The 6 Sacrifice Stories



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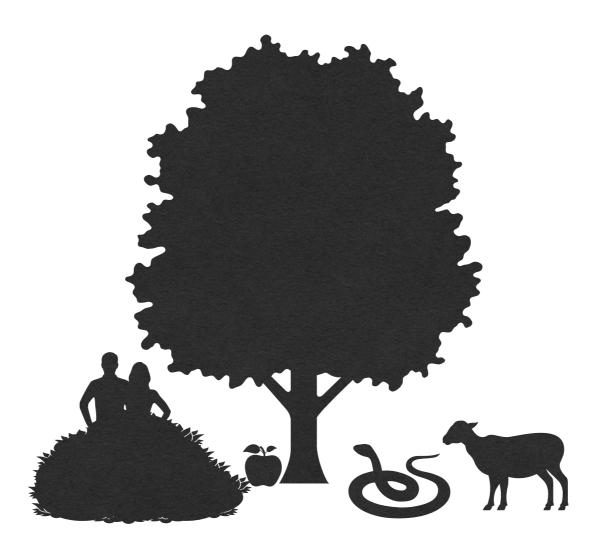
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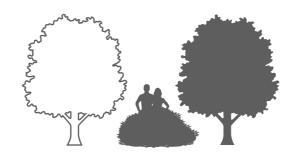


Story based on Genesis 1-3

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Key Idea: God Provided the First Sacrifice To Cover Adam and Eve's Sin and Shame.





In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth. He created the sun, moon, sky, trees, and animals. He created everything in 6 days only through the power of his Word. On the sixth day God created mankind in his own image. He placed Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, in a perfect place called the Garden of Eden. In this garden God provided for all of Adam and Eve's needs. God told them that they could eat from all of the trees in the garden except for the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God said that on the day they ate from that tree that they would experience death. The Tree of Life was also in the Garden and Adam and Eve could eat from this tree and live forever.



One day Satan came to Eve in the form of a serpent said, "Did God really say that you could not eat from any tree in the garden?" Eve said, "God said we could eat from any tree in the garden except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. But he said not to even touch the fruit of this tree or you will die." Satan said, "You will not surely die! But God knows that if you eat from that tree that you will become like Him, knowing the difference between good and evil."



Satan convinced Eve and she ate some of the fruit.

Then she gave some to Adam who was with her.

Immediately Adam and Eve realized that they were
naked and they were ashamed. They made clothes for
themselves out of leaves and tried to hide from God.

God came to the garden in the cool of the day and called out to Adam and said, "Where are you?" Adam replied, "We are hiding because we are naked and we are ashamed." God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the forbidden tree?" Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent. Adam and Eve did not take responsibility for their actions.

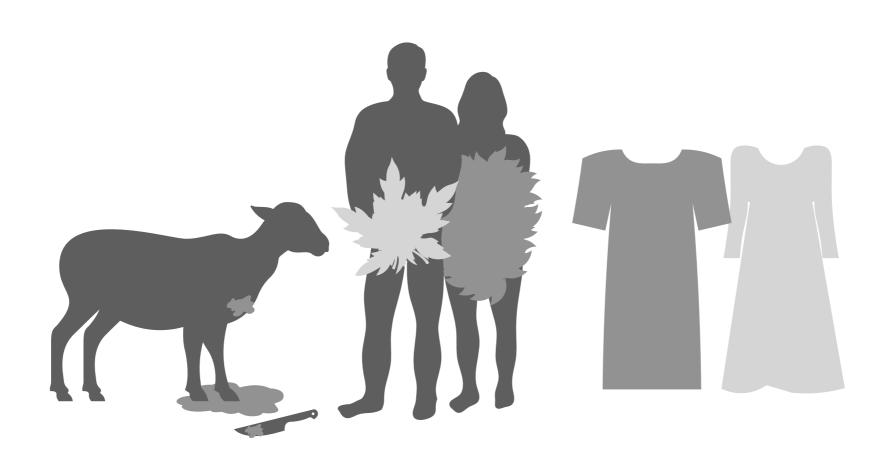


God cursed Adam and Eve and the earth because of their disobedience. God said that the land would no longer produce food easily for Adam and that he would work hard by the sweat of his brow to provide food for his family. God also said that Adam would one day die and return to the dust from which he was created. God said Eve would have pain in childbirth and that her desire would be for her husband and he would rule over her. God also cursed the serpent and caused him to crawl on his belly and eat the dust of the earth.



God also gave a prophesy concerning the serpent and the "seed" or offspring of the woman. God said there would be a struggle between the serpent and the woman's offspring and that the serpent would strike the hill of the foot of this offspring but this person would crush the serpent's head.

Then God kicked Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden so that they could no longer eat from the Tree of Life and live forever. God placed an angel with a flaming sword in front of the garden so that no one could enter the garden.



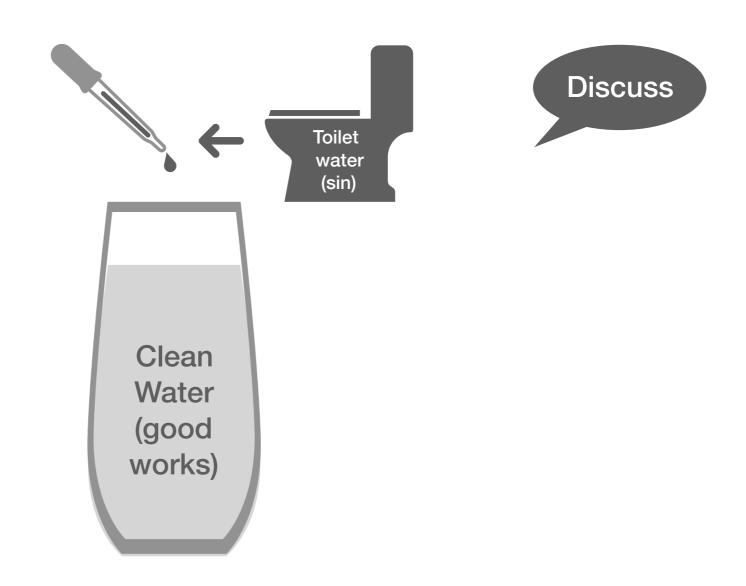
Finally, God made clothes for Adam and Eve from the skin of an animal. God himself sacrificed the first animal to cover the shame and nakedness of Adam and Eve because of their disobedience in the Garden.

