Bible is God's way of talking to us. The Bible is His Word written down for us to read and hear. When your daddy or mommy read the Bible to you at night, you really are **HEARING** what God wants to say to you!

Talk together about this.

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Did you also know that when you PRAY, that is you talking with God. He hears you when you pray!

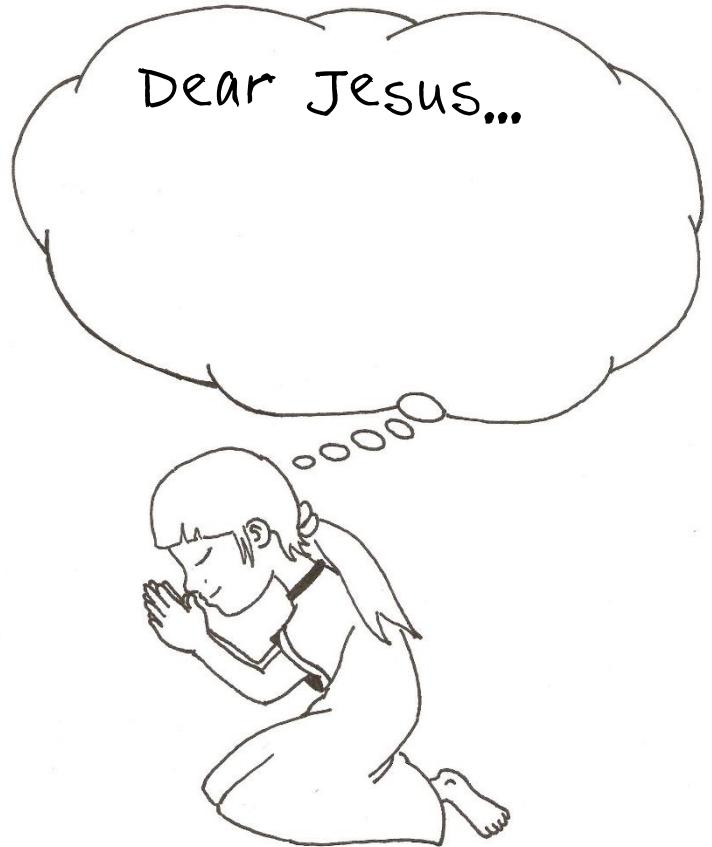


You can talk to God when you pray with your mommy or daddy,

God LOVES it when you LISTEN to Him,
and when you TALK to Him.

Dear Jesus...

AND you can even pray when you are all by yourself, when no one else hears you, except God. How cool is that?



Last week we also learned that the Bible is set in TWO parts. Does anyone remember what we call the two parts of the Bible?

The OLD Testament

The NEW Testament

And what Book does the OLD Testament begin with?

GENESIS

And what Book does the NEW Testament begin with?

MATTHEW

Good Job!

Do you remember that the very first verse in the whole Bible is this:

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
Genesis 1:1

Today we are going to learn something very interesting about God!

Do you know that God knows **EVERYTHING**?

- He knows what happened yesterday!
- He knows what is going to happen today. AND...
- He knows what is going to happen tomorrow,
 - and the next day, and the next!

YES! He Does!!!

Nothing is a surprise to God! He has known **ALL** of this from the very beginning....even before He created the heavens and the earth!

Listen to what God says about this:

Isaiah 46:9 "Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."

These are God's Words...He is telling us that the things that happened at the very beginning were written down so that we would know what is going to take place at the end. And He can do that because He **KNOWS EVERYTHING!**

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Because of this, God had certain things written in His Word about things that happened a LONG time ago, so that we can know what is going to happen in the future.

Let me read this verse again:

Isaiah 46:9 "Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."

So God has told the end from the beginning.

(To the teacher: Try to explain this on the board by drawing a line with a beginning point and an ending point. Explain that God gave certain detail about what happened at the beginning, in order to show us what will happen in the end. Tell the children this is called PROPHECY.)

Read and discuss each of these points with the children:

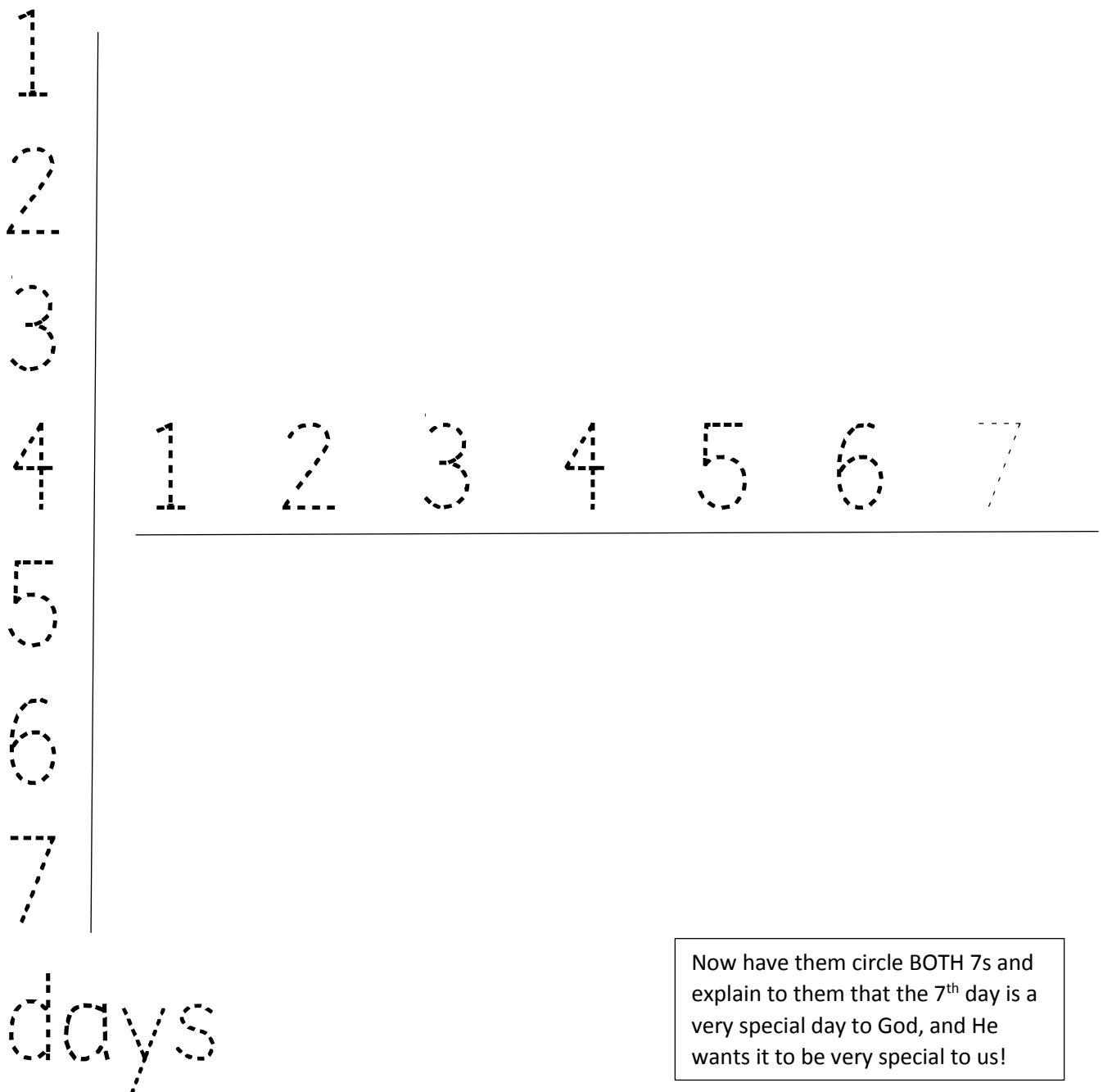
- God created the world PERFECTLY.
- And He created Angels to rule over the earth.
- But Lucifer, the highest angel, REBELLED against God, and so the perfect earth was brought to a RUIN.
- Then God took 6 days to RESTORE the earth.
- On the 7th Day God RESTED from His work.
- It is in this way that God told the end from the beginning.

Have the children trace these numbers, explaining that the vertical ones represent the 6 days at the beginning, and the horizontal ones represent the days reaching to the end. (They may not understand it all at this point, but it still is good to lay down this foundation in their minds, and they will eventually get it!)

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(The children can now color the pictures on the pages of this lesson.)

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Week 2 Scriptures:

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is *God Breathed*, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Isaiah 46:9, “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.’”

The Older children will be listening to or reading Genesis 1:1-2:3. That might be too long for the younger children, so you may want to just get your Bible and read portions of it to them.

2Pe 3:8 ¶ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Another example you parents could consider doing with your children is a jigsaw puzzle: without the picture, it is difficult to put it all together correctly. You would end up putting little bits together but have no idea how they fit into the overall context of the puzzle. Whereas looking at the picture first is like the opening scripture: Isaiah 46:9, “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.’”

You could consider giving the children puzzles or Legos but without them knowing what they should look like. Then after a period of time has elapsed they could be given the picture or the Instruction manuals.

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Week 3 Various Ways, Various Times, Time Past

Preparation before class: Make sure you know the hand motions for the Memory Verse. Review that with Becky or Shelby if necessary.)

Bring your bible and have places marked where you will be reading to the children. A little “story time” You will be reading Ex. 3:1-8 and Numbers 22:21-33.

Have TWO pieces of paper ready for class – one with large printing that says “MOSES” and the other with large printing that says “MATTHEW”.

Have crayons ready for children to color the pages when directed to do so.

Begin with the memory verse with the hand motions. Have the children stand and do this:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

Review: Remind the Children of what they have learned so far about God’s Word:

- God speaks to each of us through His Word
- Scripture is divided into TWO parts: Old Testament and New Testament
- God told the end from the beginning
- God lays out a pattern at the beginning, and repeated that pattern – 6 days of Work, followed by a 7th day of Rest.

This week we are going to learn more about how God gave His Word.

(To the teacher: This week’s lesson focus is the phrase -- various times and in various ways in time past. It may be a bit difficult for younger children to understand these concepts, but we’ll try to make it fun and memorable. Their little brains are picking up more than we ever realize.)

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Now ask the children: Do you remember a couple of weeks ago you learned that the Bible is like a library...it has lots of different books in it?

Have them turn back in their books to Week 1 (pages 7 & 8) and look at the picture of the different books on a shelf. Remind them that **there are lots of different books in the both the Old Testament and the New Testament...** but it was God Who told all the different authors what to say in each book. So all these books make up the Bible and each book tells us more and more and more about what God said.

Ask: Can someone tell me what book the OT begins with? (Genesis)

And does anyone know who wrote the Book of Genesis? (Moses...But it was God Who told Moses what to say.) In fact Moses wrote the first 5 books of the Bible.

Then ask: Can someone tell me what book the NT begins with? (Matthew)

Ask: Who do you think wrote the Gospel of Matthew?
(Matthew, but God told Matthew what to say)

Now say: OK so let's remember this...Moses lived a really, **REALLY long time ago.** (Ask one child to pretend He is MOSES. Give him/her a sign to hold in front of him that reads MOSES on it.)

Then say: And Matthew (one of Jesus's disciples) also lived a long time ago, only not as long ago as Moses did. (Ask another child to pretend to be MATTHEW, and give him a sign that says MATTHEW.)

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Make the two children stand about 6 feet apart from one another. Then you walk between the two children while explaining to the class that there was a LOT of time between when Moses lived and when Matthew lived. **But still God wanted each man to write down certain things in a book.** So it is in this way that God spoke to us at **VARIOUS TIMES**. God did this type of thing over and over again.

Now gather the children back around the table as if for story time.

Say: But not only did God speak at **VARIOUS TIMES**, He also spoke in **VARIOUS WAYS!** Let's try to think of the different ways that God spoke in time past. Can anyone think of different ways He spoke? (Listen for answers and briefly discuss their answers.)

Sometimes, when God spoke to a person, He simply **SPOKE**, just like I am speaking to you right now. He just let them hear His voice, and He told them what He wanted them to write down.

Sometimes He would speak to them in a dream, and when they woke up He helped them remember just what He said, so that they could write it down correctly.

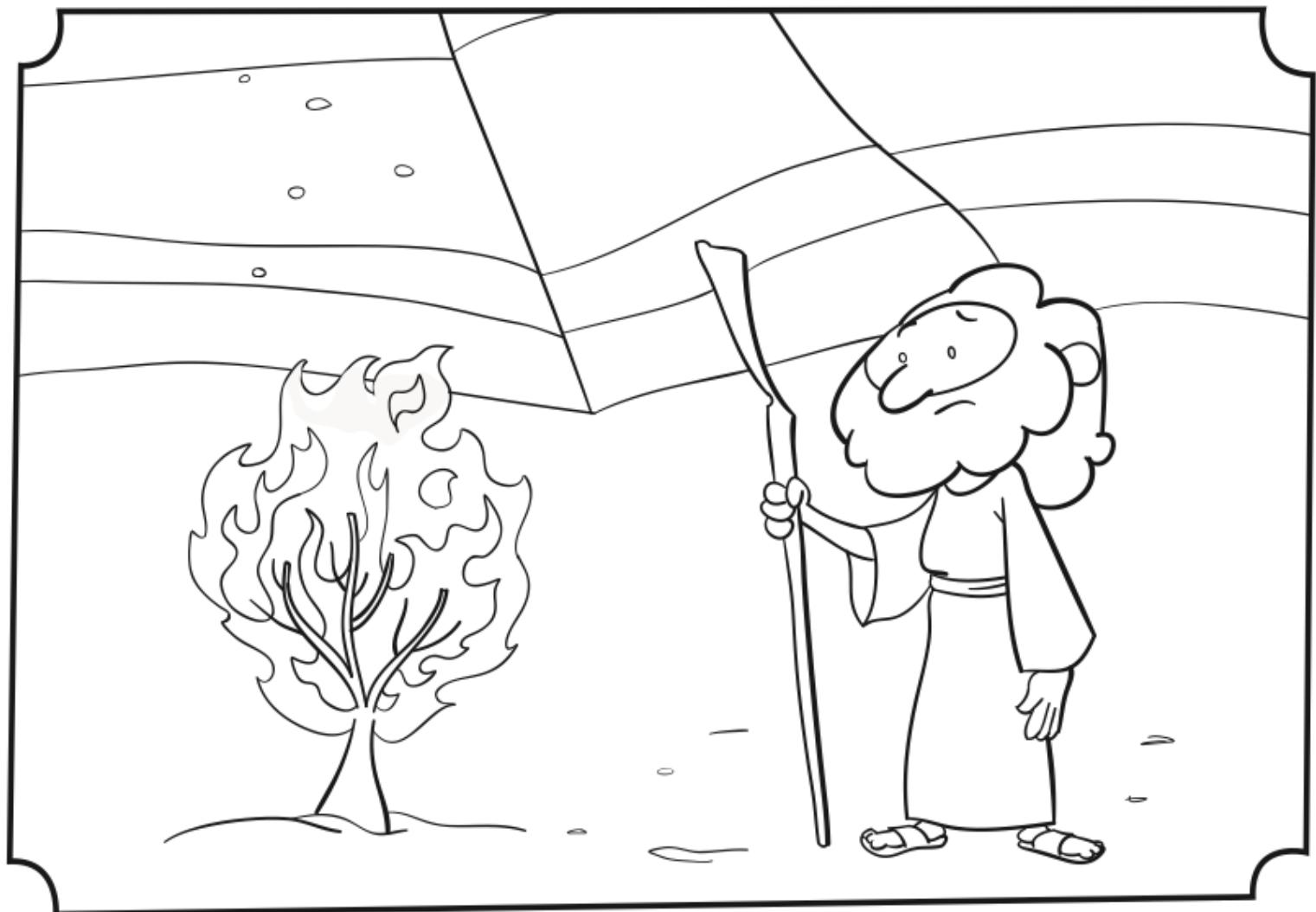
But **THERE WERE SOME TIMES WHEN GOD DID SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT**. Does anyone remember that God once spoke through Moses through a **BURNING BUSH**? Can you tell me about it?

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(Read Exodus 3:1-8 from your Bible.) Then while they are coloring the picture, discuss this story with the class. Explain that while there was a fire in the Bush, the bush did not burn. The fire did not hurt the bush.



In the desert, God spoke to Moses as a burning bush and told him to return to Egypt and free the Israelites from slavery. He went to Egypt and God sent 10 plagues on the Egyptians and Pharaoh finally let them go. - **Exodus 3**

That was ONE way in which God spoke.

Can anyone think of another way?

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Have you ever heard the story about how God spoke to a prophet through the mouth of a DONKEY?? (Read Numbers 22:21 -33)



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While they are coloring this picture, discuss the events with them. Let them tell you their thoughts.

So today we have learned that God has spoken to us in various TIMES and in various WAYS in time past.

Let's close by reciting our memory verse once more. Stand up and do the hand motions with me.

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

Week 3 Scriptures:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,

**Genesis 3:9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"
10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat? "**

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Week 4 Various Ways to the Fathers...by the Prophets

Preparation before class: Make sure you know the hand motions for the Memory Verse. (Review that with Becky or Shelby if necessary.)

Bring your bible and have places marked where you will be reading to the children for a little “story time”

Use half sheets of paper and write out these words – one word on each card. Use LARGE lettering: **Adam, Christ, Abraham, God the Father, Sarah, Israel, Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ** (draw a cross through Jesus’ name on this card)

Start by reciting the passage out of Hebrews. Have the children stand and do the hand motions:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

Review

Last week we looked at the “various times” and the “various ways” in which God spoke to us. Does anyone remember HOW God did that?

Answer: Sometimes God spoke to a person just like I am speaking to you right now. He just let them hear His voice, and then would tell them what He wanted them to write down. Sometimes He would speak to a person in a dream, and when they woke up He helped them to remember the dream, so they could write it down correctly.

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Week 4

We also saw a very strange way that God spoke with Moses – it was through a burning bush; and He spoke to Balaam through a donkey! (How could He do that??? Well...He is God; He can do whatever He wishes.)

Today we are going to learn what it means that **God spoke to the Fathers by the Prophets.**

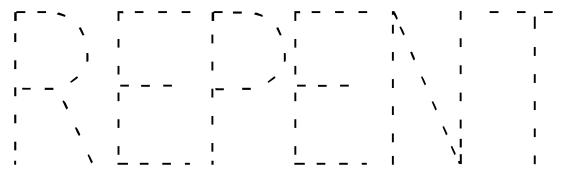
Ask: Do you know who “the Fathers” were in the Bible?

“The fathers” are the people in the Old Testament. Some of the names of the Fathers would be: Adam, and Noah, and Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob..just to name some.

Ask: Do you know who the Prophets were?

The prophets were Jewish men who were called by God to go to God’s people with the message that God wanted His people to hear.

Generally the message was for them to REPENT. That mean that they were to change their minds about disobeying God! They had continued to disobey God for a very long time, and God warned them that if they did not REPENT (change their disobedience into obedience) then trouble would come to them.



