

STORYLINES: JESUS



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TO KNOW THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN JESUS AND THE STORIES OF NOAH, ABRAHAM AND JOSEPH.
TO KNOW THAT EACH OF US NEEDED TO BE RESCUED BY JESUS
TO KNOW THAT THE SCRIPTURES POINT US TOWARDS THIS MESSAGE



TO KNOW THAT THE OLD TESTAMENT POINTS US TOWARDS JESUS!

Intro Questions



- 🔴 Welcome Everyone - Make sure everyone knows each other (especially the new year 7)
- 🔴 Go round the group and tell your favourite story and why you like it so much?
- 🔴 Tell us the story of your summer in less than 3 lines!
- 🔴 What makes a great story?
- 🔴 What can you say about Jesus' story? Where does it begin? Does it have an ending?

Summary



Read summary on the other side of this sheet or page 4 in the booklet

Bible Bit: Noah



Read Genesis 6: 5 - 8

- 🔴 How can the story of Noah point us to Jesus? What are some of the similarities and differences?
- 🔴 What was it that meant Noah's relatives 'deserved' to be in the ark? Did they have to pass an exam to be his relatives? Did they have to be good?
- 🔴 What does this say about our relationship with Jesus?

Bible Bit: Abraham & Isaac



Read Genesis 22

- 🔴 How can the story of Abraham & Isaac point us to Jesus? What are some of the similarities and differences?
- 🔴 How does this knowledge that God was prepared to pay the ultimate price for you impact your life and your relationship with Him?
- 🔴 How might a greater knowledge of His sacrificial love change you?

Bible Bit: Joseph



Ask someone to give a summary of the story of Joseph and then read the bullet points on the other side of this sheet or page 6 in the booklet.

- 🔴 Can you think of times you doubt God's love or feel unsure He'll do what He has promised?
- 🔴 How can you draw confidence from seeing Jesus' life foretold in Joseph's?

Additional Questions

- 🔴 Are you surprised at the extent to which the OT points to Jesus? If so, why? If not, then why not?
- 🔴 What does this tell us about the way that the OT links to the NT?
- 🔴 **Pray to finish!**



Can you post anything on Facebook about what you've learnt today?



Can you post a picture on insta representing what you've done today?



Can you post anything on Snapchat about what you've learnt today?

Jesus Storyline: Summary

From the very beginning God knew what a relationship with us would cost. He knew that God the Son would become one of us and give His life on the cross—this was no plan B. Astonishingly it's something God was willing to do! As if to make that clear, He hid clues and hints of this great salvation plan throughout the Old Testament.

Two thousand years ago Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life' (John 5:39–40). The Scripture Jesus was referring to was the Old Testament. At first glance it can seem the Old Testament is about Israel and Moses, David, Abraham, Joshua, and others. Hidden in the background, however, like Wally in Where's Wally?, we find pictures of Jesus.

It's been said that Jesus is in the Old Testament concealed and in the New Testament revealed. We'd like to suggest that He isn't concealed very well! Not only are there **322 Messianic prophecies** that point to Jesus, we also find hints of Him in the lives of many of the Old Testament heroes. Tonight we will go on a journey of discovery, looking at how we see Jesus in the lives of Noah, Abraham, and Joseph. In the New Testament those hints, images, and prophecies are unveiled; the curtain is ripped apart, from top to bottom, to reveal the star of the whole show.

Joseph Story

Jesus is everywhere in Joseph's story. Here are some of the similarities:

- Both men were born to rule. God revealed to Joseph in a dream (Gen. 37) he would rule over others. Jesus was born to be King, and because of His kingship many would find salvation.
 - Joseph's jealous brothers sold him into slavery for twenty pieces of silver. Years later Jesus was sold to the Jewish leaders for thirty pieces of silver. Why is this so remarkable? The amount is exactly the same once you account for inflation!
 - Joseph became the right-hand man to powerful Potiphar, and when Mrs. Potiphar tried to seduce him, he ran as fast as he could. Jesus was tempted in the desert by the Devil, who offered Him all the kingdoms of the world if only Jesus would bow down and worship him. In response to the Devil's seduction, Jesus said, 'Get lost!' (or words to that effect). Neither man would abuse the power entrusted to them.
 - Joseph was unjustly thrown into prison, having been accused of a crime he hadn't committed. Years later Jesus was also accused of crimes He did not commit and was unjustly sentenced. While Joseph was serving his sentence, two criminals came to join him—the baker and cupbearer. When Jesus was crucified, it was between two criminals.
 - When Joseph was eventually released from prison, he became Pharaoh's prime minister, the highest position in Egypt. He said, 'God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering' (Gen. 41:52). Egypt was an alien land that was not his home. When God became man, He was born into an alien land that was not his home, and yet it was in this land of suffering that God made Jesus fruitful. He was raised up from the lowest point—death—and is seated in the highest, at the right hand of God.
 - When Joseph's brother came to Egypt to buy food, instead of having them killed, Joseph forgave them, assuring them that what they intended for harm, God intended for good to save many lives (Gen. 50:20). He saved the lives of the brothers, who had sinned against him. Jesus, as He was dying, cried out, 'Father, forgive them' (Luke 23:34). We, the human race, meant the death of Jesus for harm, but God meant it for good. He intended it to accomplish what is now being fulfilled, a passage from certain death to abundant life, the saving of many lives.
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