Topical Study: Who is God?

God is:

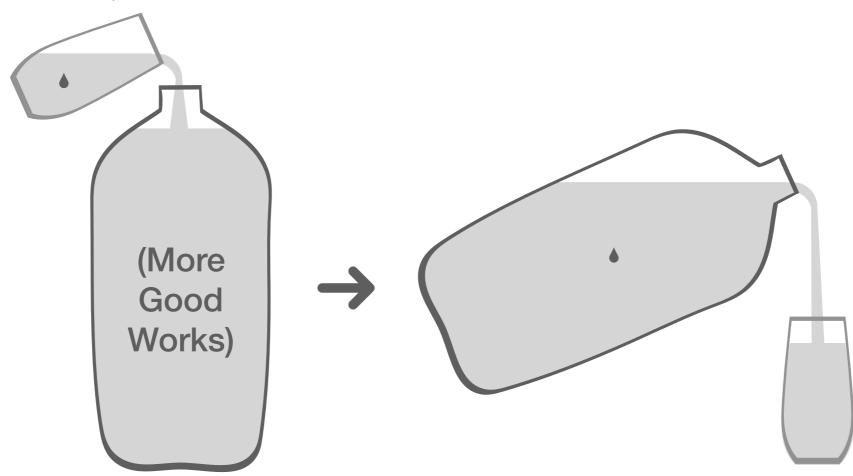
- The supreme creator (Genesis 1:1)
- The purpose-giver (Genesis 1:26-28)
- The lawgiver (Genesis 2:15-16)
- All-powerful (Psalms 47:6-9)
- All-knowing (Psalms 139:1-4)
- Ever-present (Psalms 139:7-10)
- The loving savior (John 3:16, Psalms 96:1-3)
- The only God, worthy of worship (Psalms 96:4-9)
- The righteous judge (Psalms 96:10-13)
- The Lord of Lords (Deuteronomy 10:17)

Example 2 Learning Tool: Toilet Water Analogy

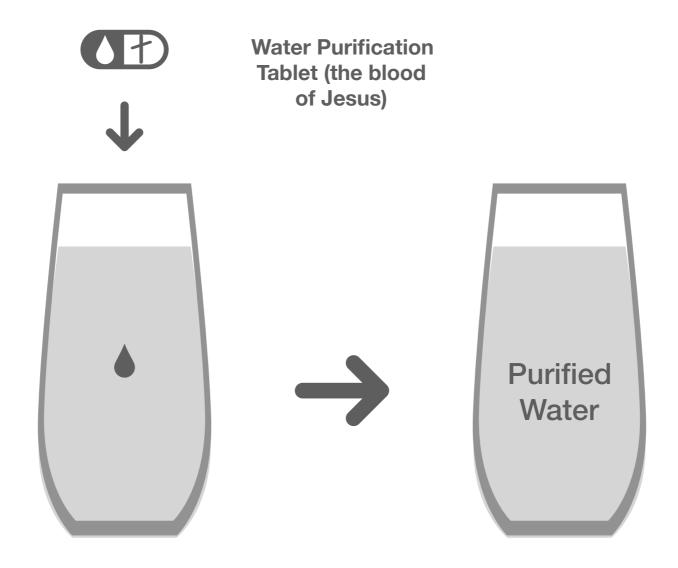


If someone put just one drop of toilet water in a glass of clean water, would you drink from that glass? After all, it is just one drop, right? No, because all of the water is now contaminated and will make you sick.

What if we then poured the glass of water with the one drop of toilet water into a larger container of water, mixed it up, and then poured some water back in the glass. Would you drink it now? No, because the water is now all contaminated.

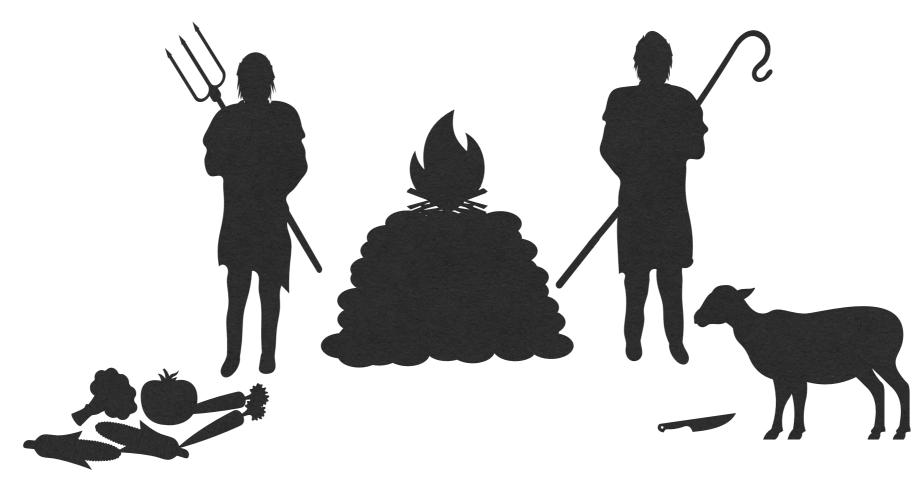


Just one sin contaminates our lives and makes us unclean and unholy. No amount of good works can make us clean again. God is holy and so cannot tolerate sin in his presence. We are separated from God because of our sin (Isaiah 59:2).



But just as one water purification tablet can make dirty water clean and usable, so the Bible says in 1 John 1:7 the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sins and in 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 that Jesus makes a relationship with God possible again.