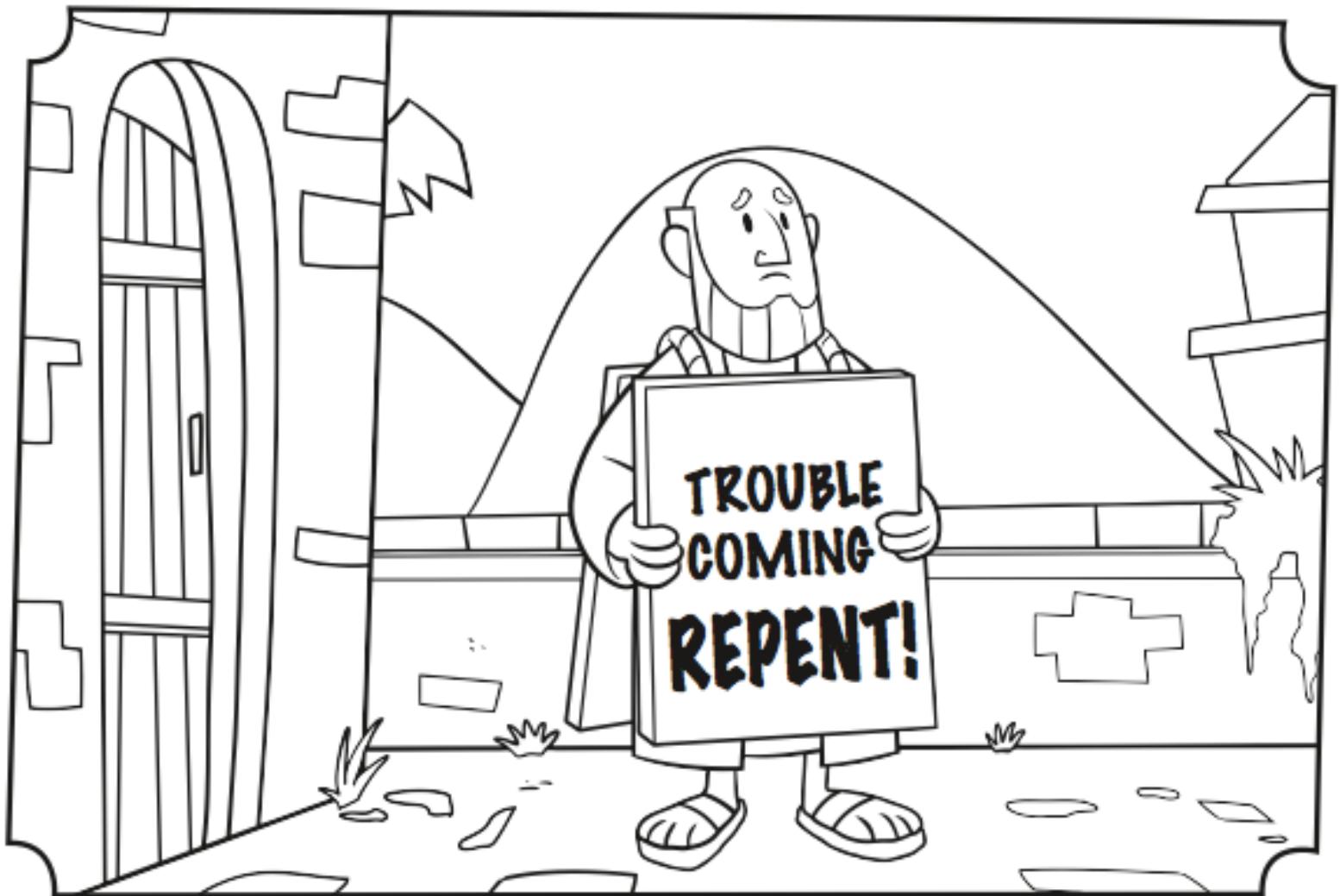
Have them trace the word, and then discuss with meaning of REPENTANCE.

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The Prophet Jeremiah was one of the Prophets that God sent to the Jews with the message “REPENT.”

(Do you see the word “repent” in the picture? Circle the word.)



The prophet Jeremiah tried to warn the people of Judah for 40 years that trouble was coming, but they chose to listen to false prophets instead.

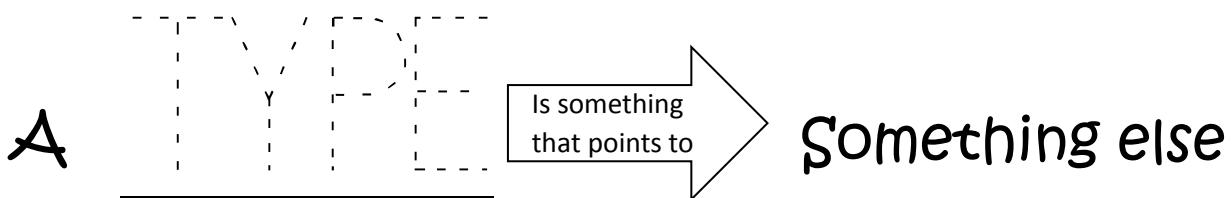
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Our memory verse says that God spoke at various times and in various ways to the fathers by the prophets. One of the ways God spoke was through the use of TYPES. Does anyone remember what we have learned before about TYPES? What is a TYPE?

(See if anyone knows the answer before moving on.)



Discuss the idea that a type is a person, or thing that gives us a picture of something else. Spend a little time on this.

Then using the half sheets of paper you made, and matching them side by side, explain that:

- **Adam** points to Jesus Christ; so Adam is a TYPE or picture of **Christ**.
- **Abraham** points to God the Father. So Abraham is a type or a picture of **God the Father**.
- **Sarah** points to Israel, so Sarah is a type or picture of **Israel**.
- **Passover Lamb** is a type of Jesus dying on the cross, so the Passover Lamb is a type or picture of **Jesus** dying on the cross.

Shuffle the sheets up and repeat the above so that the children are somewhat able to recognize and “read” the names on the cards.

Then shuffle the sheets up again and help them play the matching game. Match up the pairs. You might want to do this a couple of times.

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Week 4

Close the class by explaining that types is one of the various ways that God spoke to the Fathers by the Prophets.

Let them color the page 27.

Great Job!

Week 4 Scriptures:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,

Exodus 33:11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

Deuteronomy 34:10 But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

2 Peter 1:20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 28:10, “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”

John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority , but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

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Week 5 The Prophets – Part One

Preparation before class: Make sure you know the hand motions for the Memory Verse. (Get that from Becky or Shelby)

You may also want to review the TYPE song the children learned in VBS this summer.

OPTIONAL: you may want to bring in a pitcher for water, and bowl or basin and a towel. See end of lesson.

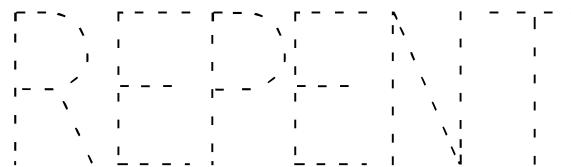
Crayons to pass out at the end of the lesson.

Review the memory verse and use the hand motions: **Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...**

Last week we talked about God speaking to the Fathers through the prophets. Do you remember who “the fathers” are? (They are the people in the OT like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but would also include Adam and Noah, etc.)

And who is a prophet? (A Jewish man called by God to take God’s message to His people.)

Do you remember what the message was that the Prophets were to take to God’s people? (“Repent”, which means to change from being disobedient to being obedient.)



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The Prophets – Part One

Week 5

Last week, we also talked about the TYPES. Does anyone remember what a TYPE does? (A type points to something else.)

To the teacher: You could have the children sing the song on types.

This week and next we are going to learn about THE PROPHETS. Prophets were specific men who were chosen by God to take a message to God's people. Remember...

God spoke to the fathers by the PROPHETS!

A prophet had to be Jewish. That means that they had to be a descendant of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob. (The children may not fully understand what these words mean. That's ok. It is still good for them to HEAR these words. But you could discuss what it means to be Jewish.)

The Bible says that it was to the JEWS that the oracles of God were given. That means that all the men whom God used to write down His words were JEWISH MEN.

Romans 3:2 ...to them [the Jews], were committed the

oracles of God.

"Oracles of God" simply means "the WORDS of God".

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So, in order to be a Prophet, a person had to be a Jew. And...

God was the only One Who chose someone to be a prophet! Nobody could just decide that they wanted to be one. God chose Who He wanted!

We also must understand that God gave the Prophets the words He wanted them to speak or write. The Prophets did not speak their own words; they only spoke what God told them to say.

Do you remember last week we learned what the message was that God gave His holy prophets? Does anyone remember what the message was? “It starts with “RE.....”

It was REPENT ...

...which meant that God’s people were to change their minds about their disobedience to God’s Word. They had been disobeying Him and His Word, and God wanted them to OBEY what He said.

Do you think God wants YOU to obey what He says?

(Let the children answer. And then list on the board some ways that they can choose to obey God. Some suggestions are listed here:)

- Obey your parents
- Be kind to your brothers and sisters.
- Never tell a lie; only ever tell the truth.

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And when you don't do these things – when you disobey your dad or mom, or when you are unkind, or when you lie it is called **SIN!** God does not like sin! But He does give us a way to get out of that sin! You must REPENT! Change your mind about disobeying God and begin again to obey HIM, telling Him that you are sorry for that sin.

Doing this is called CONFESSON.
This is the way God washes away your sin!

JESUS, I'M
SORRY!

He will forgive you. Then He washes away that sin, and makes you all clean again.

To the Teacher: to end the class today, you may want to read this passage and explain it to the children:

John 13:3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. 6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And

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Week 5

Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." 8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

Discuss this with the children, explaining to them that this is a picture of Jesus forgiving us and washing away our sin. And that just like Jesus told Peter, that if he doesn't allow Him to forgive and cleanse his sin, then Peter would not be able to rule in the Kingdom with Jesus. Confession and cleansing is that important.

Then perhaps you would even tell the children that you are going to PRETEND that you are Jesus and that you want to wash their feet. Then either MIME the actions of washing their feet or actually DO it. Then they can color this picture.



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Week 5 Scripture:

John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Hebrews 1:1 "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds."

Romans 3:2 says, "...to them, [the Jew] were committed the oracles of God."

2 Peter 1:20 "knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*"

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Week 6

The Prophets – Part Two

Preparation before class: Make sure you know the hand motions for the Memory Verse. (Get that from Becky or Shelby)

Also be ready to lead the song on the Two Main Focuses of Scripture.

Have crayons ready to color pictures at the end of class.

Optional craft on page 45. If you plan to do this in class, have glue stick and scissors ready.

Review the memory verse and use the hand motions: **Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...**

Last week we learned that God spoke to the fathers by the Prophets. We learned that a Prophet was a Jewish man who was chosen and called by God to take God's message to His people.

Can anyone tell me what the message of the Prophets was? (Repent.)

And what does it mean to REPENT? (To change your mind about disobeying God, and decide to Obey Him.)

And what if you DISOBEY God? What is that called? (Sin.)

And when you sin, what are you supposed to do? (Confess it to Jesus.)

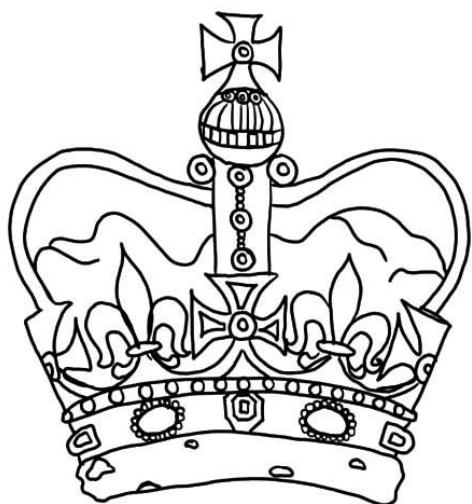
And when you confess your sin, what does Jesus do? (Forgives you and cleanses you from that sin.)

So today we want to learn more about the Prophets. Listen to what God says in His Word:

Amos 3:7 “For the Lord does nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets.”

Do you know that God has told His holy Prophets all that He is going to do in the world? That what He says, isn't it?

CROWN



7th Day

Can anyone tell me what the TWO MAIN FOCUSES of Scripture are? (Jesus Christ, and His coming Kingdom.) Stand and sing the song.

Jesus

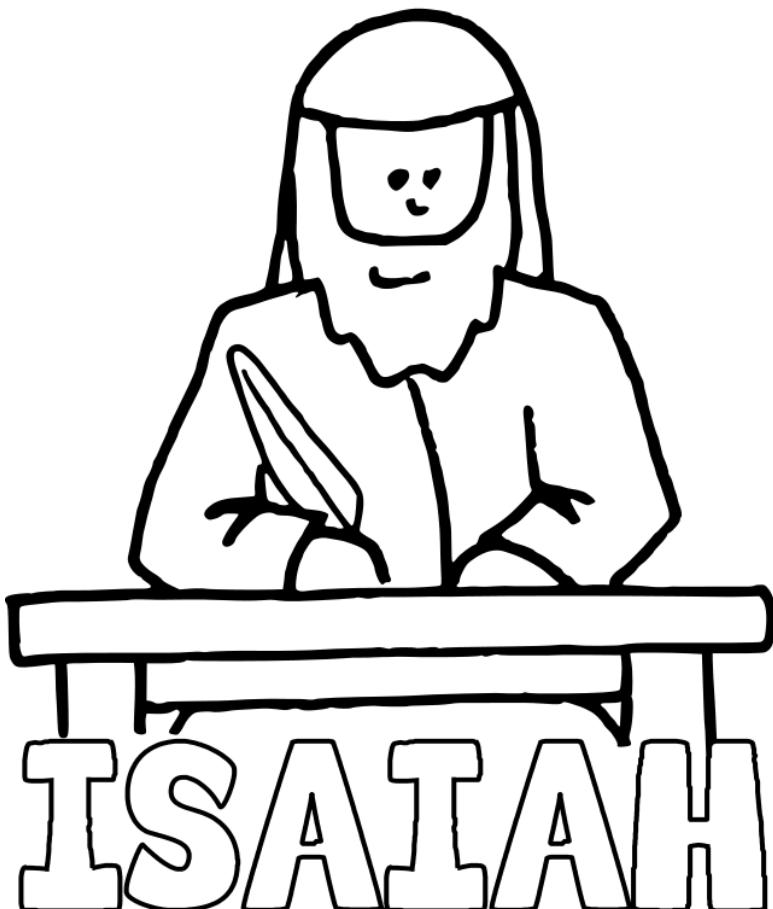
Christ

Here is another passage:

**Revelation 19:10 "... For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy...
... 13 ... and His name is called the Word of God."**

The phrase: "...testimony of Jesus..." means all that is said about Jesus in the Bible forms PROPHECY.

Prophecy is what God has told about the future.



For example, the Prophet Isaiah told the Jews that God was going to send God the Son to be born as a baby 700 years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

700 Years before!

(Discuss how long a period that was!)

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever.

A CHILD is born

A SON is given

That's the first FOCUS of Scripture – Jesus Christ.

This passage ALSO talks about the 2nd focus of Scripture – Christ's Kingdom, which will take place on the 7th day.

Jesus will be the

PRINCE of PEACE

in His

KINGDOM.

So one of the things the Prophets told God's people was what His plans for the future are. Some of those plans have already taken place; some of those plans will take place in

the future, focusing on the

7th Day.

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Optional craft to do: As you end today's lesson, there is a 2-sided bookmark to color and make on the next page. Tear that page out of this book, and have the children color it. Then cut the page in half, put the half sheets back to back, matching the shapes of the colored portion together. (You can match the shapes by holding the papers up to the light and moving them around on each other – back to back. Once you have them together correctly, take a glue stick and glue them together. Then cut out the book mark, or if the child is old enough, let them cut it out.

Week 6 Scriptures:

**Revelation 19:10 “...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy... 13
...and His name is called the Word of God.”**

Revelation 19:11, “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He was sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called the Word of God.”

Am 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

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Week 6



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Week 7 The Son – Part One

Preparation before class: Make sure you know the hand motions for the Memory Verse. (Get that from Becky or Shelby)

For a demonstration in class, try to bring a RED LETTER EDITION Bible.

On three pieces of paper have these phrases written very large on each respectively: "Isaiah – The Prophet", "JESUS CHRIST – Born to a virgin" and "JESUS CHRIST – The King".

Have crayons ready for the end of class.

Review the memory verse and use the hand motions: **Hebrews 1:1**
God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

This week and next week we are going to learn more about how
God... spoke to us by His Son.

Last week we read this passage:

**Revelation 19:10 "... For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy..."
... 13 ... and His name is called the Word of God."**

We'll remember the phrase: "testimony of Jesus" means that all that is said about Jesus in the Bible forms PROPHECY.

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Let's see how this works. Will someone volunteer to be Isaiah – The Prophet? (Give that child the proper sign to hold and stand him/her in one corner of the room.)

Then stand behind him and read what God told Isaiah to write: Isaiah 9:6
For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given...

Then ask: So what did Isaiah prophesy? (That a child will be born; a Son will be given. And last week we saw that 700 years later, Mary had a baby named Jesus.

Now have another child volunteer to be Jesus – the Baby, and give him the proper sign. Have him stand a distance away from Isaiah, allowing the space to represent the 700 of years of TIME. (Explain that there were 700 years between Isaiah writing this and Jesus being born as a baby. THAT is prophecy.)

Then go back and stand behind Isaiah again, and tell the class that that is not all that God told us through the Prophet Isaiah. Then continue reading with expression what else he wrote:

And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever.

Ask: So what else did Isaiah prophesy? (That Jesus would be King in His Kingdom.

Now have someone volunteer to be Jesus – The King. Give this child the proper sign and stand him/her some distance away from “the baby”, allowing the space to represent time again. Tell them that there will have been 2,000 years between the

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time Jesus came as a Baby and the time He comes as King. And tell the children we are very near the end of the 2,000 years.

Discuss with the children about how prophecy works. God tells His people the things that are going to happen, and SOME of those things have already happened (like the Baby being born), and some of those things have not yet happened (like Jesus coming as the King).

**This is part of the testimony of Jesus!
And it's given as the spirit of Prophecy.**

(To the teacher: You may feel that these concepts are over the children's heads. But they are still picking up more than we think. So we keep teaching them! Right?)

So now let's think about what it means that –
His name is called...

“The Word of God.”

Ask: What do you think that name means? (It means that the Bible speaks ALL ABOUT JESUS!) Discuss this as needed.

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Let's listen again to our memory verse: God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

How do you think God speaks to us by His Son? (Try to get the children to come up with some answers.) One way that He speaks to us is through His Word – The Bible.

There are some Bibles that print some of what Jesus said when He came to earth the first time in RED LETTERS. (Show them pages of the Gospels that have all the red letters.) Again, these are the things that Jesus said when He came to Earth the first time. But are we to think that THAT IS ALL Jesus has said to us?

NO! (Then flip through ALL the pages of the WHOLE Bible).

Jesus is THE WORD MADE FLESH!

In fact,

HIS NAME IS THE WORD OF GOD!

So this whole Book is God speaking to us through His Son, Jesus.

But the RED LETTERS in this Bible are the things that He has spoken in the last days. We'll learn more about this next week.

Now to color the pages. Pass out the crayons.



Isaiah the Prophet gave us God's Word that His Son would come as a baby, born to a virgin. Jesus became The WORD made FLESH.

AND...

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Jesus is also our Soon Coming King...



Can you draw a crown
on His head?

His Name is called “The Word of God”

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Week 7 Scriptures:

**Revelation 19:10 "...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy... . . . 13
...and His name is called the Word of God."**

Amos 3:7 “For the Lord does nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets.”

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

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Week 8 The Son – Part Two

Preparation before class: Make sure you know the hand motions for the Memory Verse. (Get that from Becky or Shelby)

Draw basic timeline on the board. You will be referring to it in class.

Crayons for the end of class.

Review the memory verse and use the hand motions: **Hebrews 1:1**
God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

Let's talk about something that we have studied before. We'll remember that God created the whole Universe PERFECTLY! And He put angels to rule over the various parts of the Universe. Lucifer was the angel that God created to rule over the earth. But a VERY, VERY long time ago, Lucifer decided he wanted to be God, and he rebelled against God. This rebellion caused the earth to fall into a terrible ruin.

