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| 1 | Introduction page Come lord Jesus |
| 2 | Week 2 Adam, Eve Noah |
| 3 | In the beginning God created the earth, the skies, the sun, the moon and the stars. He also created all the animals. |
| 4 | He created a man Adam, and a woman Eve and asked that they look after all the animals and the earth. |
| 5 | Adam and Eve did look after everything but then the snake tempted them to eat an apple from the one tree that God said not to use. So they were sent out of the beautiful garden. But before they went God promised to send them a saviour, his son, born of a woman who would crush evil. So we start the Jesse tree of all the people who waited in hope for Jesus to come. |
| 6 | Hymn God loves me |
| 7 | The next person we look at who waited for Jesus to come and who tried to be good was Noah. |
| 8 | When Noah lived most of the people were making bad choices and did not love God so god told Noah to build an ark- a big boat. God showed Noah how to do it and Noah got his family to build the ark while everyone laughed at him and his family. |
| 9 | Then it rained for 40 days and 40 nights and Noah put all his family and 2 of every kind of animal on the boat and got ready for the flood. |
| 10 | Then the boat was floating while all the water raged around them. |
| 11 | After the rain stopped and Noah waited for a long time, he sent out some birds to see if they could find land. Finally one came back with a leaf in its beak and he knew he could go on the land again. They were saved. |
| 12 | God sent a rainbow to show the people that he promised not to flood all the world again. |
| 13 | Noah song 1 |
| 14 | Noah song 2 |
| 15 | Prayers of the faithful |
| 16 | Cover Abraham Sarah Isaac Come Lord Jesus |
| 17 | Many years after the time of Noah there was a man named Abram. Abram was a good man who owned many sheep and cattle. He lived with his wife Sarai in the land of Haran. But he had no children. One day, God came to Abram. Whether it was in a vision, or in a dream we don't know for sure. But God did come to Abram and He said to him, “Abram! I want you to pack up all your things and leave your home! “I want you to go to the land I will give you. I promise that I will bless you, and make your family great. I will be with you in all you do, and because of you all the families of the earth will be blessed.” |
| 18 | Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother Lot. They packed up everything they owned in the land of Haran and moved to the land of Canaan - that was the land that God was going to lead him to. It couldn't have been an easy move to make. Abram was 75 years old when God told him to pack up everything he owned and leave his home. |
| 19 | Many years later, Abram was resting in his tent after a hard day’s work. People lived in tents back in those days because they had to move from place to place to find food for their many sheep and cattle. It was a night like any other night... until God appeared. |
| 20 | This must have been a bit of a surprise! And maybe more than a little bit scary. But God said to Abram, “Do not be afraid! I am your defender! I promise that I will give you a great reward.” But Abram said, “What kind of reward? I don't even have any children!” And then God took Abram out beneath the starry sky. “Look up at the stars in the sky,” God said. “You will have a son. He will have children, and his children will have children, and they will have more children, and one day they will be as many as the stars in the sky.” |
| 21 | Abram said, "How can this be? I am old!" But God had made a promise to Abram. God promised Abram that he would have children, and from him a great nation would come. Abram believed God's promise, and Abram's faith pleased God. It was Abram's faith in God and his promise that made things right between Abram and God. And then God said, “You must agree to keep this covenant with me. You must agree to honor me and obey me. And then God said, “From now on, you shall call your wife Sarah, which means “princess.” I will bless her. She will have a son, and she will become the mother of nations and kings.” Now, Sarah was 90 years old. Abraham laughed. “How can Sarah have children? She is way too old!” “What about my son Ishmael,” Abraham said, “Can't my family come from him?” |
| 22 | “No,” God said, “your wife Sarah will have a son, and you will call him Isaac, which means "He Laughed" - because you laughed when I told you. My covenant is with him and his children. And it is an everlasting covenant. But I will also bless your son Ishmael and his children. They will become a great nation too.” |
| 23 | God went on his way, and that very day Abraham did what God had told him to do.  But still, Abraham and Sarai had no children of their own. One day Abraham was sitting by the door of his tent. He looked up and saw three men standing in the hot sun. As soon as he saw them, he ran out to greet them. He bowed to the ground and said, “Please honor me with your presence. I am here to serve you. Let me get you some water to refresh yourselves. Rest here beneath these trees and I will bring you some food.” The three men replied, “Thank you. We accept your gracious offer.” Abraham hurried back into his tent. “Quick, Sarah,” he said, “get your best flour and make some bread!” And then he ran out to his herd and picked out a fat, young calf. “Quick,” he said to his servant, “Prepare this calf for our guests!” When all was ready Abraham brought the meal out to his guests. He served them himself. He gave these three strangers the best he had to offer. |
| 24 | “Where is your wife Sarah?” one of the three strangers asked. “She is inside the tent,” Abraham said. “Nine months from now, I will come back and your wife Sarah will have a son.” the stranger said. Now, Sarah was standing inside the door of the tent and she heard what the stranger said. “How can I have a son when I am so old!” she thought to herself. It was such a funny thought, she laughed. “Why did Sarah laugh?” the Lord said to Abraham. The stranger was really the Lord himself! “Don’t you believe that you will have a son?“ the stranger said. “Is anything too hard for the Lord? I promise you, nine months from now you will have a son.” |
| 25 | Sure enough, nine months later, she did! Just as God had promised! Abraham named his son Isaac. And Isaac grew up to be a strong boy. One day God came to Abraham and said, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” Abraham said. “Abraham, I want you to take your only son, whom you love, and go to a mountain I will show you. There I want you to sacrifice your son as a burnt offering to me.” What was God thinking? How could he ask Abraham to do such a thing? Remember, Abraham had waited a long, long time for his son Isaac. It seemed impossible that he would ever even have a son from his wife Sarah. But God had promised, and God kept his promise. Now was God going to take his only son away? But God had also promised that from Abraham would come as many children as there are stars in the sky. |