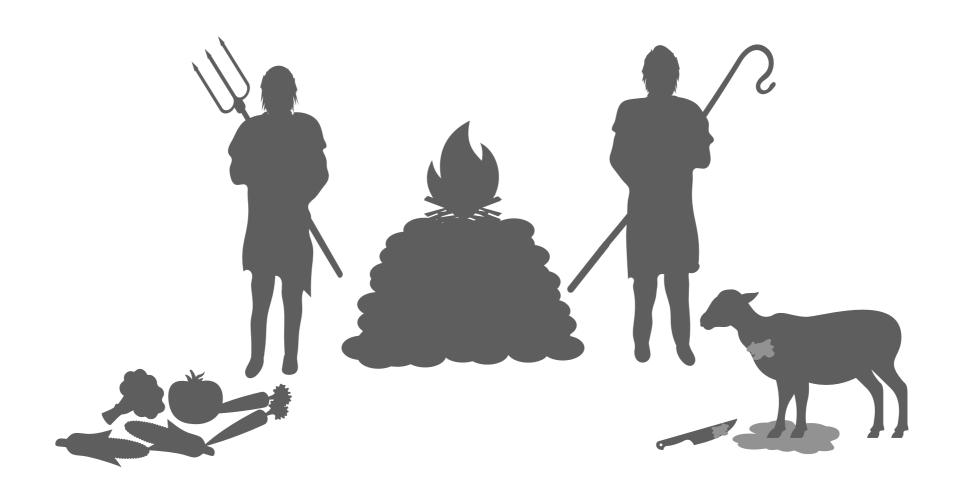
Lesson: Cain and Abel



Story based on Genesis 4:1-6:8 and Hebrews 11:4

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Key Idea: God does not accept just any offering or sacrifice.



Adam and Eve had two sons named Cain and Abel.
Cain was a farmer and Able raised livestock. Abel brought the best of his livestock as a sacrifice to God but Cain only offered up some of his vegetables. God was very pleased with Abel and his offering but God was not pleased with Cain and his offering.



Cain was unhappy because God was displeased with his offering. God said to Cain, "Why are you unhappy? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? Be careful. Sin is crouching at your door and it wishes to overcome you but you must master it."



Cain asked Abel to go into the fields with him and there he killed Abel. Later God said to Cain, "Where is your brother?" Cain answered, "How should I know? Am I my brother's keeper?" God said to Cain, "Your brother's blood cries out from the ground! You are now cursed and the land will no longer produce food for you. You will become a restless wanderer on the earth." Cain cried out, "This punishment is more than I can bear! You are cutting me off from the land and from your presence and anyone who finds me will kill me!" But God put a mark on Cain and said, "Anyone who kills you will be punished seven times over!" Then Cain became a restless wonderer and went to live in the land of Nod, which means, "land of wandering."



Adam and Eve had a third son and named him Seth.

After this they had many other sons and daughters.

But with each generation mankind became more and more sinful.

Topical Study: Who is Satan?

- A creature, not the creator (Genesis 1:1)
- Intelligent and crafty (Genesis 3:1, 2 Corinthians 11:14)
- A liar and murderer (Genesis 3:4-5, John 8:44)
- Less powerful than God (Genesis 3:14)
- A fallen angel (Luke 10:18, Revelations 12:9)
- Our adversary (1 Peter 5:8, James 4:7)
- Already defeated by Jesus (Genesis 3:15, Hebrews 2:14-15)

Discuss

Learning Tool: The Bridge

Romans 3:23 - All have sinned. Isaiah 59:2 - We are all separated from God because of our sin.

Us

God



Ephesians 2:8-9 - No good works can save us.



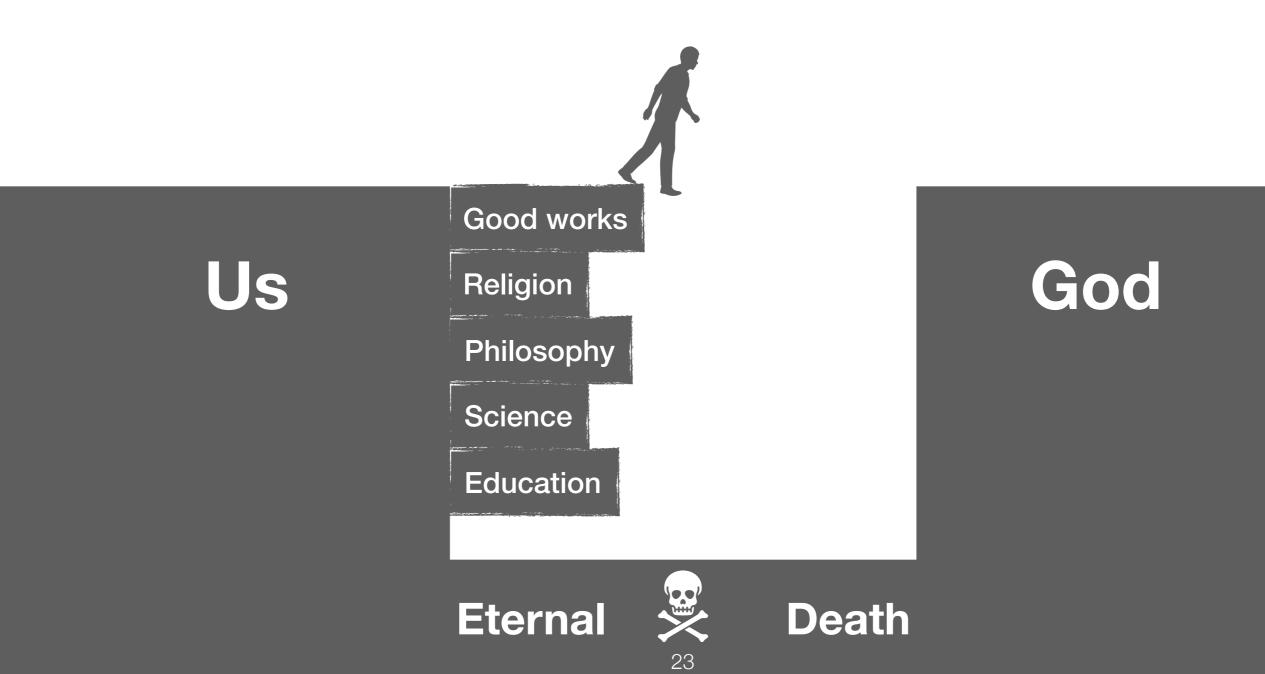
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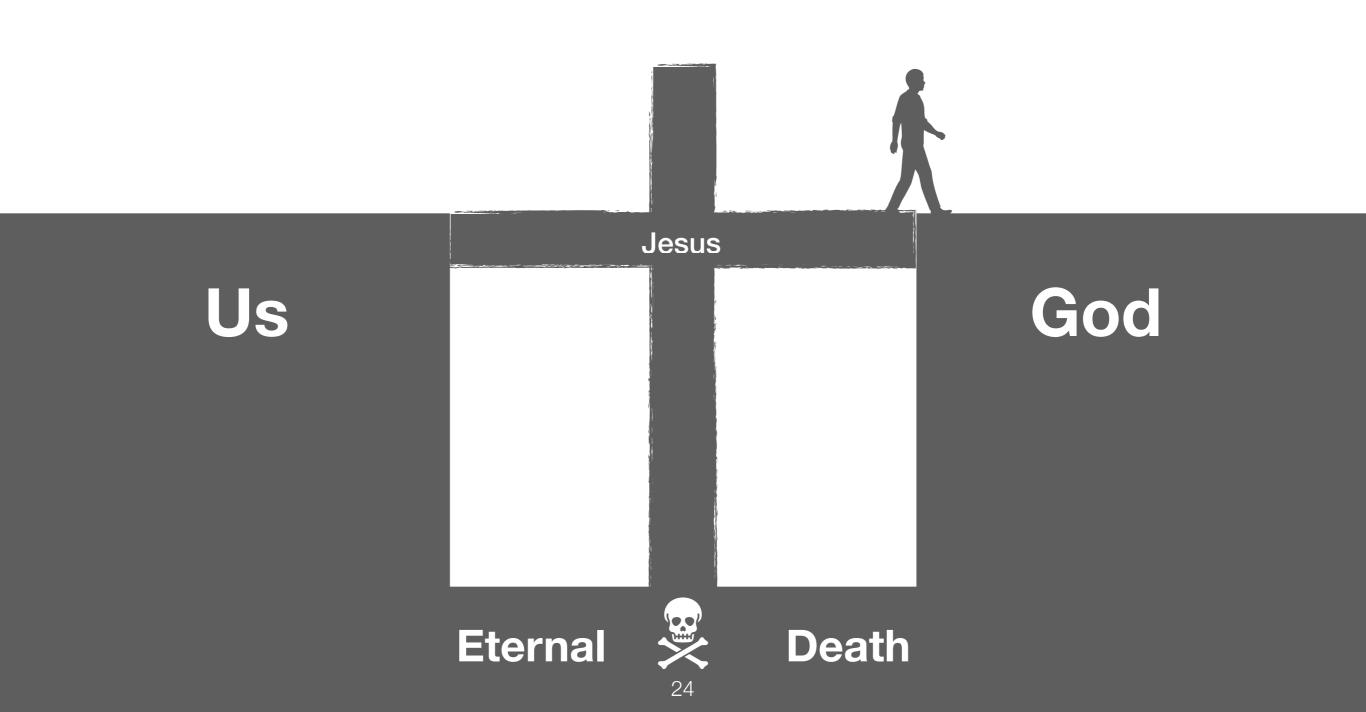