Do you remember what God did? (See if the children answer.) He spent 6 days restoring the ruined earth, and then, at the end of the 6th day, He created man to rule in Satan's place.

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This set up a PATTERN of how God would restore any other ruined creation. He would work 6 days to restore the ruin, and then would rest on the 7th day.

We know that after Adam sinned, the creation of mankind became ruined. Now, God is working 6 days to restore mankind, and will rest on the 7th day (just like He did when Satan rebelled and ruined the earth), only this time, a day will last 1,000 years. (Refer to timeline on the board.)

We are very near the end of 6,000 years. Very close to the beginning of the 7,000 th year. And it was only 2,000 years ago that Jesus came the first time.

To the teacher: Go to the board and remind children when **Adam was created** (pointing to it on the timeline), when **Abraham was called**, when **Jesus came the first time**, and where **we are now**. Refer to the 2,000 years in each section as “**2 days**”. Discuss with the children how it can be said that Jesus – having come the first time – came in “**the last days**” and **SPOKE** to us in these last days. (This is explained in the **TEACHERS GUIDE**, so should be easy to translate into words the children will understand.)

So our text says that God...spoke to us in these last days by His Son. Last week we saw the RED LETTERS in the Bible. Those were the words which Jesus spoke when He came "2 days" ago.

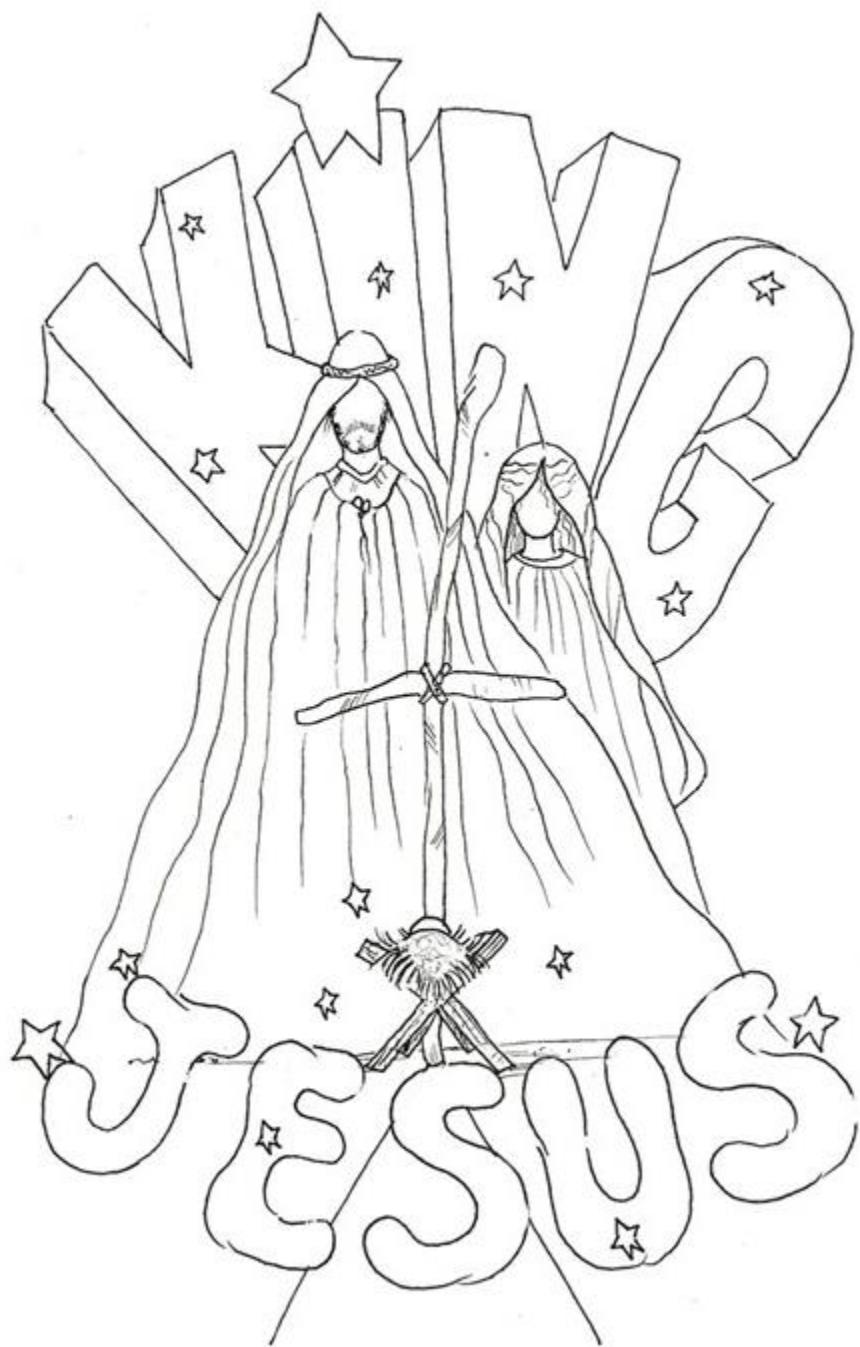
But that is not all He said. Remember – He is the Word made Flesh. So the whole Bible is really God speaking to us by His Son.

He came the first time as a baby. He will come the second time as KING of Kings! (To the teacher: Talk about the picture on the next page while they are coloring it.)

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Talk to the children about the words from the passage:

For the
Word of God
is living and
powerful...

Who is the Word of God?

Jesus Christ

is the Word made flesh.

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And so we have seen:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

And we've also read:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God. John 1:1

(Teach this – Jesus, is the Word, who was with God in the beginning, and who was God, in the beginning!)

And then we read:

He [Jesus] was in the beginning with God. John 1:2

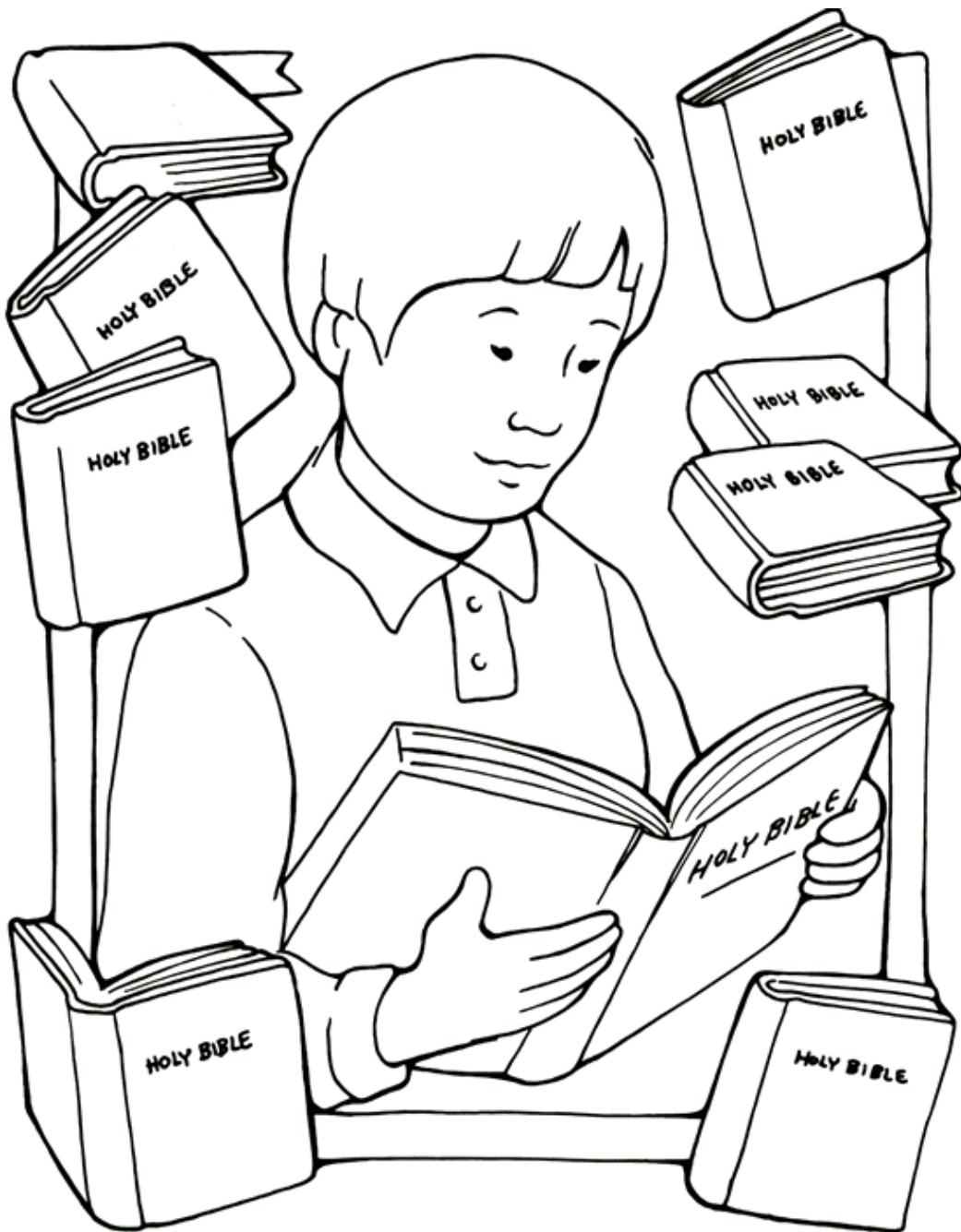
Ask: Has Jesus always existed? (Yes, because He is God.) And yet, He was born to a virgin 2,000 years ago; He came as a baby.

And not only that...but Jesus is also coming back to rule over the earth from the heavens.

Ask each child individually: “(name of child), do you want to rule with Jesus?”

(Talk about what they will have to do in order to be able to rule with Jesus, bringing emphasis to the fact that they will have to learn God's Word. Talk about the picture on the next page, and let them color it. Then have them put their name on the line.)

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Write your name on the line.

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As you close the class today, you may want to ask if anyone would like to volunteer to say the memory verse to the class. Let everyone who wants to say it, give it a try. Tell them that they have done a GREAT JOB!!!

Week 8 Scriptures:

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Luke 24:25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful...

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1: 2 He [Jesus] was in the beginning with God.

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Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law...

Hebrews 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?

Psalm 2:7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today [literally: 'for this Day, the 7th day] I have begotten You.

Hebrews 9:28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

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Week 9 Heir of all Things

Preparation before class: Prior to class, be sure to have read through the TEACHERS GUIDE for Week 9.

Be prepared to DISCUSS with and teach the class several of the points in this lesson.

For a class activity, print out on one sheet of paper the words GOD THE FATHER, and on another sheet JESUS, and then on another ENEMIES. Use in class when directed.

Crayons for the end of class.

We have been studying this passage from the Bible. Let's say it together:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

Who are we talking about here? Who is the SON? (Have children trace the name.)

JESUS Christ

Now we are going to look at what FOLLOWS that passage...

Hebrews 1:2b

...whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds...

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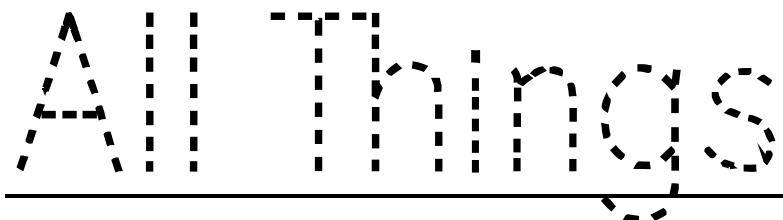
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(To the Teacher: Have the children trace the gray circles and arrows. Now read the Heb. 1:1-2 altogether to your class. Then continue.)

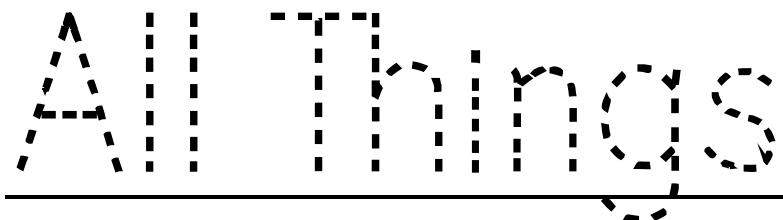
So God the Father appointed Jesus His Son, the HEIR of all things!

Do you know what an HEIR is?

An HEIR is someone who will receive what his father owns. So what does God the Father own?



So then, how much will Jesus own when He receives His inheritance?



We see then that God the Father has made
God the Son HEIR of
all things.

Let's look at another verse from the Bible that tells us a little more about Jesus being the heir of ALL THINGS.

This passage is talking about Jesus!

For by Him ALL THINGS were created
that are

In heaven and that are on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or
principalities or powers.

ALL THINGS were created through
Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:16

(To the teacher: Have the children trace the circles and the lines with an arrow up to JESUS.)

Now let's talk about what this passage means.

For by Him ALL THINGS were created that are in heaven and that are on earth...

Who created all things? (Jesus)

Where did He create these things? (In heaven and on earth. Discuss where these two realms are.)

visible and invisible...

What does the word 'visible' mean?

(These are things we can see with our eyes.)

What does the word ‘invisible’ mean?

(These are things we cannot see with our eyes, but still exist.)

...whether thrones or dominions or
principalities or powers.

What do you think these things are? What are thrones, dominions, principalities, or powers?



Does this picture look like it might be a **visible** throne on the earth, or an **invisible** throne in the heavens? (Discuss.)

So....

ALL THINGS were created through
Jesus and for Jesus.

But even though Jesus created ALL THINGS, He still is waiting to receive these things as His INHERITANCE.

Who is ruling over the earth right now?

(Satan and his fallen angels.)

So where is Jesus and what is He doing right now?

Let's read a verse from the Bible that tells us where Jesus is right now, and a little about what He is doing:

(This is God the Father Speaking to God the Son.)

Psalm 110:1 ...The LORD said to my Lord,
"Sit at My right hand, Till I make
Your enemies Your footstool."

(Do this activity – Tell the children that you want them to ACT THIS OUT. Choose one child to be Jesus, and another to be GOD THE FATHER and another to be the ENEMIES. Give the printed sheets respectively. Sit the THE FATHER and JESUS in chairs, side by side with ‘Jesus’ at ‘The Father’s’ right hand. Have the child who represents the “ENEMIES” be standing off to the side. Then have ‘The Father’ say to ‘Jesus’: **“Sit here until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”** Explain to them that when Jesus comes back to the earth for the ‘final battle’ with Satan and his fallen angels, Jesus *will win*, and then will put Satan and his fallen angels in a place called “the bottomless pit” which is in the center of the earth. Have JESUS move his seat over to where the ENEMIES are, and have the ENEMIES get down on his/her hands and knees in front of where JESUS is sitting, and have JESUS rest his feet on the back of the ENEMIES.

Then tell them that Jesus will sit on the invisible Throne in the 2nd heaven, and (in a way) the earth will be “his footstool.” In that way, His enemies will be a footstool for His feet. Discuss as necessary. Then have them look at the next page. Read it. **They will color the next page at the end of the lesson.)**



**Jesus is the CREATOR
and HEIR OF
All things.**

But not only is Jesus the Creator of all things, He is also the HEIR of all things. At some point in the future, Jesus will INHERIT all the earth, and will rule over the earth from the heavens. And it was for THAT reason that God the Father BEGOT His Son to be born as a baby in order to redeem man, and then take rulership from Satan over the earth. It is then that Jesus will be

King of
kings!

Now let the children color the pages.

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Week 9 Scriptures:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him...

20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Ac 3:20 "... that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 "whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things,

Psalm 2:7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

Psalm 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

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Week 10

Inheritance and Firstborn Sons -- Israel

Preparation before class: Prior to class, be sure to have read through the TEACHERS GUIDE Week 10.

Be prepared to DISCUSS with and teach the class several of the points in this lesson.

Crayons for the end of class.

Last week we learned that not only did Jesus CREATE all things, but God also made Him HEIR of all things. This means that Jesus, the Son of God, will soon receive the earth as His inheritance, and at that time, He will rule over the earth. The heavens will be His Throne and Earth will be His Footstool.

We know that Jesus is the creator of all things, and that He is Heir of all things. Can someone tell me what “an HEIR” is?

An HEIR is someone who is set to receive what his father owns.

Let's read what the Bible says Jesus will receive as His inheritance:

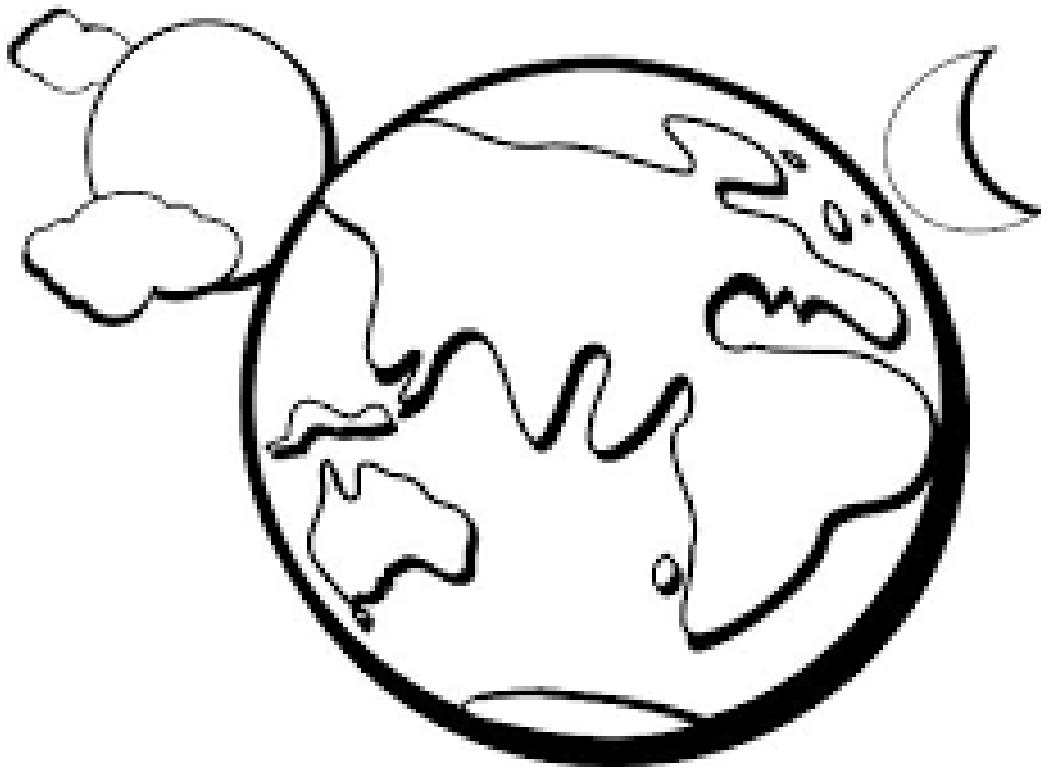
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Psalm 2:8 [the Father is speaking to the Son] Ask of Me,
and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And
the ends of the earth for Your possession.

So what does God the Father tell Jesus to do?

(He tells Jesus to ask Him for His inheritance.)

Here is a picture of what Jesus will inherit.



But Jesus' inheritance means more than just owning the earth (and the heavens that surround the earth).
It means something else, too.

Did you know that when Jesus receives His inheritance,
He will also be ruling over the earth?

So inheritance also means rulership.

This week we are going to talk more about these two things:

- Inheritance
- Firstborn Sons.

In the end, we will see that God will have

THREE
Firstborn sons!



Let's remember that at the beginning of the ages, when God created the heavens and the earth, He created angels to rule over all the different parts of the Universe.

