

Creation to Christ

Genesis 1:1-27; Genesis 2:15; Genesis 3; Genesis 6:1; Genesis 6:9-22; Genesis 8; Genesis 9:12-17; Genesis 12:2-4; Genesis 15:4-6; Genesis 21:1-5; Exodus 1:6-7; Judges 2:11; Judges 3:12; Isaiah 1:2; Isaiah 53:4-6; Isaiah 53:10-12; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 49:6; Matthew 2:1-12; Mark 1:29-34; John 10:28-39; John 8:12; Matthew 27:35-28:10; Luke 24:40-48; Romans 3:22-25; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10 (NLT)

God created the whole earth, and when He did, He created the first man and woman. The first man and woman lived in a beautiful garden. God gave them one command, not to eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. But they didn't listen to God and they ate the fruit. And because they were disobedient they were separated from God.

And then they had children, and their children had children, and their children had children. They were all separated from God. When God looked down on the earth, He saw all the evil in the hearts of the people. So He decided to destroy the whole earth with a flood. But there was one man named Noah. Noah had a right and good relationship with God. God told Noah to build a boat, so that his family would not die in the flood. Noah obeyed God. God sent the flood and water covered the land. When the land finally dried, God made a promise to Noah, and to all people after Noah, that He would never destroy the earth with a flood again. And the sign of that promise was a rainbow.

Many years later, there was a man named Abraham. Abraham and his wife had no children and they were very old. But God said to Abraham, "I am going to give you many children and I am going to bless the whole world through your family." So Abraham believed God and God considered him to be in a right relationship with Him because of his trust. God kept His promise and gave Abraham a son. God made a huge people group out of Abraham's descendants.

But the people were still separated from God. So God gave a message to a man named Isaiah. This message was about a Promised Savior who would come and take on all of our wrongs. He would be born to a woman who had never been with a man. He would take on all of our wrongs although He had done nothing wrong. He would die as the punishment for our wrongs, but He would come back to life again. Because of what the Promised Savior does, we will be restored to a right relationship with God. The Promised Savior was called a "light to all nations."

Well, everything happened just the way God said it would. Jesus was born and God put a star in the sky to bring men to the place of His birth. Jesus was perfect and He performed many miracles that proved He was Savior. He said, "I am the light of the world, and whoever follows Me is no longer in darkness." Many people believed Jesus, but there were some who didn't. They were angry with Him because He said that He and God were the same. So they put Him to death; they hung Him on two pieces of wood in the shape of a cross. They put nails in His hands and feet, and He died. On the third day, Jesus came to life, just as it was foretold.

The wrongs we do separate us from God. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice for all the wrong things we have done. But we can be made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus

Christ alone. If we ask forgiveness of our wrongs, declaring that Jesus is God, and believe that Jesus came to life after His death, then we can have a right relationship with God. This is true for everyone!

Explanation of the Drawing:

The apple at the bottom of the hand is the fruit Adam and Eve ate in the garden. The rainbow represents promise. The first promise in the story is the promise God made to Noah and to all people after to never destroy the earth with a flood again. It also represents the promise God made to Abraham and the promise to all people for a Savior. The flame in the drawing is a reminder of the Savior being called “a light to all nations.” The star is a reminder of the birth of Jesus. The cross is a reminder of the death of Jesus. The flower represents life. Jesus came to life after three days!

Story Questions:

1. What did you learn about God in the story?
2. What do you think about Jesus after hearing the story?
3. What did you learn about man in the story?
4. What was your favorite part of the story?
5. What should you obey after hearing the story?
6. Do you have any questions about the story?
7. Do you want to follow Jesus?
8. Who will you tell?