Death

Romans 6:23 - The price of sin is physical and spiritual death.



John 3:16 - God has made a way for us to have eternal life through Jesus, the Son of God.







Story based on Genesis 12:1-22:14 and Hebrews 11:14-19

Key Idea: The sacrifice that God provided in place of Abraham's son was a picture of what Jesus would one day do for us on the cross.



Many generations after Adam and Eve died, God called a man named Abraham and told him to leave his home and his family and to move to a land that God would show him. God promised to bless Abraham and said that through Abraham all the world would be blessed. Abraham believed God and he and his wife Sarah went to the land that God showed to Abraham. God took him to the land of Canaan and promised to give this land forever to Abraham's descendants. God promised Abraham that he and Sarah would have a son and that from this promised son would come more descendants than the stars in the sky or the sand on the seashore.



After many years, when Abraham and Sarah were very old, God finally gave them the promised son. This son was named Isaac. One day God told Abraham, "Take your son up onto the mountain that I will show you and sacrifice him to me as a burnt offering." Although Abraham knew that God's promise was supposed to come through Isaac, Abraham took his son onto the mountain and was about to sacrifice him. Suddenly, as Abraham held the knife over his son, the Angel of the Lord appeared and said, "Abraham stop! Do not kill the boy! Now God knows that you love him above all else." Then Abraham saw a ram stuck in a nearby bush and he sacrificed this ram in place of his son.

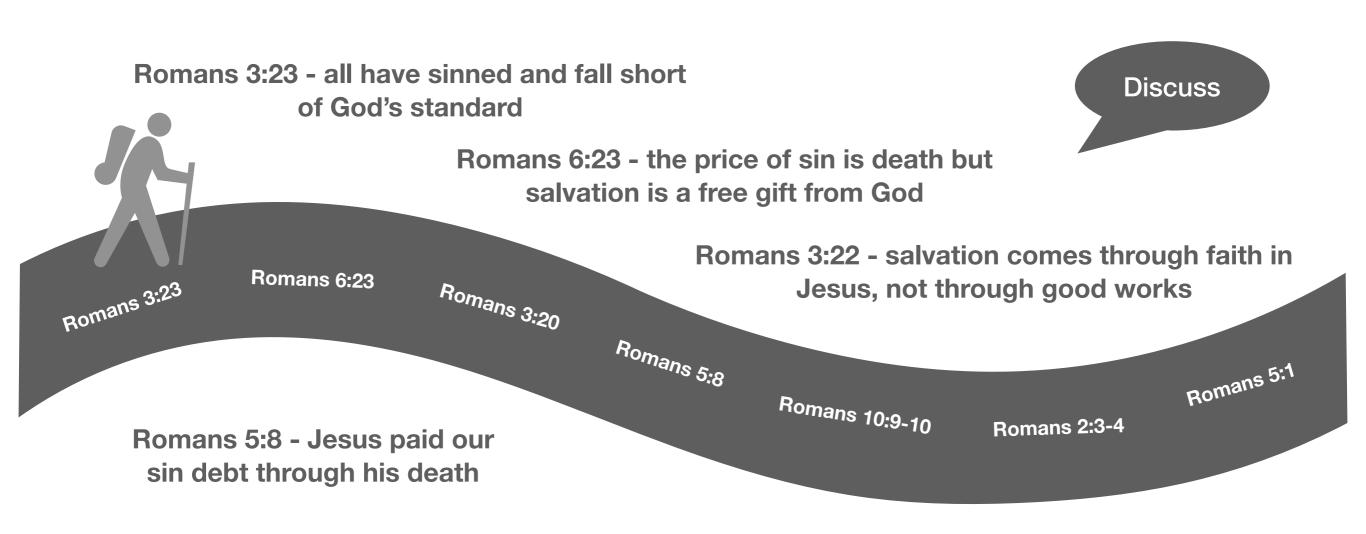


From that day on it was always said, "On the mountain of the Lord it shall be provided." This sacrifice story is a picture of what God would some day do on that very mountain by providing an innocent lamb as a sacrifice for our sins.