And since God created EACH angel individually, angels are called SONS OF GOD.

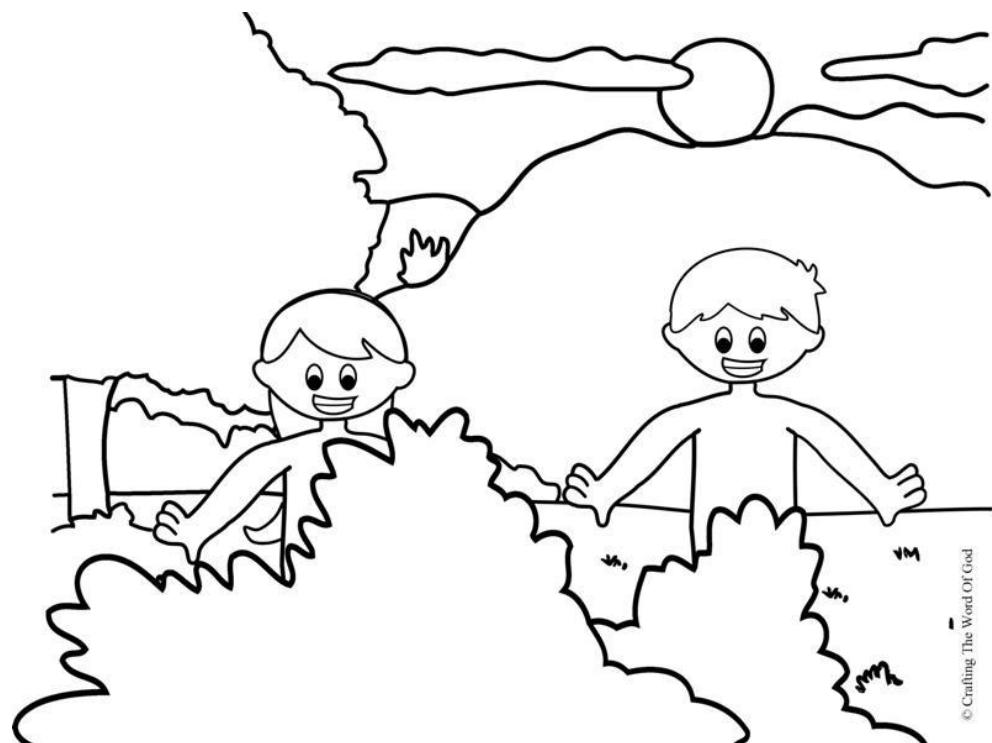
But there were SOME angels who were created as "MORNING STARS". These angels are the head angels over other angels.

Do you know the name of the Morning Star (the head angel) over the earth?

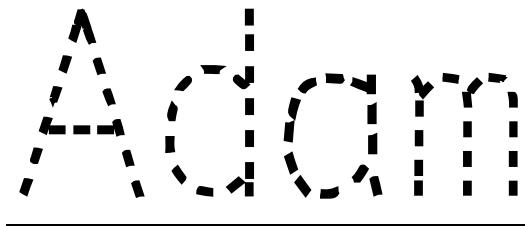
LUCIFER

We'll also remember that Lucifer rebelled against God. He wanted to BE God, ruling over the entire Universe instead of just ruling over the earth! So, because of that rebellion, now he is a "fallen angel" and is called "Satan."

Because
Satan fell,
God
created
Man to
take
Satan's
place
ruling over
the earth.



Do you remember what the man's name was?



Adam was also created by God, wasn't he?

And do you remember WHY God created Adam?
(To rule over the earth.)

Let's look at the passage from Genesis:

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

To have Dominion means to rule.

So man was created by God to rule over the earth in Satan's place. And because man was created by God to rule (just like the angels were created to rule), Adam is also called a "son of God."

So we can see a pattern forming here. "Sons of God" are:

- individually created by God
- for the purpose of rulership.

Only SONS will rule in the kingdom of men!

Then there is another "Son of God." The Bible says:

**But now, thus says the LORD, who
created you, O Jacob, And He who
formed you, O Israel...**

**"... Whom I have created for My glory;
I have formed him, yes, I have made
him." Isaiah 43:1, 7**

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This is talking about the Nation of Israel – the descendants of Abraham. So the Bible says that God CREATED the Nation of Israel.

Here is another verse about Israel:

Exodus 4:22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh,
 'Thus says the LORD:
 "Israel is My son, My firstborn..."'

So since the Nation of Israel is God's son, even His Firstborn Son, then would you expect them to inherit something, too???

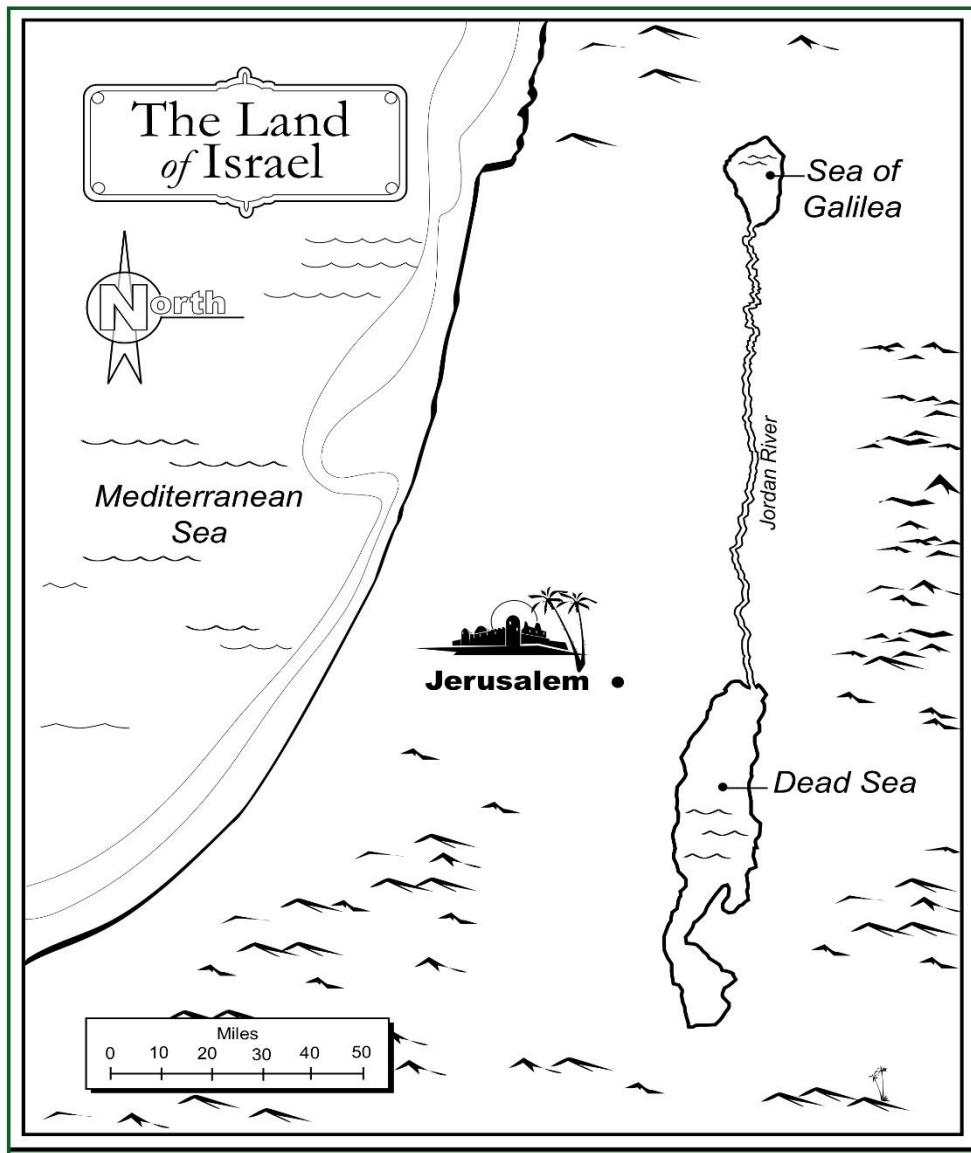
YES! Let's read about it.

Deuteronomy 31:7

Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them [the descendants of Abraham], and you shall cause them to inherit it.

Israel's inheritance will be the PROMISED LAND!

(Discuss this map with the children.)



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You may want to summarize the lesson, and then you can let the children color the pictures in this lesson.

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Week 10 Scriptures:

Isaiah 14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Luke 3:38 the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Genesis 5:3 And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

Isaiah 43:1 But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine... 7 Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

Exodus 4:22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn.

Deuteronomy 31:7 Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers [Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and Jacob's 12 sons] to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it.

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Joshua 18:10 Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions.

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Week 11

Inheritance and Firstborn Sons – The Church

Preparation before class: Be sure to have read through the TEACHERS GUIDE for Week 11 before class.

Be prepared to DISCUSS with and teach the class several of the points in this lesson.

Crayons for the end of class.

Recently we have learned that Jesus is the Son of God AND God the Son. We have also seen that He is the Heir of ALL THINGS.

“All things” are the places of rulership both on the earth and in the heavens. Jesus has not yet received His inheritance, and is presently sitting at the right hand of the Father...waiting.

We have also learned that because angels were individually created by God for the purpose of ruling, they are also seen as “sons of God.”

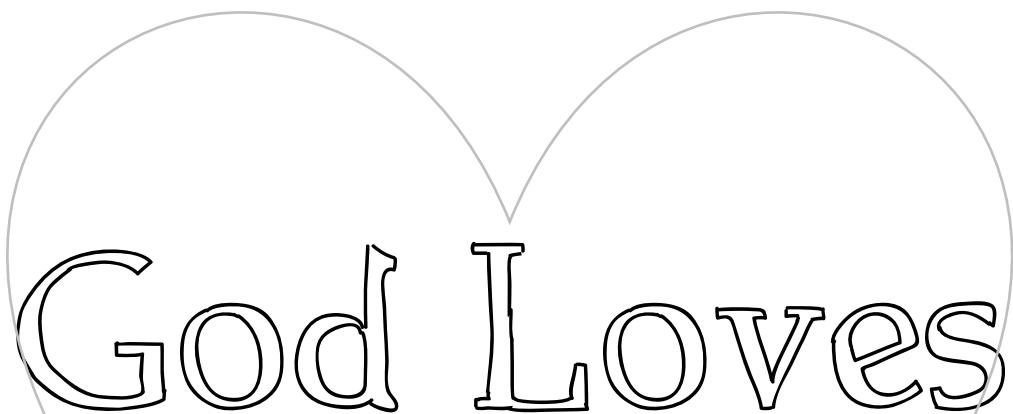
Last week we saw that the Nation of Israel is also called a ‘son of God.’ In Isaiah 43, God said He *created the nation*, and then adopted them (which means He placed them as a ‘firstborn son’). Israel has an inheritance waiting for them, as well. Their inheritance is the Promised Land. And one

day they will rule over the whole earth. But they are waiting, too!

Now we want to learn about one more ‘firstborn son’. But first we must understand something... When you were born, you became a member of your family. Right?

Well, when you believe in Jesus you become a member of God’s family – you become His Child.
And that is **VERY SPECIAL!**

God loves YOU so much!



(Write your name here and trace the heart with a red crayon.)

Because of Adam's SIN, when you and I were born we were born separated from God. But we know that Jesus DIED on the cross so that we would no longer be separated. And when a person BELIEVES IN JESUS, then God takes that separation away, and we become His Child.

Then that person can say...



THEN...

A CHILD OF GOD is offered something else! –
Something WONDERFUL!

Let's read about it:

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God...

That's God the Holy Spirit working in the Child of God.

WHAT DOES THAT SAY??? If we are a child of God, then we are an HEIR, too??? YES!

But there is more! The verse goes on to say:

and joint heirs with Christ,
if indeed we suffer with Him...

So...let's get this straight! We can be a JOINT HEIR with Christ – that means whatever inheritance Jesus receives, we could receive it too – BUT...there is a condition!

IF WE SUFFER WITH HIM.

What does it mean to suffer with Him? In the most simple of terms, suffering with Jesus means that we will do what He says! It means that we will obey God, even when it is hard to do that! Can you think of examples of what it would look like to obey God?

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(To the teacher: Lead a discussion with the children about what obedience looks like at this point in their lives. Let them come up with ideas of what obedience will look like, adding your suggestions as well. You may even want to add the idea that STUDYING THE BIBLE is hard, but we must do it. Then be sure to encourage them with the *importance* of obedience.)



So sometimes obeying
God is hard...and
that's what it means
to "suffer" with
Jesus!

But, here is the
wonderful thing!
The reason we would
want to OBEY GOD
is so...

...that we may also be glorified together.

Sharing in Christ's GLORY is being a JOINT HEIR
with Him and that means we will receive HIS
inheritance alongside of Him. And do you remember
what His inheritance is?

It is the whole...

Earth



And the heavens that surround
The earth!

So now, let's read the whole passage altogether:

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

And IF we receive the inheritance as a joint heir with Christ, then what will we be doing in His Kingdom?

We will be RULING with Him!

Do YOU want to rule with Jesus in His Kingdom?



The Children may color the pages in this lesson now.

Week 11 Scriptures:

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Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Colossians 3:23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance for you serve the Lord Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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God Spoke: The Word of God

Week 12 Through Whom Also He Made the Ages

Preparation before class: Be sure to have read through the TEACHERS GUIDE for Week 12 **before** class.

Be prepared to DISCUSS with and teach the class several of the points in this lesson. Especially be prepared to teach through the TIME LINE of THE AGES found in WEEK 12 of the Teachers Guide.
Please have this time line drawn on the board PRIOR to class.

Crayons for the end of class.

Let's review the passage we have been studying for weeks. (Use the hand signs if you can):

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds [lit., Ages]...

Recently we have learned that Jesus, the Son of God, has been appointed HEIR of ALL things by The Father. The things that He has been appointed Heir of include the VISIBLE and INVISIBLE thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. These are things that have to do with rulership.

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We also know that Jesus has not yet received His inheritance, and He is seated at the right hand of His Father (GOD the Father) waiting until His enemies are made a footstool for His feet.

Can you tell me who the enemies of Jesus are? (Fallen Angels)

Fallen Angels

(Referring to the time line on the board, show when Adam was created. Explain that prior to Adam being created, the whole Universe was created, including the earth, along with all the angels to rule over all the various areas of the Universe. Then ask:)

Who was created as the MORNING STAR to rule over the earth?

Lucifer

But what did Lucifer do that was VERY wrong?

(He rebelled against God, and caused some other angels to do the same. These are the fallen angels.)

And now what is Lucifer called?

Satan

All of this happened in an AGE PAST.

(Point to the space on the time line that came before Adam. Fill in the blank for THE AGES PAST.)

But then God restored the ruined earth, and created Man to rule in Satan's place. (Point to Adam on the time line.)

And this began a whole different AGE. This is called THE PRESENT AGE. (Now explain how Satan deceived the Woman and brought about the FALL of the Man and Woman in the Garden in Genesis 3. Discuss this as necessary.)

And because of ADAM'S fall, Jesus – God the Son – had to come to the earth and die on the cross in order to REDEEM man from sin. (Point to the cross, explaining that this is still in the PRESENT AGE. Fill in the blank for THIS AGE.)

To the teacher: You may feel like you are teaching things 'above their heads.' And in part, that may be correct, but they will begin to

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understand things more and more as these things are taught to them.
So keep it up! You are doing a great job!

Now let's look at the AGE TO COME.

(Point to the next space on the time line.)

This Age is called:

- The Age to Come
- The Coming Age
- The 7th Day
- The Kingdom Age or the Millennial Kingdom
- The Day of Rest...
- The Kingdom of Christ.

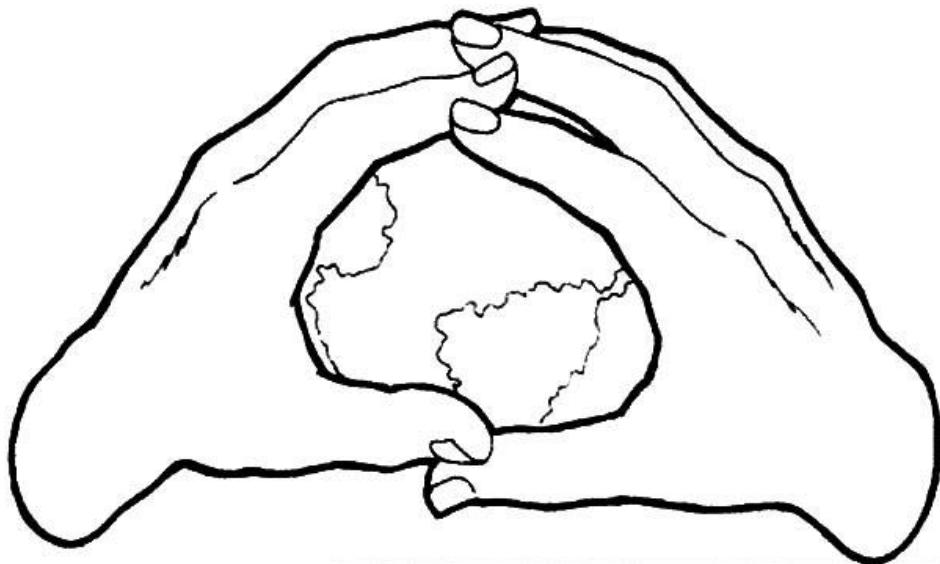
As you can see, we have several names that describe this Age. (Fill in the blank with THE AGE TO COME. Point to this space on the time line and say:)

This is the time when Jesus and His Joint-Heirs will receive their inheritance and will rule from the Heavens over the earth.

Then we have one more space on our time line to talk about! This (pointing to the last space) refers to the endless ages – THE AGES OF THE AGES! It has to do with what we call ETERNITY.

(Fill in that space with THE AGES OF THE AGES.)

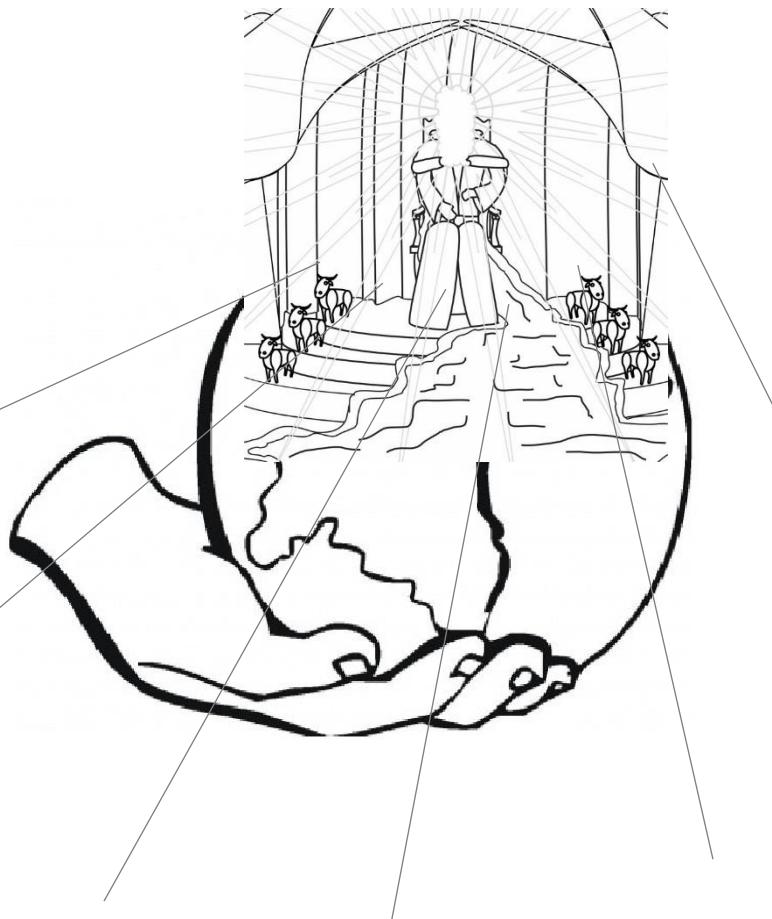
This means after the Coming Age runs its course for 1,000 years, then there is another change.



God will take away this earth (as we know it) and...

make a new earth...

And the Throne of The Father and the Throne of The Son will be joined together, upon the new earth forever and ever. And then, we will be with GOD, ruling over the WHOLE UNIVERSE for all the future ages.



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In the way of review spend a few minutes reviewing the different ages on the time line. Then say:

We live in THE PRESENT AGE, but we really need our focus to be on THE COMING AGE. We should be talking to our parents about it, to each other about it, we should be praying that we will be found WORTHY to rule and reign with Jesus. The Bible calls this age “The Age of the Ages.”

Dear Jesus, I want to be
found worthy to rule with
You when you come into
Your Kingdom. Please help
me be able to do that.



You could pray this prayer every night before you go to bed!

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Week 12 Scriptures:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light...

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God [*the Son*]. **2** He [*Christ*] was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, [Christ] and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 1:14 And the Word [*Christ*] became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 1:2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the ages;

Matthew 12:32 "Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

Ephesians 1:19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His [God's] power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power **20** which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, **21** far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

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Week 1

God Spoke

The

Word

Of God

In order to understand
God's Word correctly,
a proper foundation
must be laid.

Then you build the

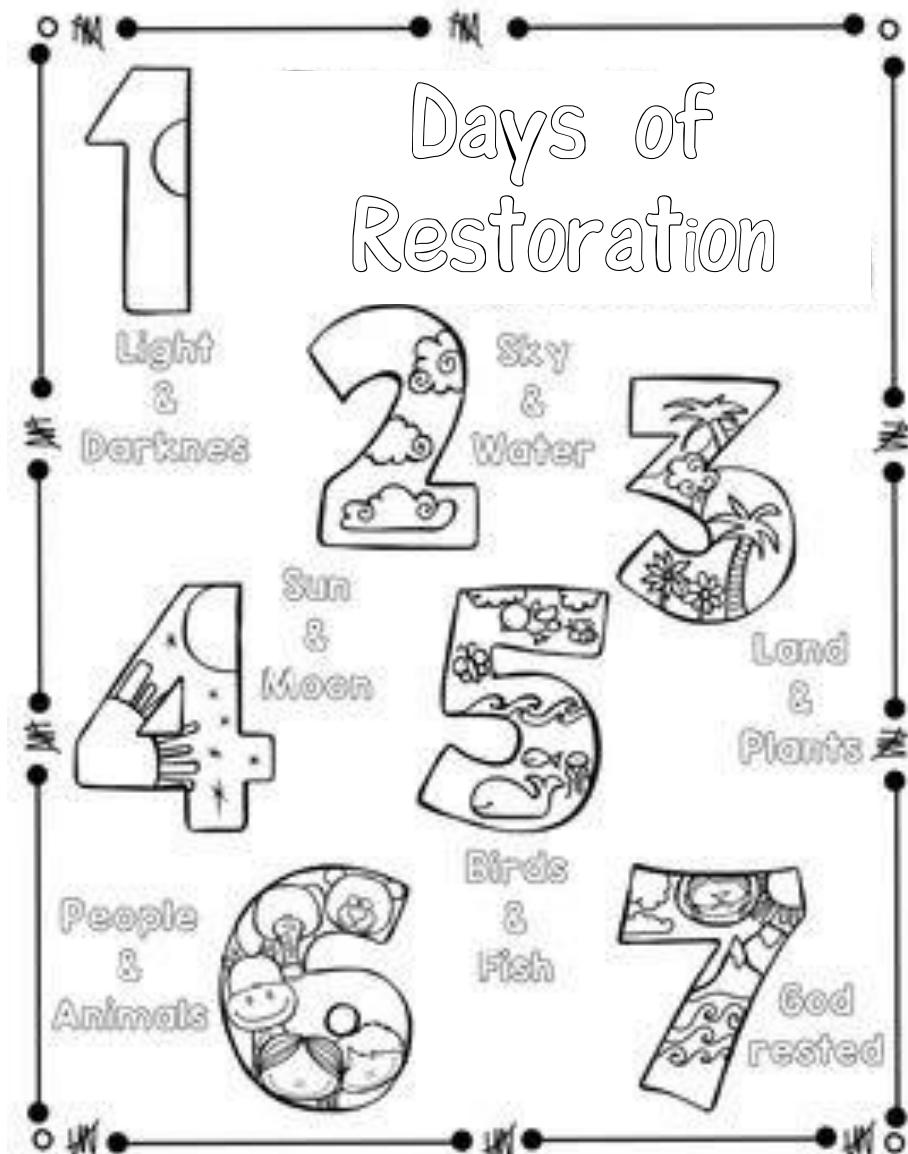
way God
lays



it out. ■

BEGIN IN GENESIS:

A PERFECT CREATION, THEN A RUIN OF
THAT CREATION, THEN A RESTORATION...



3 ... THEN A REST

Precept upon

Precept

Line upon

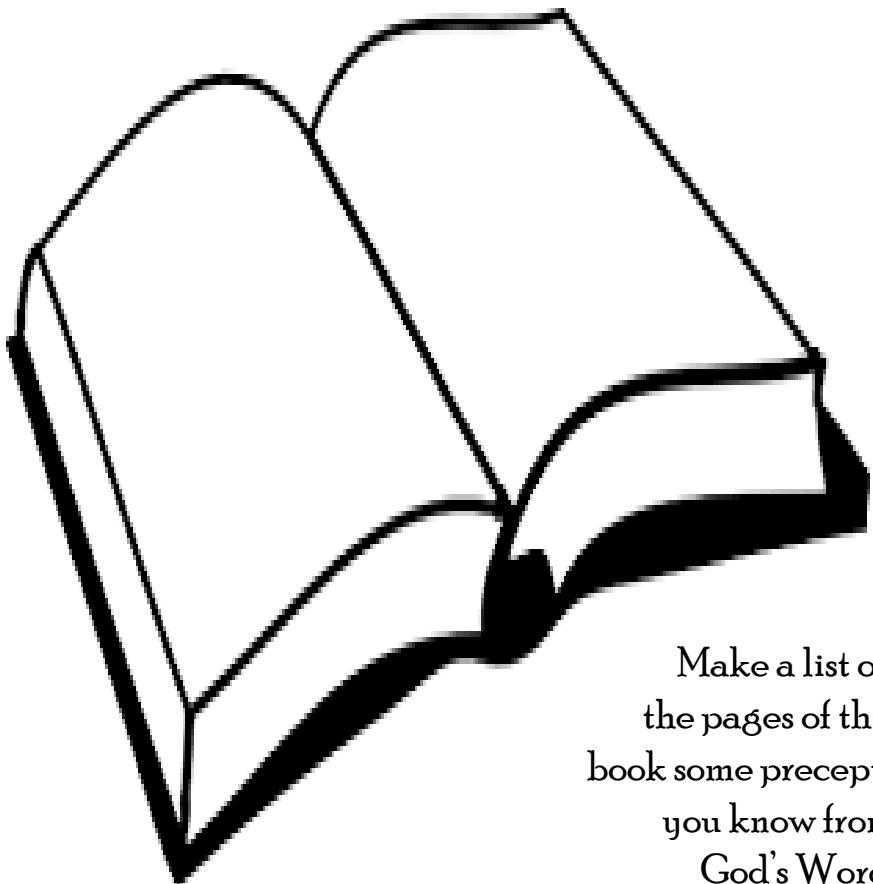
Line

A Little from

Here

A Little from

There.



Make a list on
the pages of this
book some precepts
you know from
God's Word.

A 'precept' is a rule or command by
which we must live our lives.

THY WORD HAVE
I HID IN MINE HEART,
THAT I MIGHT NOT
SIN AGAINST THEE.

PSALM 119:11 (KJV)

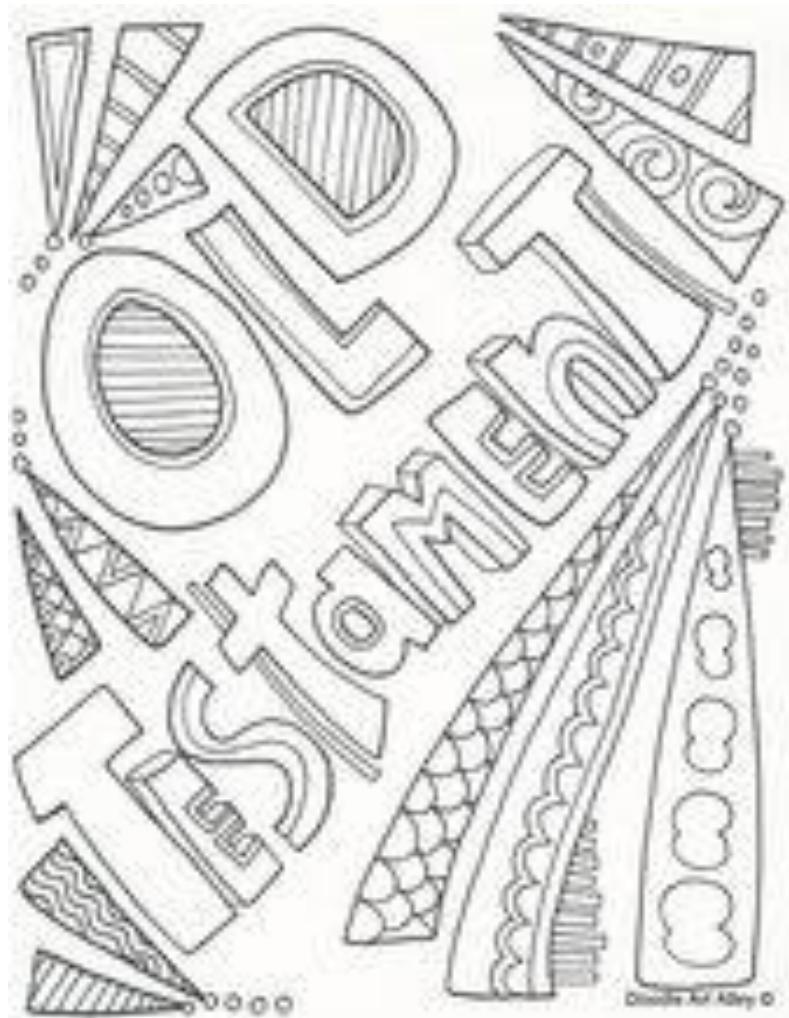


Week 2

Remember the
former things
of old, for I
am God, and
there is none
other...

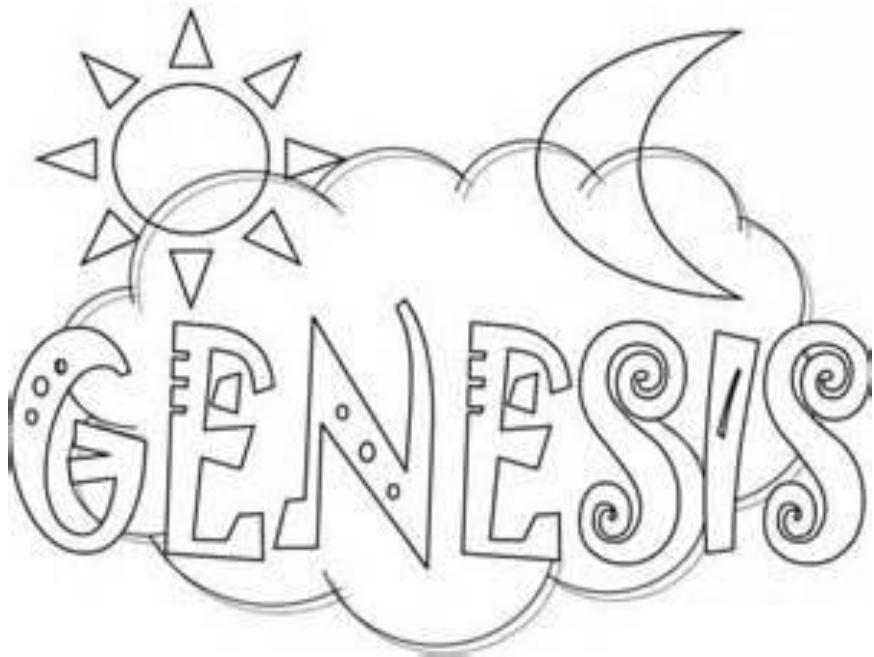
...declaring the
end from the
beginning, and
from ancient
times things
that are not
yet done...

ISAIAH 46:9



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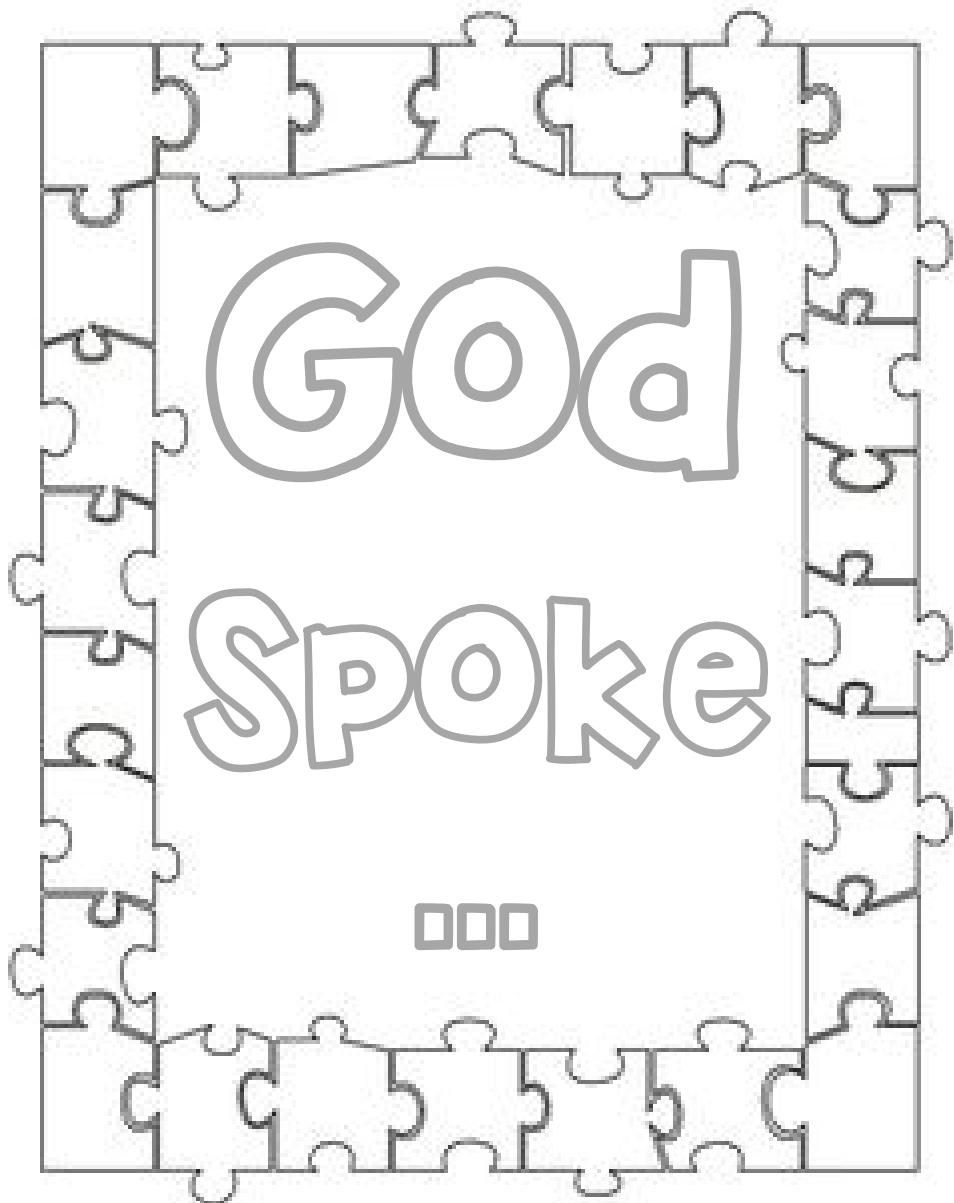


knock and it
shall be
opened unto
you...
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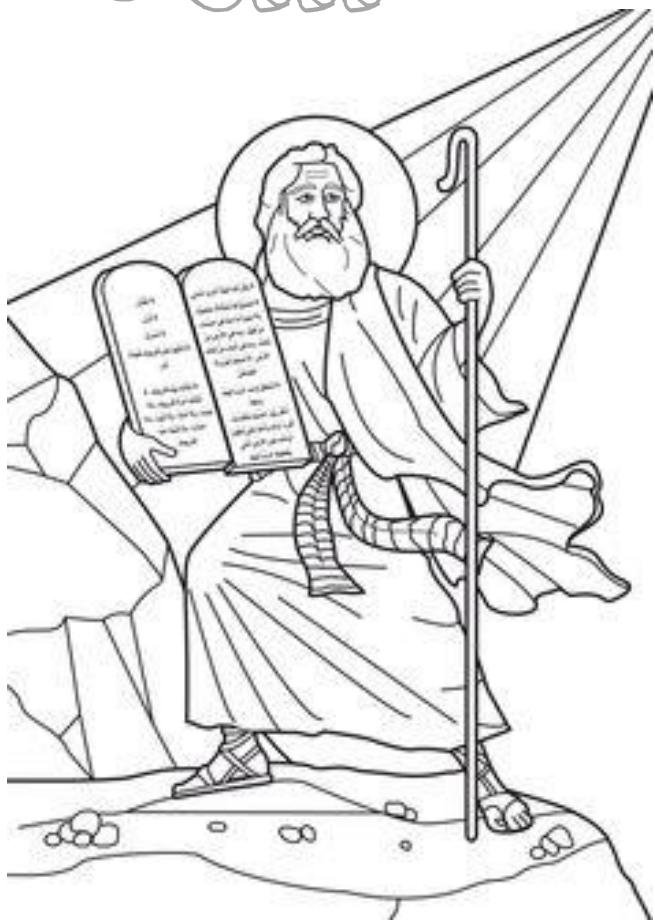
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Week 3