Topical Study: Who are we?

- Created in God's image (Genesis 1:26-27)
- The caretakers of creation (Genesis 1:28)
- Created to fill the earth with God's image and God's glory (Genesis 1:28, Psalms 96:1-3, Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Corinthians 10:31)
- Created for a relationship with God (Genesis 3:8, Revelations 21:1-4)
- Entirely dependent on God (Genesis 2:7-9, Matthew 6:25-33)
- Sinners in need of a savior (Genesis 3:6, Romans 3:23-26)
- Ultimately responsible to God (Genesis 3:8-11, Hebrews 9:27)

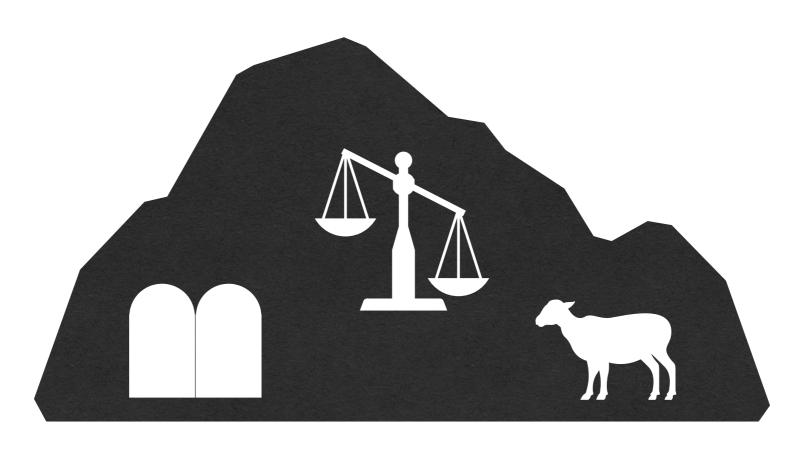
Learning Tool: The Roman Road (to Salvation)



Romans 10:9-10 - if you believe and confess that Jesus is Lord you will be saved

Romans 5:1 - through Jesus we can have eternal peace with God.





Story based on Genesis 46:1-47:6, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Hebrews 11:23-29, and 1 Corinthians 5:7



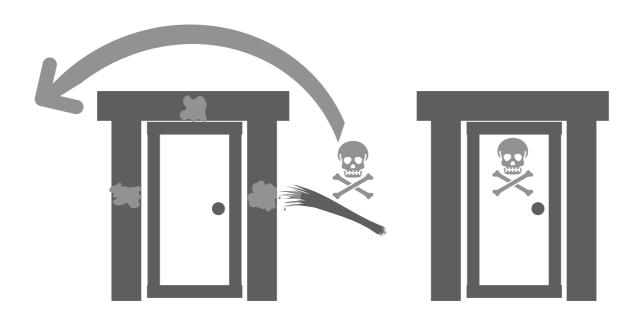
Key Idea: We cannot meet God's standard of righteousness and need a sacrifice to die in our place.



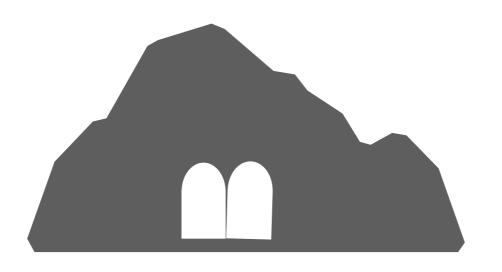
Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, moved from Canaan to Egypt during a time of famine. The children of Israel became so numerous that the Egyptians became afraid of them and enslaved them. Their life was very hard and the people cried out to God for deliverance. God sent Moses to tell Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to let God's people go but Pharaoh refused.



God sent 9 plagues as punishment on the people and gods of Egypt but still Pharaoh refused to let the children of Israel go. Finally, God told Moses that on a certain night God would pass over Egypt and kill every first-born male child and animal in the land except for houses with the blood of a sacrifice on the sides and top of the doorpost. It was a strange command but the blood on the doorpost showed that a sacrifice had been offered in that house.



At midnight God passed over Egypt and there was death from Pharaoh's place to the poorest man's hut. But no one died in the houses of the children of Israel because of the blood on their doorpost. Disobeying God's word is sin; the consequence of sin is death. Because God's people obeyed his instructions and put the blood on the doorpost they were protected from God's wrath and punishment. That night was called Passover because God's wrath and judgement passed by the houses with blood on the doorpost.



After Pharaoh's firstborn son died he finally released God's people from slavery. Moses guided the children of Israel from Egypt to the desert where they met with God at Mount Sinai. There, God gave Moses the Law, or the moral standard of righteousness God expects from Mankind. The Law contained moral, civil, and ceremonial rules that governed moral behavior, relationships with God and fellow men, foods that were forbidden, punishments for crimes, instructions about circumcision, and many other things.



The purpose of the Law was not to save mankind but to show us that we are sinners and cannot meet God's standard of righteousness. The Law says that when someone disobeys God's Law they become a sinner and need to sacrifice an animal without defect in order to approach God in worship. The person would place their hand on the head of the animal and confess their sins. The animal would then die in place of that sinful person. Everything had to be done exactly according to God's instructions or the sacrifice would not be acceptable. People who trust God and act according to his Word receive life and blessing. Those who refuse the sacrifice required by the Law are condemned.