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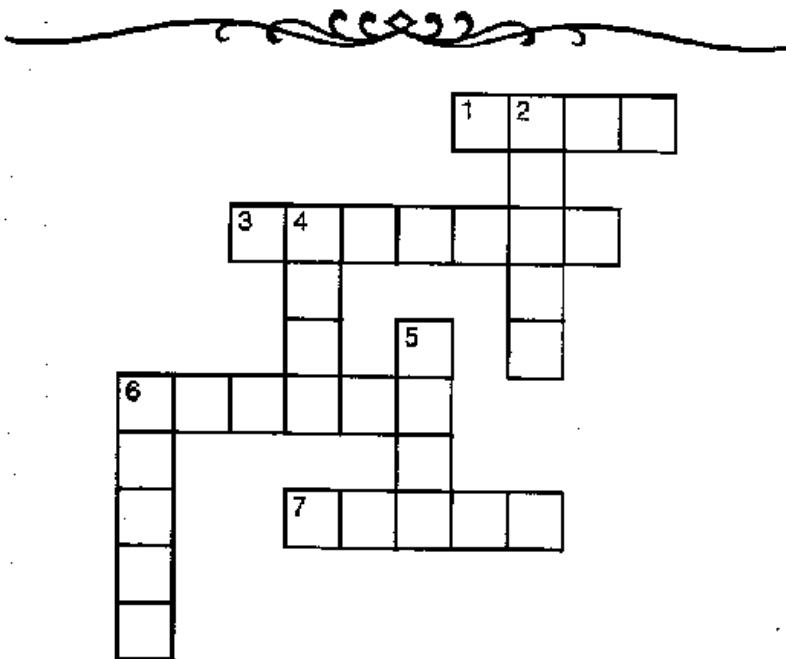


and in
various ways

PUZZLE 13

THE BURNING BUSH

Hint: You'll find help in Exodus 2-7



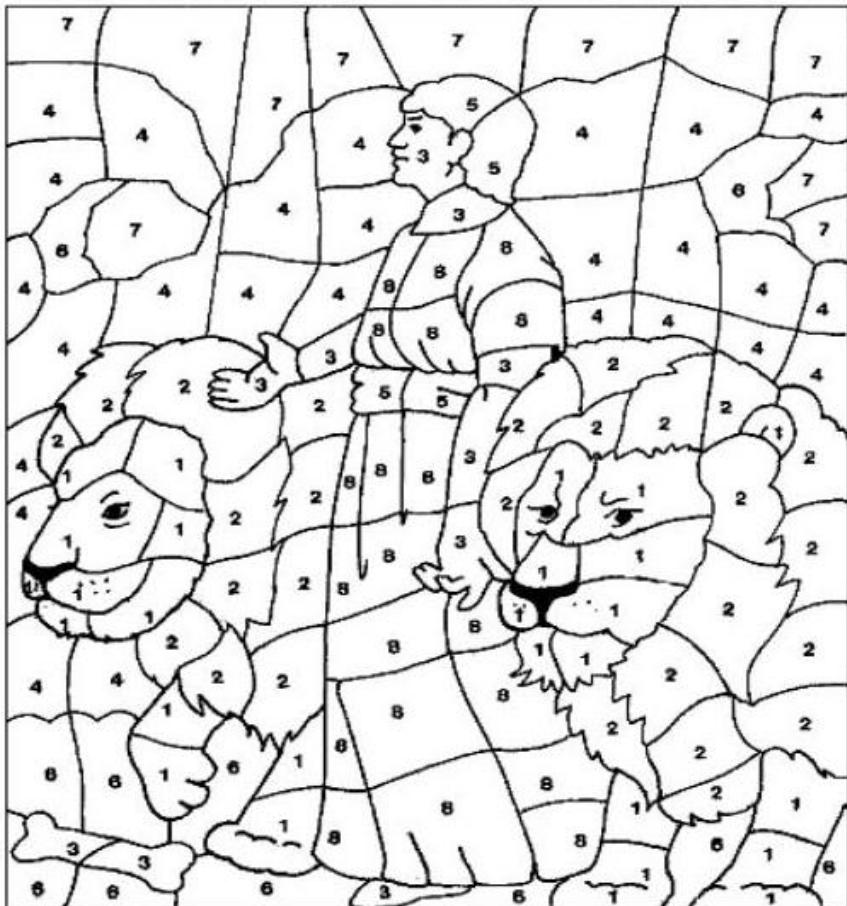
ACROSS

- God told Moses he would bring the people to a land of ___ and honey
- God told Moses he was the God of ___
- The father-in-law of Moses
- Moses' people suffered great hardship in ___

DOWN

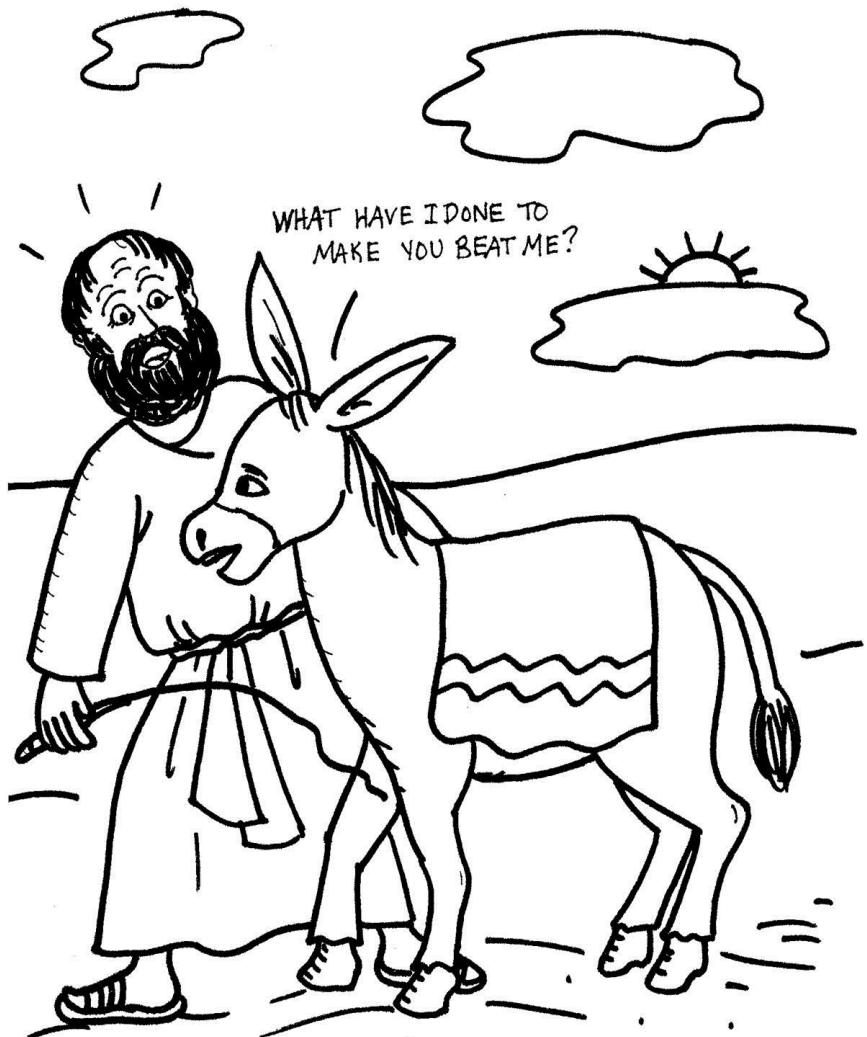
- God told Moses he was the God of ___
- Moses saw a burning ___
- Moses stood on ___ ground
- God told Moses he was the God of ___

God spoke to Daniel in the Lion's Den



1—YELLOW 2—ORANGE 3—TAN 4—BROWN 5—BLACK
6—LIGHT BLUE 7—DARK BLUE 8—GREEN

Color by number



Balaam's Donkey Talks

Numbers 22:21-33

JOB JOEL JONAH JONATHAN
 JOSEPH JOSHUA LOT MOSES
 NIMROD NOAH SAMSON SAMUEL
 SAUL SOLOMON



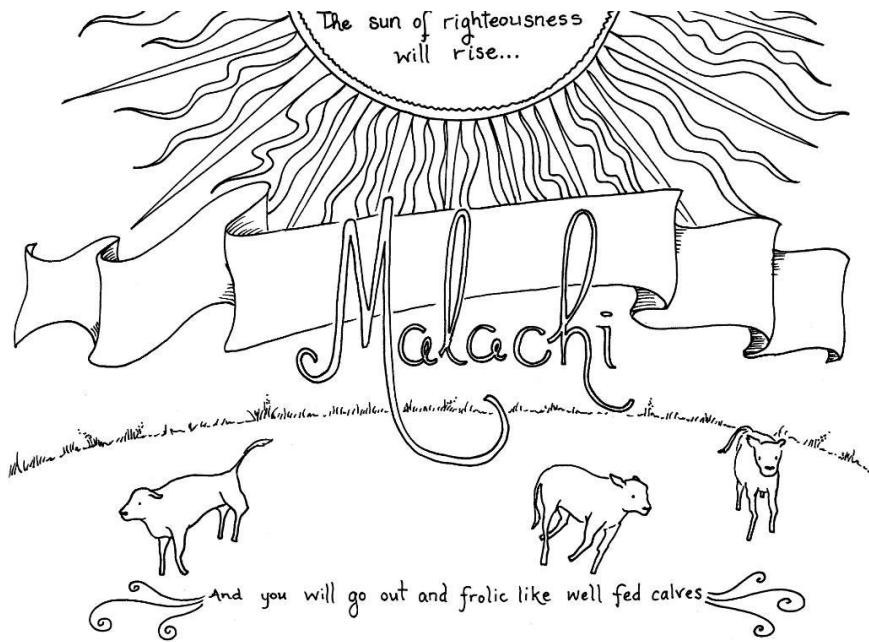
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Week 4



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God spoke to Mary



By an Angel

ONE OF THE WAYS GOD SPOKE IN TIME PAST WAS THROUGH DREAMS. THERE WAS ONCE A YOUNG BOY NAMED SAMUEL. GOD SPOKE TO SAMUEL IN A DREAM.



Samuel was called by God and served in the temple from childhood. He was the last of the Judges.

Samuel Listens and Obeys

—1 Samuel 2, 3, 7

A Voice in the Night

One night after Samuel had gone to bed, he heard a voice calling him. Can you match the sentences below with the one who spoke them? Draw a line from the one who spoke to what he said. You will use the speakers more than once.

"Here I am.
You called me."

"I am about to do
something in Israel."

"Samuel!"

"Samuel, Samuel!"

"Go lie down. If
He calls you, say
'Speak, Lord.'"

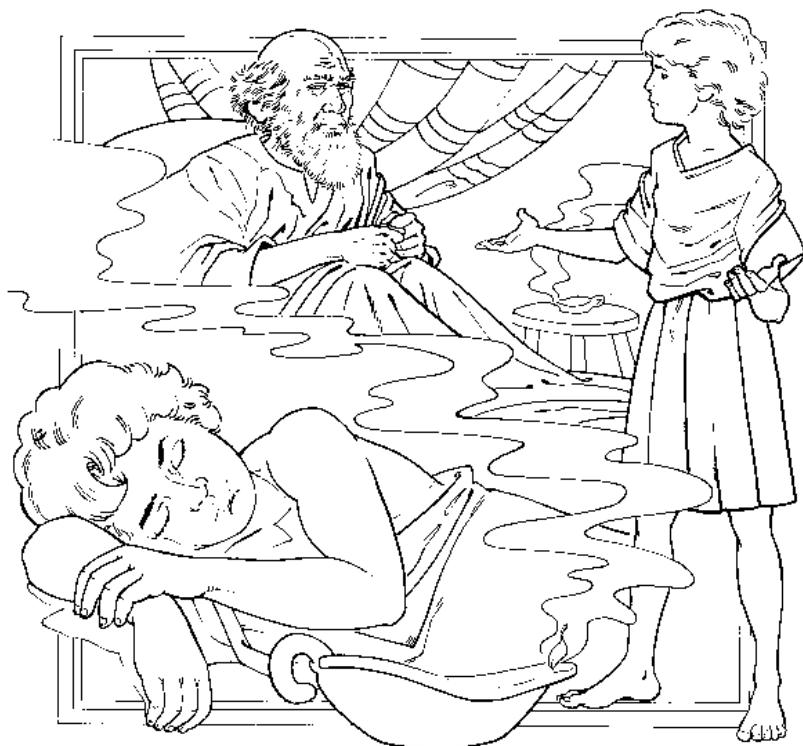
"Speak, Lord.
Your servant is
listening."

"Here I am.
You called me."

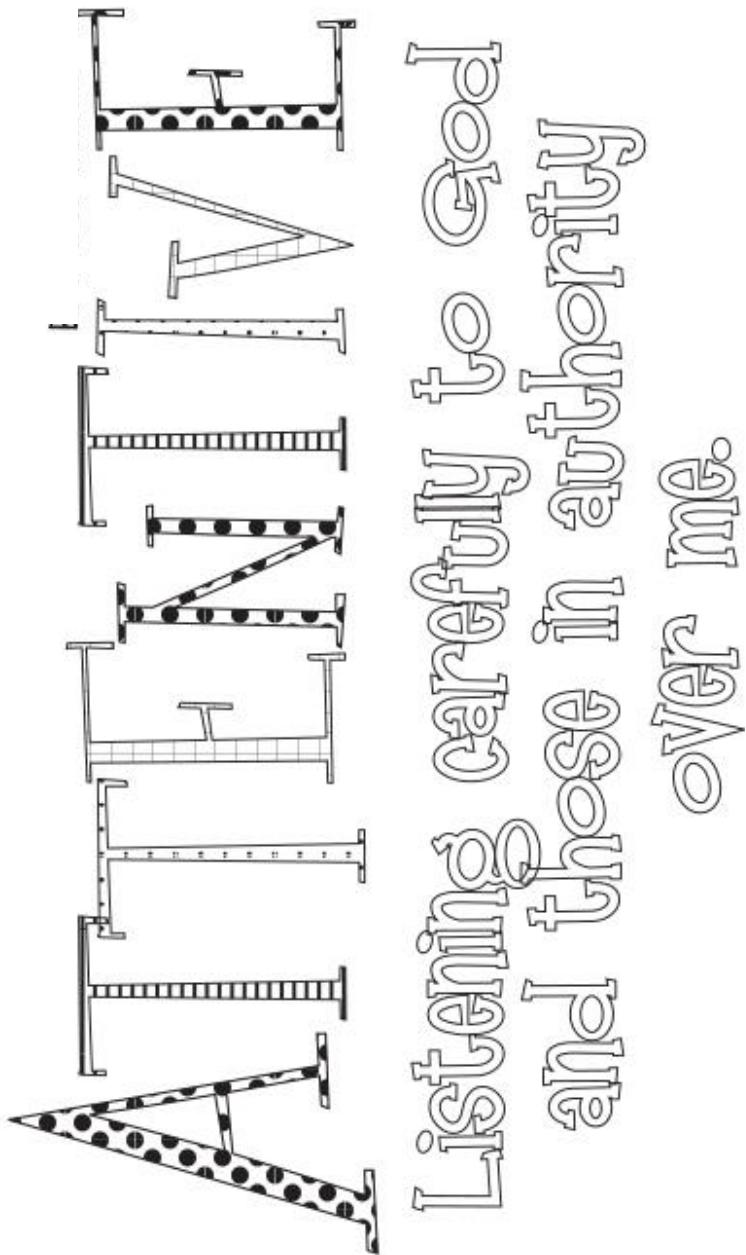
"I did not call. Go
back and lie
down."



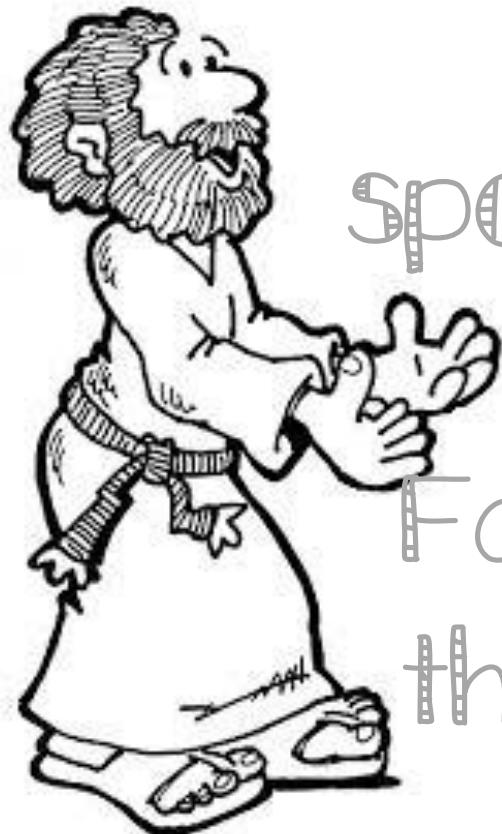
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Samuel
listened, and
obeyed
God's ²⁵ voice.



Week 5



God
spoke to
the
Fathers
through
the
Prophets

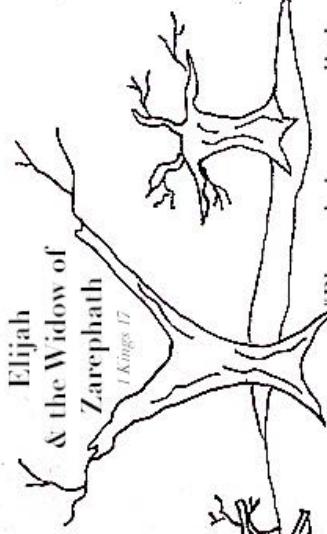


To them
were
committed
the oracles
of
God.

ROMANS 3:2



Elijah
& the Widow of
Zarephath
1 Kings 17



"I have no bread, only a handful of flour in a bowl and a little oil in a jar... I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die."

"Please bring me a little water..."

"...and a morsel of bread..."

Do not fear...
but make me a little bread first...

For thus says the
LORD God of
Israel:

"the bowl of flour
shall not be used up
nor shall the jar of oil
run dry,
until the day
the LORD sends rain
on the earth."

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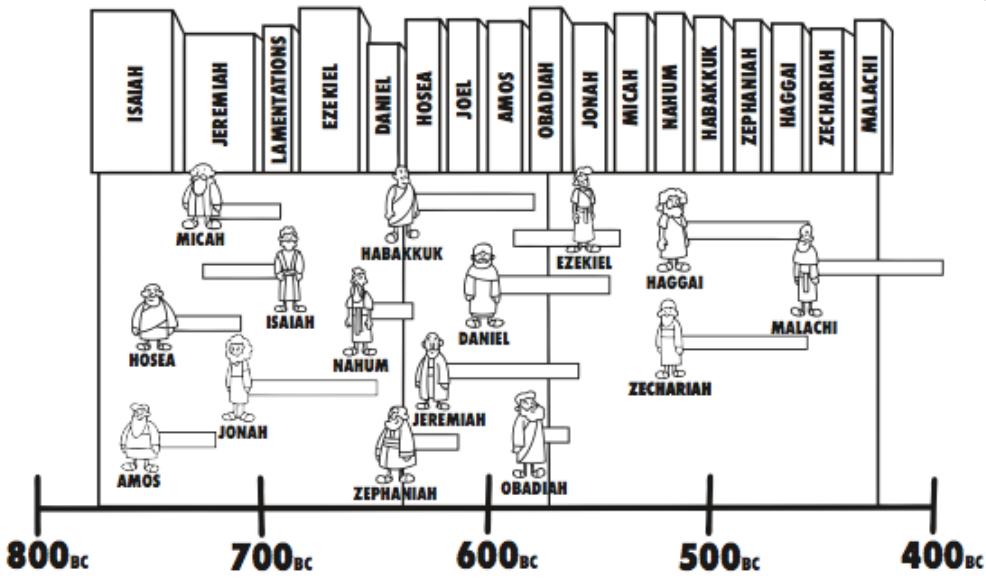
**all the
Prophets**

wrote books

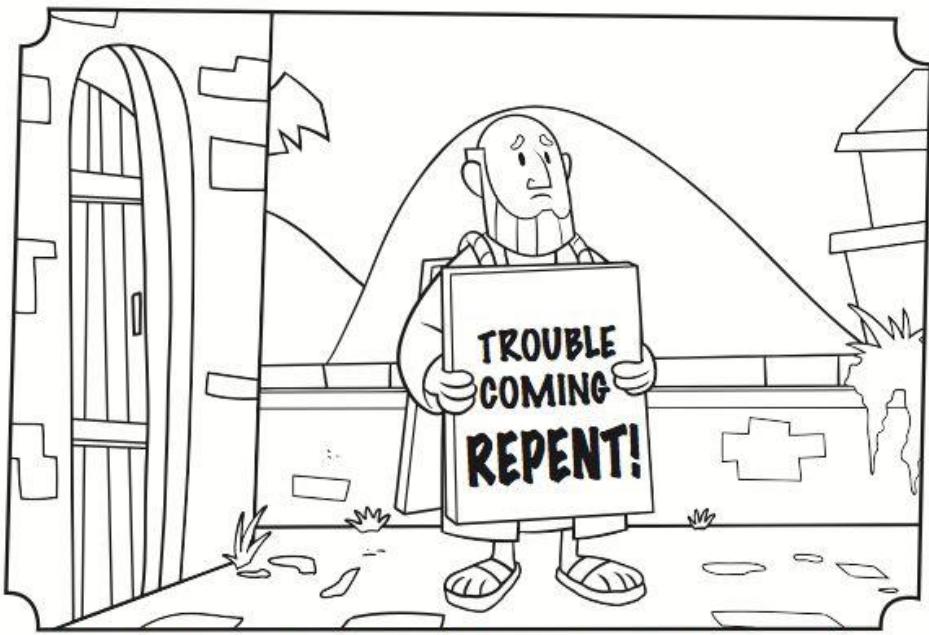
• • • Like Elijah,

for example.

But many did Write books



What was the message the Prophets often brought to God's People?



The prophet Jeremiah tried to warn the people of Judah for 40 years that trouble was coming, but they chose to listen to false prophets instead.

Repent!

What does “repent” mean?

ISAIAH AND THE SERAPHIM



A seraphim with a burning coal in his hand cleansed the mouth of the prophet, Isaiah. Isaiah preached against the wickedness of the times, and foretold the coming of the Messiah.

Week 6

What are the 2 main focuses
of Scripture?

1)

2)

Surely
the Lord
GOD
does
nothing,

Unless

He

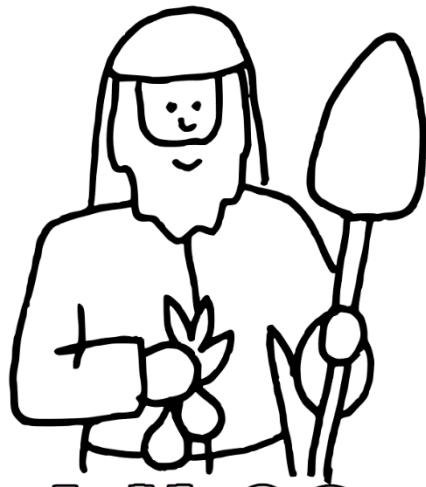
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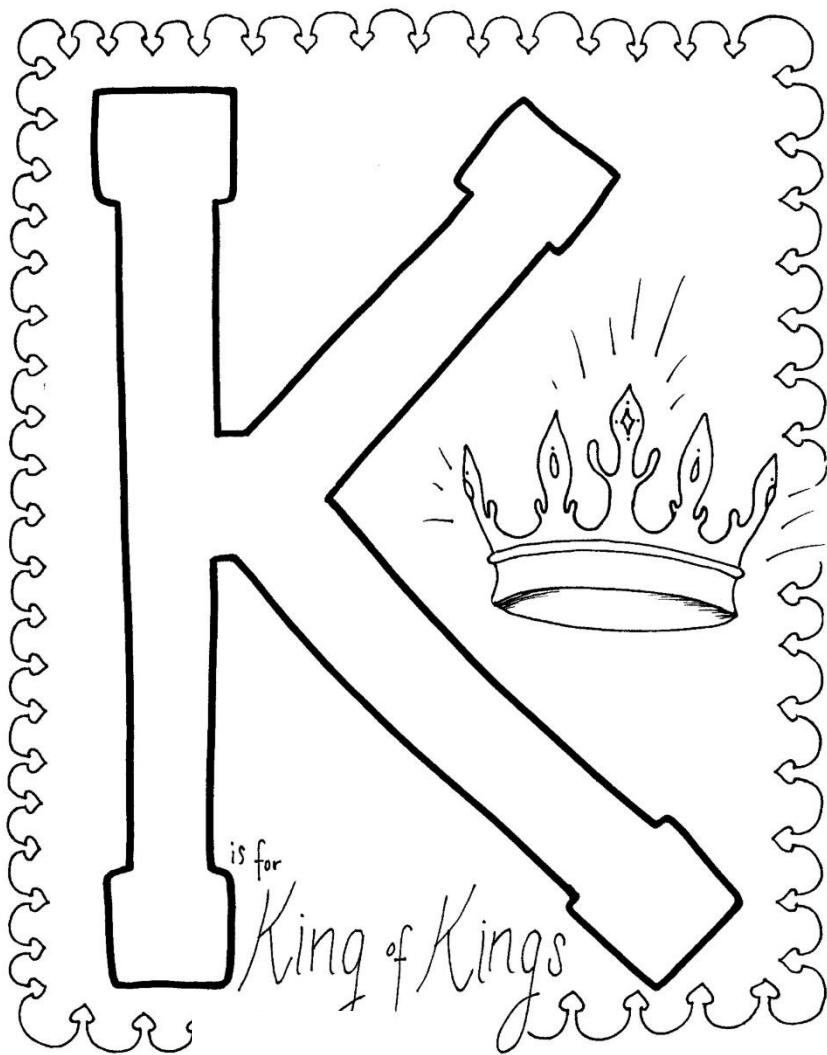
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The
Prophets
foretold
the
coming
of the
Messiah

1st Coming



Isaiah 7:14
Therefore
the Lord Himself
will give you a sign: Behold, the
virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
³⁸ and shall call His name Immanuel.



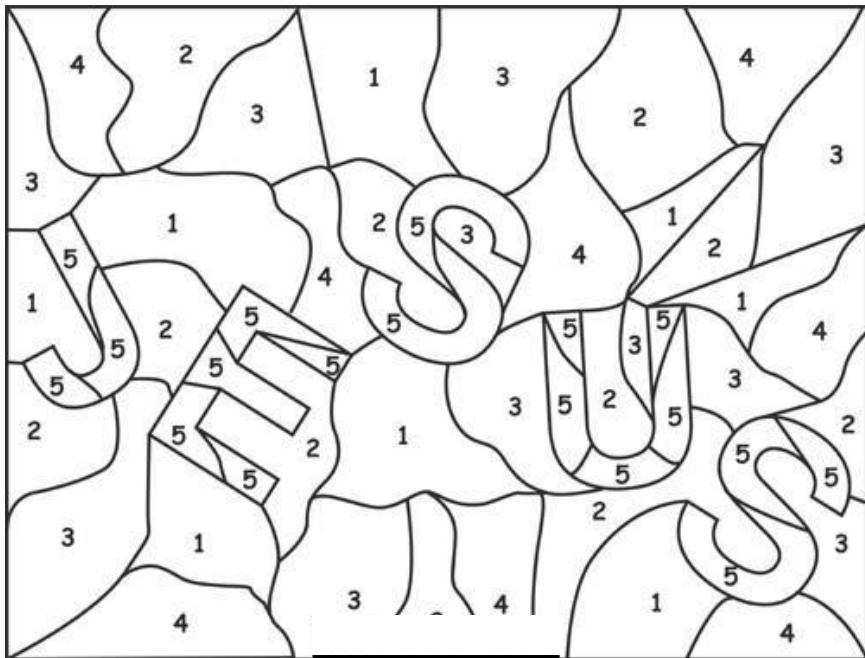
2nd Coming

“Now I saw heaven opened,
and behold, a white horse.
And He Who sat on him was
called Faithful and True, and in
righteousness He judges and
makes war. His eyes were like
a flame of fire, and on His were
many crowns. He had a name
written that no one knew
except Himself. He was
clothed with a robe dipped in
blood, and His name is called
the Word of God.”

Revelation 19:11-13

Week 7

God has...



Spoken to us by
His Son

For the
testimony
of Jesus
is the
spirit of
prophecy

...and His
name is
called
“The
Word of
God”

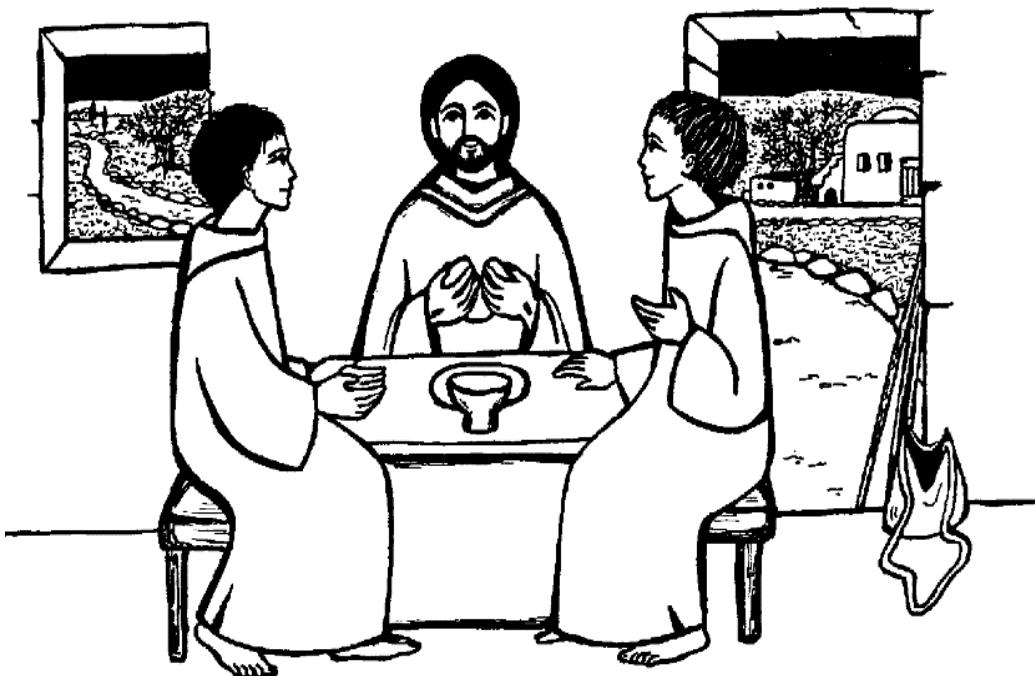


paint the world
SUPER
COLORING

READ LUKE 24:13-28 (EMPHASIZE V. 27)

READ LUKE 24:29–32

And He

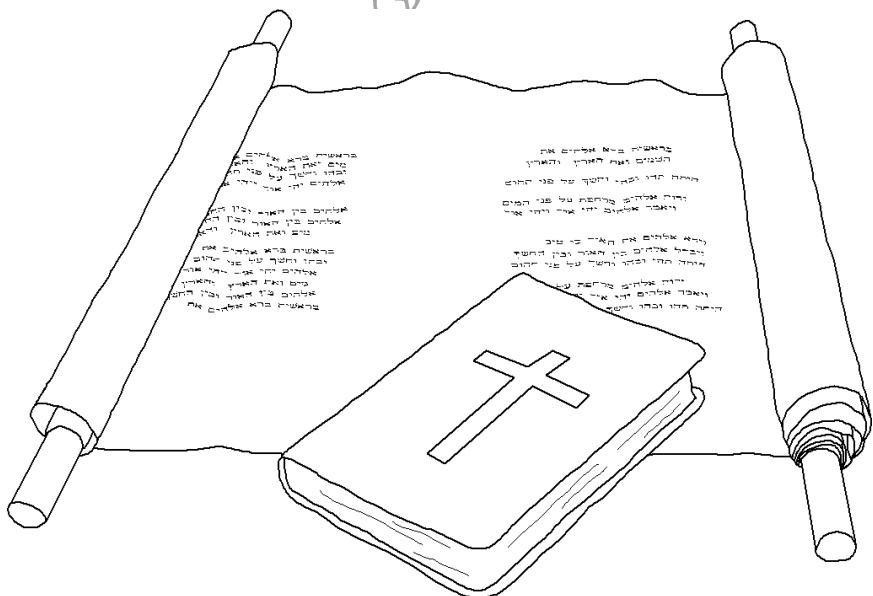


opened their
eyes

to

Understand

Scripture



Week 8



Beloved,

Do not forget

this



one

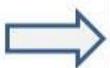
thing

that with the
Lord One day
is as a
thousand
years, and a
thousand years
as One day.

Attributes of God

M	I	F	J	F	A	I	T	H	F	U	L	F	U	I	GOD
D	E	W	B	L	I	F	T	V	X	W	R	K	V	J	CREATOR
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Z	P	U	C	M	E	H	E	U	I	T	N	J	O	U	MERCIFUL
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K	A	L	Y	T	O	U	E	Y	E	O	O	K	P	D	PROVIDER
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God always
knows right
where I am.



Have children draw the time line from memory. Pair children up – one older child with one younger child – and have the older child do his timeline in his book first, while the younger child is watching. Then the older child can help the younger child draw his timeline in his book.



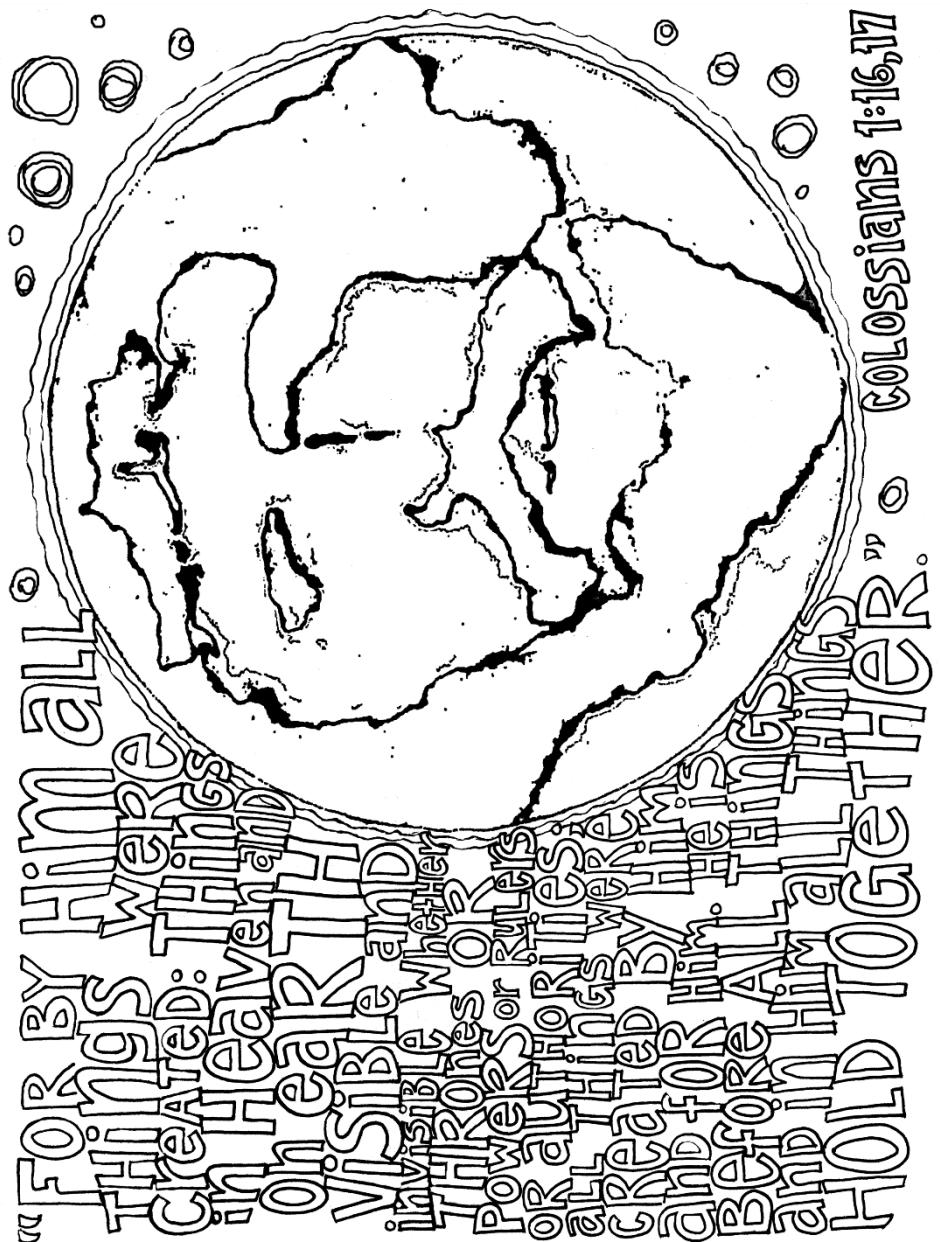
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Jesus is
Heir of
ALL
Things

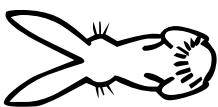
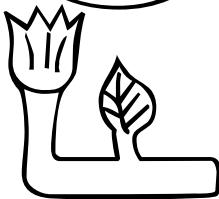
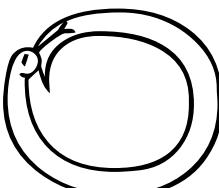
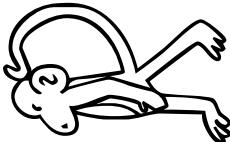
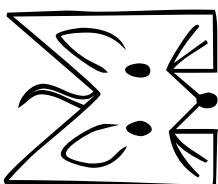
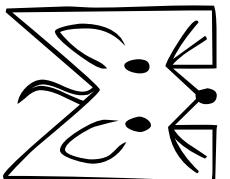


“Ask of Me and
I will give...the earth as
Your Inheritance...”

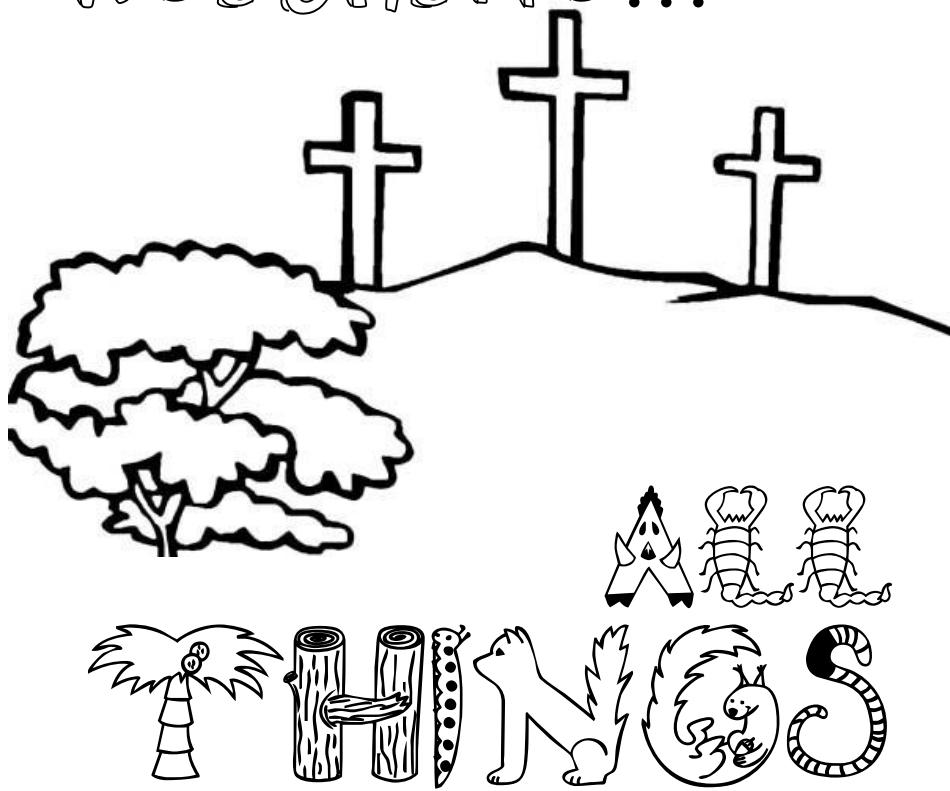
COLLOSSIANS 1:16,17







...And To
Reconcile...