6 Sacrifice Stories: Moses

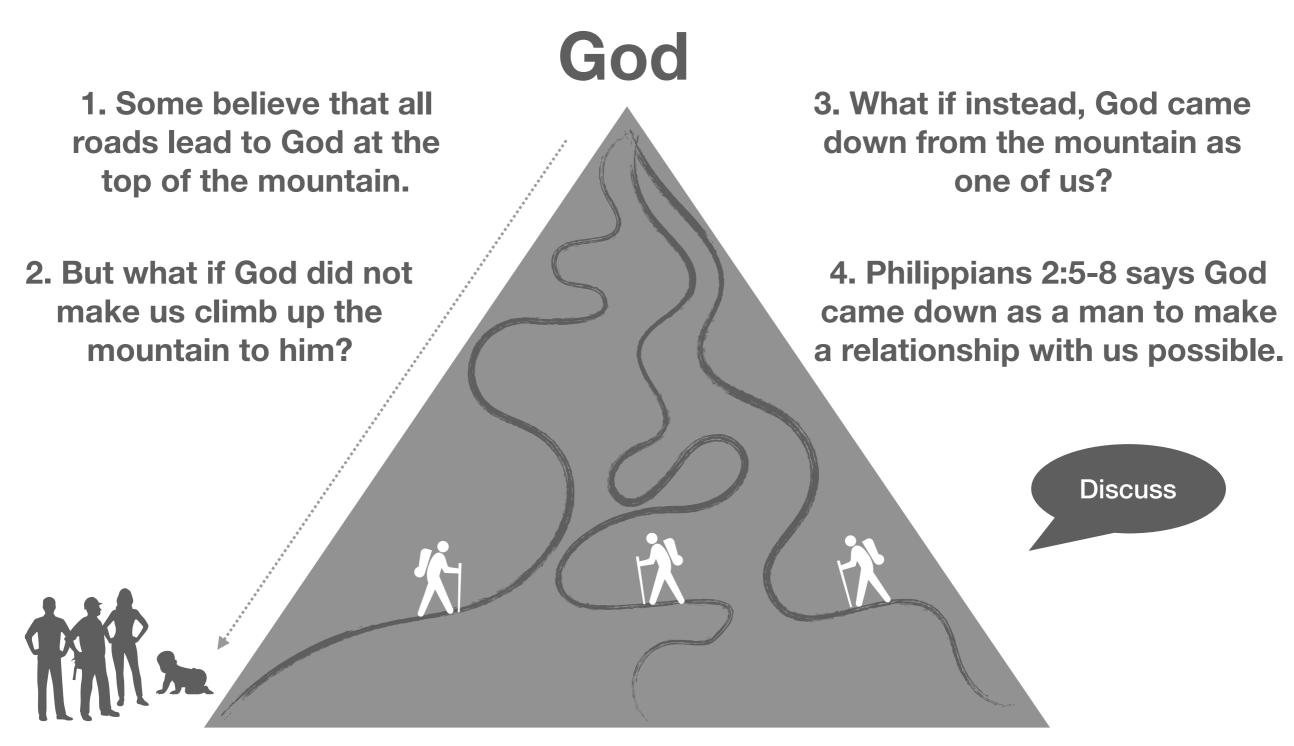
Topical Study: What Is Sin?

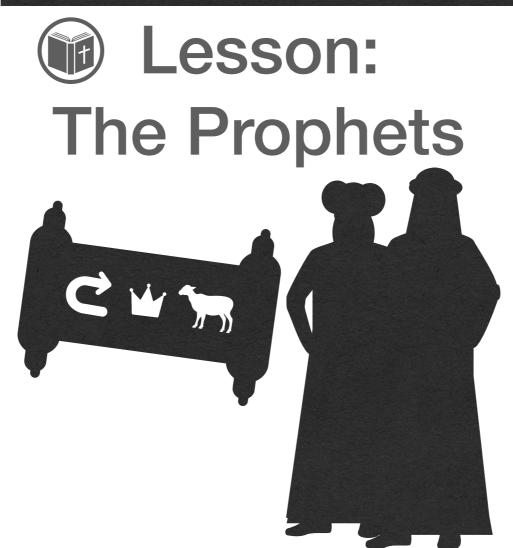
Sin:

- Begins by doubting God's Word and character (Genesis 3:1-5)
- Leads to rejecting and disobeying God's commands doing wrong or not doing right (Genesis 3:6, James 4:17)
- Creates conflict among humanity (Genesis 3:7, 12, 16)
- Creates conflict between man and God (Genesis 3:8-11)
- Creates conflict between man and creation (Genesis 3:17-19)
- Brings immediate spiritual death and separation from God (Genesis 3:22-24, Isaiah 59:2)
- Brings eventual physical death (Genesis 5:5, Romans 6:23)
- Is a problem for everyone (Romans 3:23, 5:12)
- Can only be covered by sacrifice (Genesis 3:21, Hebrews 9:22)

6 Sacrifice Stories: Moses

Learning Tool: The Mountain Analogy

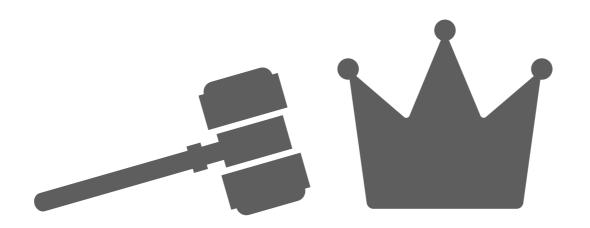




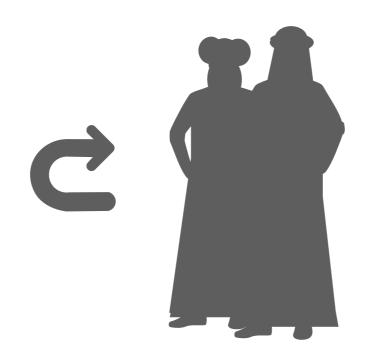
Story based on Genesis 3, the Major and Minor Prophets, Romans 3, and John 3

Key Idea: The prophets warned mankind to turn from sin to avoid God's punishment but also foretold the coming Messiah who would be both Savior and King.





Through Moses God led the children of Israel back to the land of Canaan just as he had promised Abraham. But the children of Israel were very disobedient and turned away from the true God to worship idols. God placed judges and kings over the Israelites but they would not obey these leaders. Even some of the leaders led the Israelites in rebellion against God.



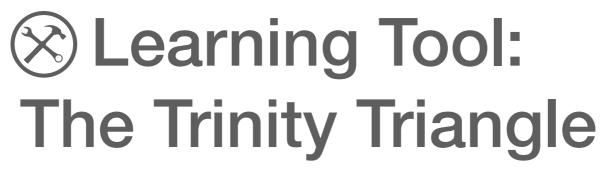
God sent many prophets to tell the Israelites to turn back from their sins or God would punish them by allowing their enemies to conquer them. But the people would not listen and they even killed some of the prophets. Eventually God sent other nations to conquer the Israelites as punishment for their rebellion. Many of the children of Israel were taken to foreign lands as captives and never returned.