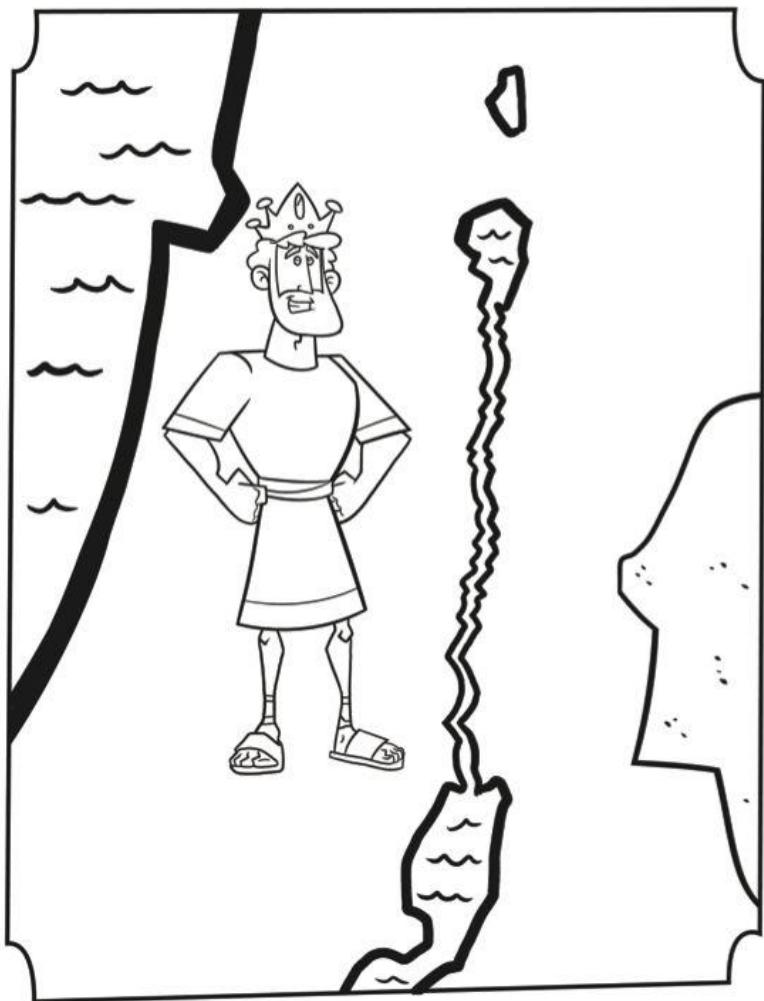
...Through the
Blood of His Cross

Week 10

Israel's Inheritance

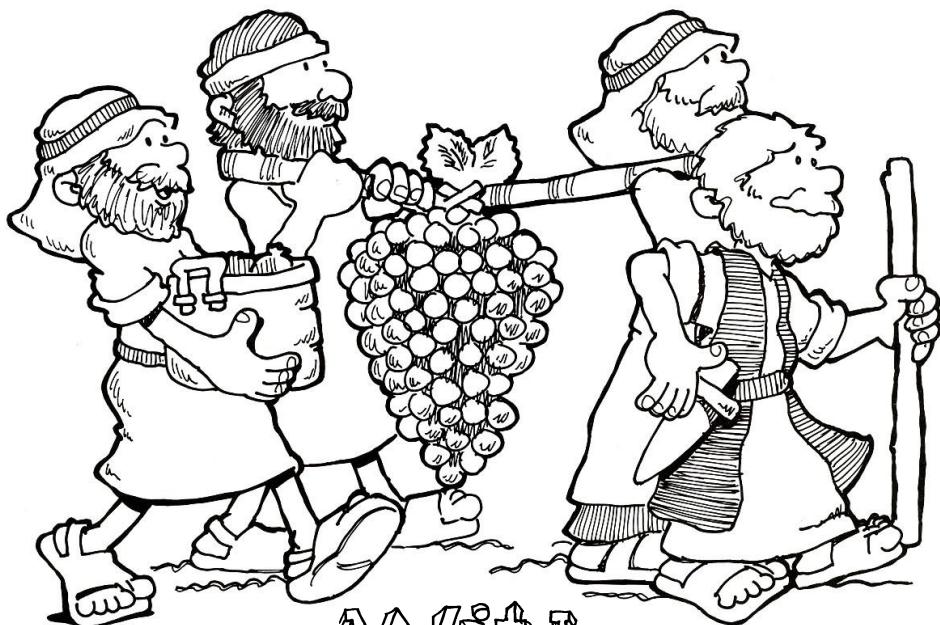
as a
Firstborn

son . . .

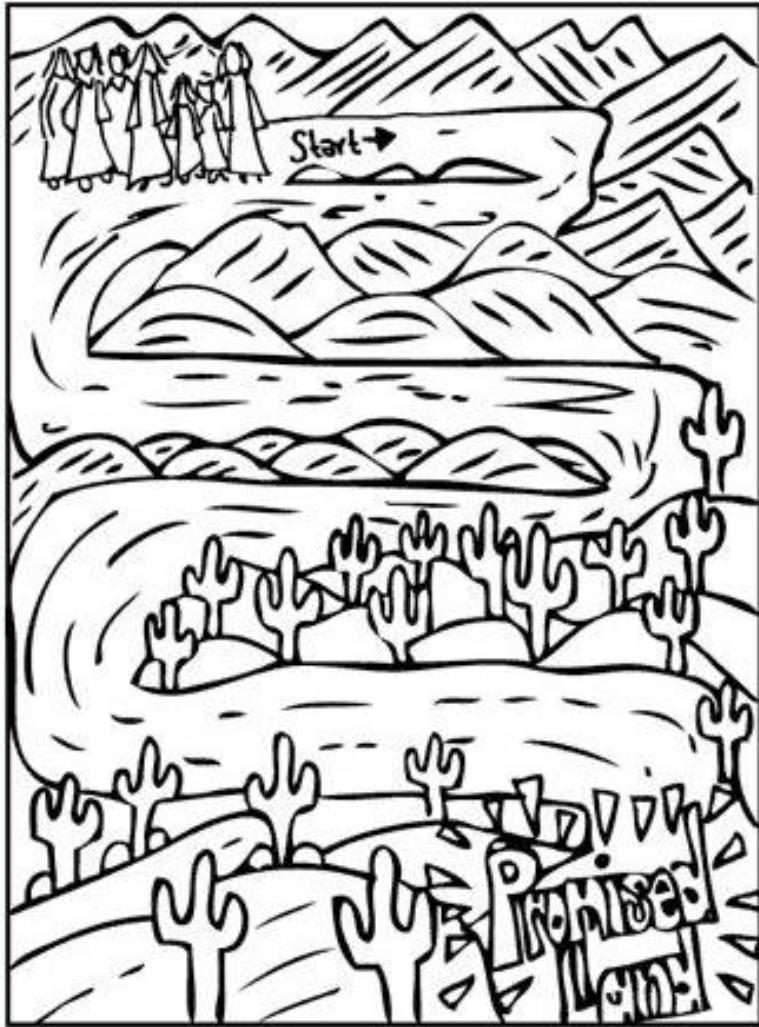


They will be rulers
in the
Promised Land...

A Land
FLOWING



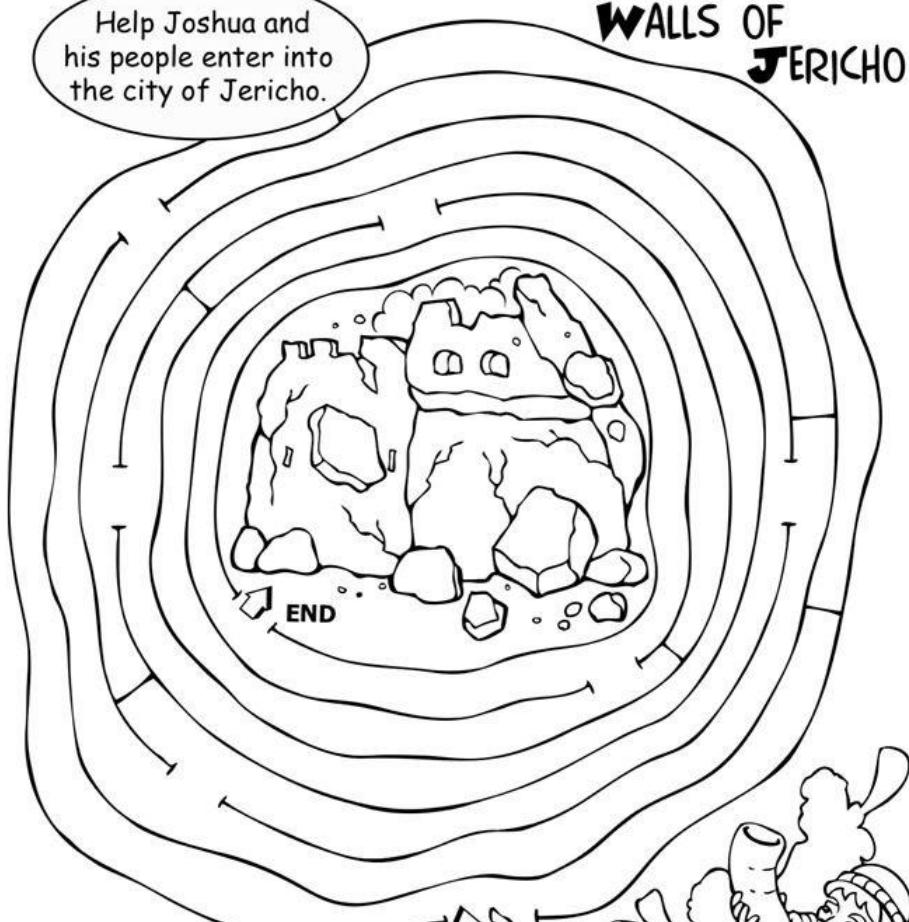
With
MILK
and
Honey



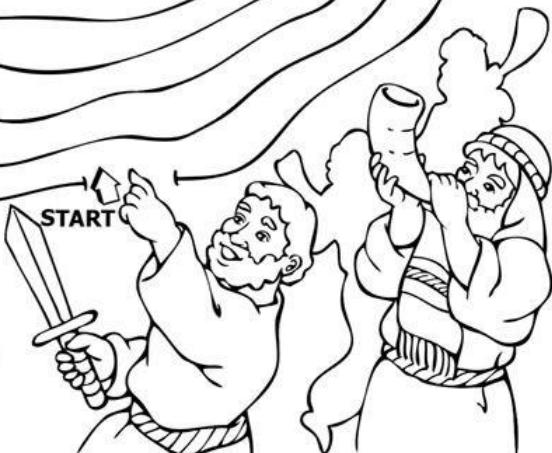
Help Israel find
**The Promised
Land**

WALLS OF JERICHO

Help Joshua and his people enter into the city of Jericho.

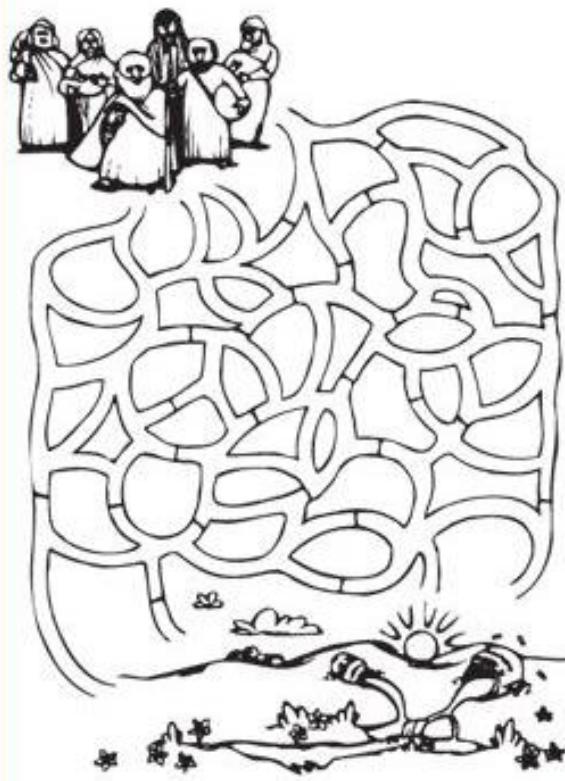


"March around Jericho," God said to Joshua, a new leader. Joshua obeyed God, and entered into Jericho. (Joshua 6:1 - 20)



MOSES

Help Moses and the Israelites plot their path
to the Promised Land



You are doing a

great job!

Week 11

When a person believes in
Jesus, they can say...





The
Spirit
Himself bears
witness with



our spirit
that
we are

children of God,

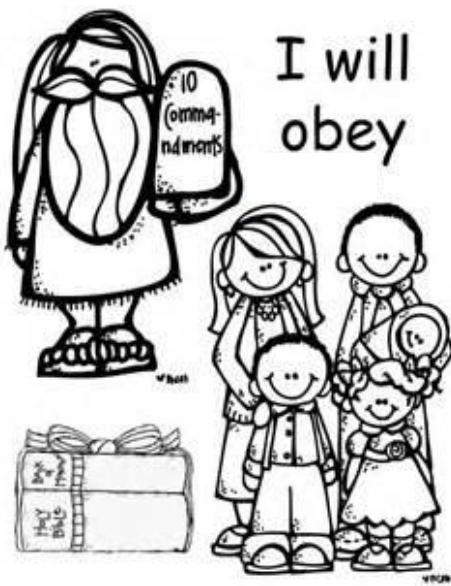
And if children,
then heirs - heirs
of God, and

joint
heirs
with
Christ,
if ...



...If indeed we
suffer
with
Him, that
we may
also be
glorified together.

Romans 8:16,17



Do you want to be a joint – heir with Christ?

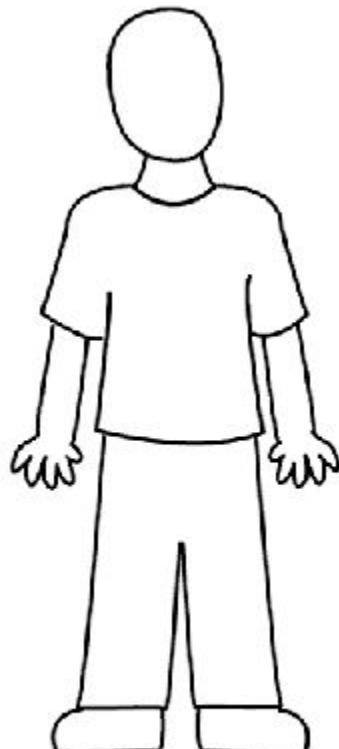
**Color the
person to
look like you.**

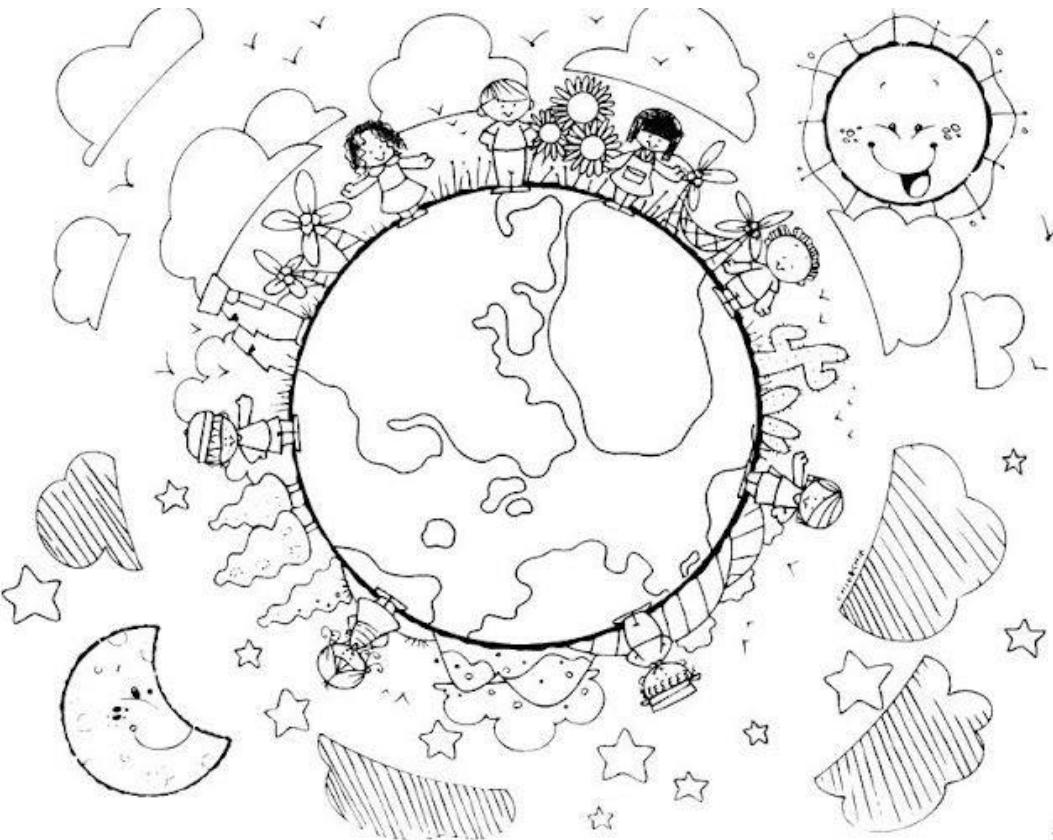
What color are your
hair and eyes?
Is your hair curly or
straight?

Your face could be
smiling or making a
funny face.

Color your favorite
shirt and pants.

What hat, jewelry,
or shoes are you
wearing?





The inheritance as a
joint-heir with Christ.

Week 12



"...Through
Whom He also

made the

AGES."



IN THE BEGINNING



Ages Past

Present Age

... for

God



SO LOVED the
WORLD...
...

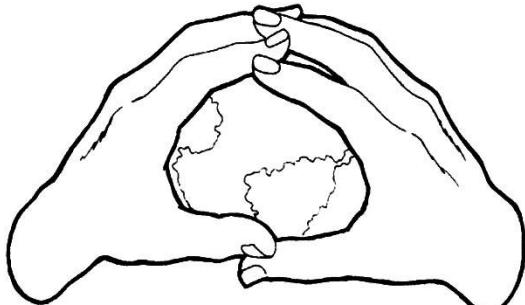
Coming Age



He is coming again for a
salvation... for those who
eagerly await Him...

The Ages of Ages

The Throne of the Father and the Throne of the Lamb will become one Throne and will rest upon the New Earth

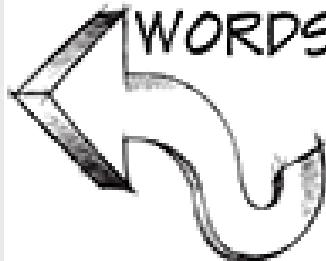


Then He will a New Heaven and a New Earth, and...



F	A	T	H	O	A	U	S	Y	E	C	F
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U	L	N	Q	R	F	Y	E	B	O	F	A
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FIND THE WORDS!



- LOVE
- FATHER
- OBEY
- FRIENDS
- GREATER
- COMMAND
- JESUS
- KING
- SON OF GOD



.....
And he hath on
his vesture and on his
thigh a name written,
King Of Kings, And
Lord Of Lords.
Revelation 19:16



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