The prophets also began to tell the people that God would send a person called the Messiah who would deliver the children of Israel from foreign oppressors and lead them back to the true worship of God. This Messiah would be a descendant of a king named David, from the tribe of Judah, and would be born of a virgin in the town of Bethlehem. He would be a great king over a kingdom of righteousness that would never end. But the Messiah would also be a suffering servant who would heal all the nations through his own wounds. And he would be called Emmanuel, which means "God with us."

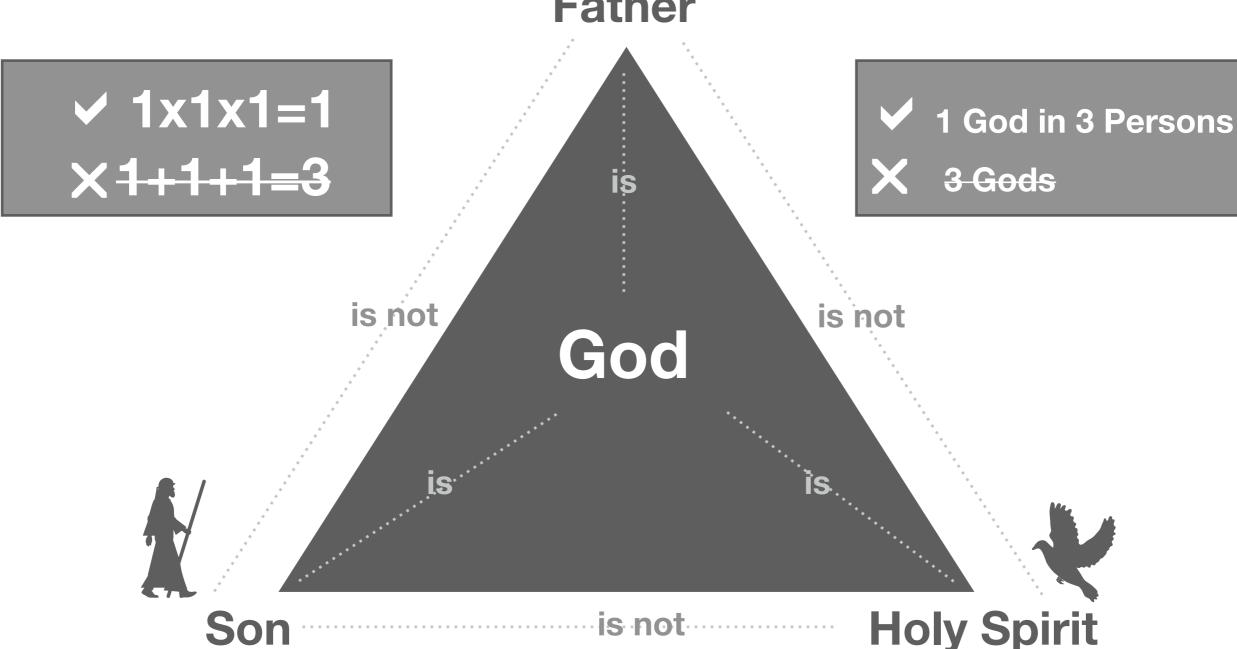
Topical Study: What Is Salvation?

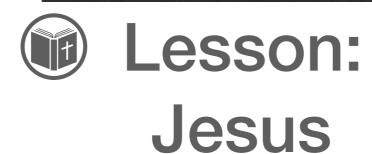
- A restored relationship with God (Romans 5:1-2)
- Forgiveness of sin resulting in God's just and righteous wrath passing over our sins (Colossians 1:14-15, Romans 5:6-11, 1 Corinthians 5:7)
- Eternal life that cannot be lost (John 3:36, Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:37-39)
- A supernatural transformation of the heart that results in a changed life (John 3:1-8, Galatians 5:19-24)
- Obtained only through Jesus, the Son of God (John 3:16-18, Acts 4:12)
- Brought about by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:1-6)
- By faith and not a result of good works (Ephesians 10:9-10)



Discuss





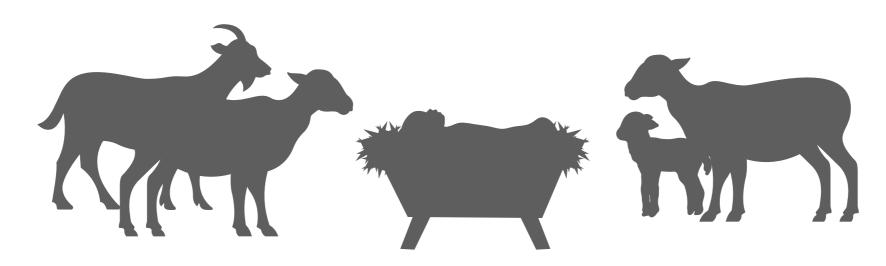




Story based on Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Key Idea: Jesus, the Son of God, willingly died as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind and offers salvation to those willing to turn from sin and follow him as Savior and King.





Jesus, the Messiah, was born of a virgin in the town of Bethlehem to a decedent of King David just as had been foretold by the prophets. Although he was a descendant of kings his family was poor and humble. Jesus was born in a stable and his mother laid him in old clothes in a feeding trough for animals.

Jesus lived a sinless life as a man and fully obeyed all of the Law. He faced all of the temptations that we face but he never sinned. One day John the Baptist saw Jesus walking along the River Jordan and said, "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."



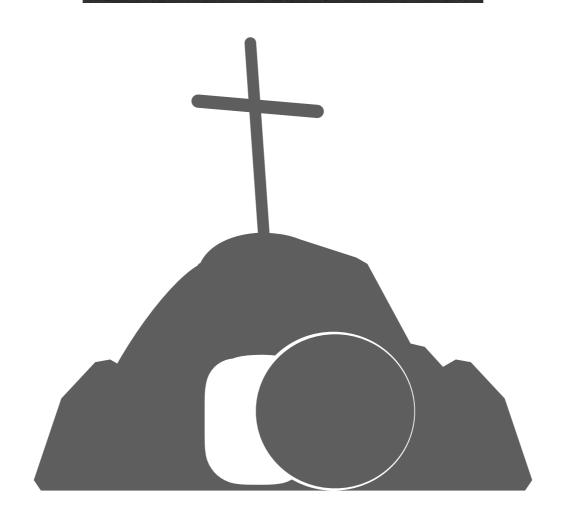
Jesus began to travel and teach when he was about 30 years old and he brought a message of hope to the poor, the weary, the sick, the oppressed, the outcast, and the sinner. He taught the people with power and authority to turn from sin, love God, love their neighbor, and even to love their enemies! Jesus proved that his teaching was from God by performing many miracles. He healed the sick, cast out demons, fed over 5000 people with a few loaves of bread and a few fish, calmed a storm, and even raised people from the dead.



Although the common people loved Jesus' teaching the religious leaders were offended by him. They were offended because Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, making himself equal with God, and because Jesus claimed to have authority to forgive sins, something only God can do. They were also offended because Jesus refused to obey man-made traditions and called the religious leaders "hypocrites" for saying one thing but doing something else.



After several years of ministry Jesus began to tell his disciples that he was going to die and that he would rise again from the dead on the 3rd day. When the time was right, Jesus willingly gave himself into the hands of the religious leaders and died for our sins - the innocent for the guilty. As he died he said, "It is finished!", meaning that the price of sin had been paid.



On the 3rd day God raised Jesus from the dead, breaking the power of the curse of sin and death. He appeared alive to over 500 people. For 40 days Jesus taught his disciples from the Old Testament scriptures why the Messiah had to come and die as the sacrificial lamb for the sins of mankind.



Jesus told his followers that everyone willing to turn from sin to follow him as Savior and King could receive forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and a transformed life here and now. He said that through his death, burial, and resurrection he had provided peace with God, freedom from the slavery of sin, and healing for broken lives and broken relationships. Then Jesus commanded his followers to go and share this message of hope with the rest of the world and to demonstrate their love for him by caring for the poor, the sick, and the oppressed in his name.



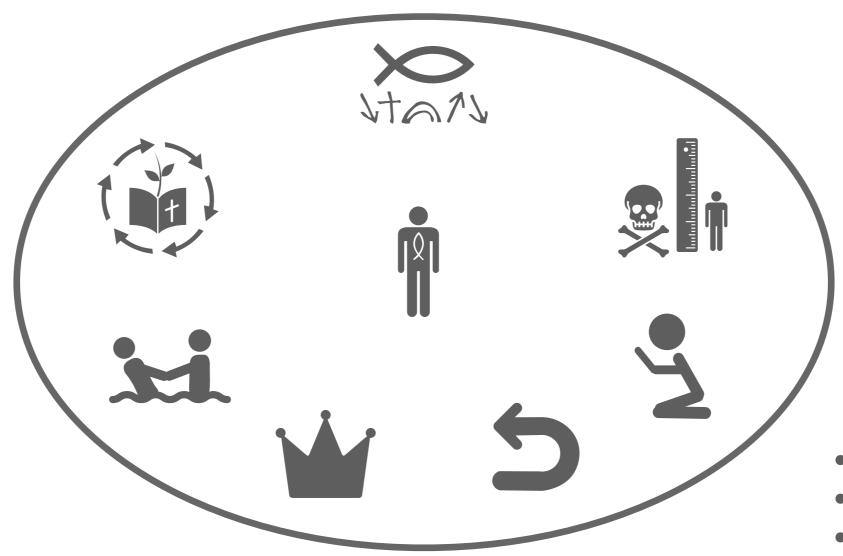
After 40 days Jesus returned to Heaven. Before leaving Jesus said that he was going away to prepare a place for his followers and that one day he would return to gather his followers and to punish all who have rejected his free gift of forgiveness of sins. Jesus also promised that when he returns our sin cursed world would be replaced by a New Heaven and a New Earth; a place without sorrow, pain, or death. He promised that his followers would live with him in this new perfect Heaven and Earth for eternity.

Topical Study: Who Is Jesus?

- The Creator (Colossians 1:16-17)
- The Judge (Revelation 19:11-16)
- King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:16)
- The Word of God (John 1:1-3, 14)
- The Son of God 100% God (Mark 1:1)
- The Son of Man 100% Human (Luke 9:22)
- The Lamb of God (John 1:29)
- The Messiah (John 4:25-26)
- Emmanuel, God with us (Matthew 1:23)
- Our God and Savior (Titus 2:11-14)

Example 2 Learning Tool:

7 Steps to Becoming a Follower of Jesus



*Baptism does not save us but Jesus commanded us to be baptized as a sign that we are publicly identifying with him and other believers.

Believe

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- Admit
- Confess
- Turn
- Follow
- Be baptized
- Be discipled



 Believe that Jesus, the Son of God, came, died for your sins, rose from the dead, went away and is coming back. (John 20:31, Romans 10:9)



 Admit that you are a sinner and that you deserve death and Hell according to the Law. (Romans 3:23, 6:23)



 Confess your sins in prayer and ask God to forgive you. (1 John 1:9)



• Turn away from your sins. (Acts 3:19, Luke 13:3, Galatians 5:19-24)



Follow Jesus as your Savior and King wherever he may lead.
 (Matthew 16:24-26)



Be baptized as a public step of faith in identifying with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. (Acts 2:38)



Participate in lifelong, transformational discipleship through studying and obeying God's Word. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Suggested Lesson Order

Seeker's Class (7 lessons total)

- 01 Creation to Christ (C2C) (1 lesson)
- 02 The Six Sacrifice Stories (6 lessons)

Believer's Group (25 lessons total)

- 03 Initial Discipleship Milk (5 lessons)
- 04 Basic Discipleship Meat (20 lessons)

Christian Worldview (2 lessons)

- 05 Bird's Eye View of the Bible (1 lesson)
- 06 Bird's Eye View of Church History (1 lesson)

Book Studies (4-5 years) - no material but uses 3/3rds format

- James (character development)
- Titus (group development)
- Luke (or one of the other four Gospels (understanding the Gospel)
- Acts (understanding the early church and group multiplication)
- Genesis (theological foundations)
- Exodus (theological foundations)
- Joshua (theological foundations)
- Judges (theological foundations)