| 26 | Abraham bundled the wood up and put it on his donkey, and then Abraham, Isaac, and two of Abraham’s servants set out on the way God had directed them. After walking for three days, Abraham looked up and saw the place where God was leading him. Abraham said to the two servants, “Wait here with the donkey while Isaac and I go to worship God.” Then he took the wood for the sacrifice and laid it on his son Isaac’s back. Imagine, Isaac had to carry the wood for his own sacrifice. Many, many years later, God’s own son would have to carry the wood for his own sacrifice. Then, it would be the wood of the cross. So Abraham and Isaac walked on together. Abraham couldn’t say a word. After they had been walking a while, Isaac said, “Father?” |
| 27 | “Yes, my son,” Abraham said. “We have the wood for the sacrifice and the fire, but where is the lamb?” That question must have nearly broken his father’s heart. But, God had promised Abraham that through him many people would be blessed. And God always keeps his promises. “God will provide the lamb,” Abraham said. He probably didn’t even know what he was saying. He didn’t understand, but he trusted God. The two walked up the mountain in silence. Abraham couldn’t have loved his son more. How hard that walk must have been. When they got to the top of the mountain, Abraham built an altar. He laid the sticks of wood on the altar, and then he tied his son with rope and laid him on the wood. His heart was breaking. Still, he trusted that God was good. He couldn’t understand why he had to sacrifice his son. He only knew that God had commanded it. Abraham took out his knife and raised it in the air. Just then the angel of the Lord called out, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” Abraham said. “Do not harm your son Isaac,” the angel said. And Abraham put down the knife. Then the angel said to Abraham (it was really God speaking), “Now I know you really believe in me.” Just then Abraham saw a ram tangled by its horns in a nearby bush. Here was the animal for his sacrifice. |
| 28 | God HAD provided the lamb - just like Abraham said he would! And so Abraham called the place on that mountain “The Lord Will Provide.” |
| 29 | Rock my soul 1 |
| 30 | Rock my soul 2 |
| 31 | But Abraham was getting old. His son Isaac was getting older too. And so one day Abraham sent for his most trusted servant. “Make an oath with me,” Abraham said to his servant, “Promise me that you will find a wife for my son Isaac. But you must not find her here. Promise me that you will go to the land where I was born and find a wife for my son Isaac there.” But Abraham’s servant said, “What if she won’t come with me? Shall I take Isaac back to live with her there?” “No,” Abraham said, “God brought me from my father’s house and gave me this land. God will send his angel to help you find a wife for Isaac from among our people, but you must not take my son Isaac back there.” |
| 32 | And so Abraham’s servant took ten camels and piled them high with treasures from Abraham’s house. When all was ready he took his men and set out for the land where Abraham was born. It was getting towards evening when he came to the town of Nahor. There was a well outside the town, and Abraham’s servant made his camels kneel there, beside the well. Then he prayed, “God of my master Abraham, be kind to my master today! Help me find a wife for his son Isaac. Look, the daughters of the townspeople are coming to get water. I will ask one of them for a drink. If she says, ‘Please, drink, and I will water your camels too,’ then I will know that she is the one you have chosen.”  Before he had even finished praying, Rebekah came out to the well with a large clay jar on her shoulder. She was very beautiful. Rebekah went down to the spring and filled her jar with water. |
| 33 | Abraham’s servant hurried to meet her. He said to her, “Please give me a little water from your jar.” “Drink, my lord,” Rebekah said, and quickly she lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink.  And then she said, “I will draw water for your camels too.” So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels. Abraham’s servant watched her without saying a word. Was this the one God had chosen to be Isaac’s wife? |
| 34 | When the camels had finished drinking, Abraham’s servant asked, “Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?”  Rebekah answered, “I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Nahor.” Nahor was Abraham’s brother! She was one of Abraham’s own people, just as Abraham had asked. “We have plenty of straw and fodder, as well as room for you to spend the night,” she said.  Abraham’s servant bowed down to the ground and worshiped the LORD. “Praise be to the LORD, the God of my master Abraham! He has smiled on my servant Abraham this day. He has guided me on my journey and led me to the house of my master’s relatives.” And then he gave Rebekah heavy gold bracelets for her arms and a golden ring for her nose. Rebekah ran back to her mother’s house. When Rebekah’s brother Laban heard Rebekah’s story, and saw the gold ring and the golden bracelets, he ran out to the stranger at the well.  “Why are you waiting out here!” Laban said. “Come to my father’s house, you who are blessed by the Lord! I have prepared a place for you, and for your camels too.” The camels were unloaded and straw was brought for them to eat. Laban brought water for Abraham’ servant and his men to wash their feet. And then he brought a delicious meal and set it before them. “I cannot eat until I tell you why I am here.” Abraham’s servant said. “Please, tell us,” Laban said. Abraham’s servant told Laban and his family the whole story. “Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She gave me water to drink, just as I had prayed. So, please, tell me, is she the one for my master’s son Isaac?” Rebekah’s father answered, “This is from the LORD! Here is my daughter; take her with you, and let her become the wife of your master’s son.”  The next morning Rebekah's father asked her, “Will you go with this man?”  “I will go,” she said. |
| 35 | And so they sent Rebekah on her way. One evening some time later, Isaac was out in the field meditating when he heard the sound of camels approaching.He looked up. At that moment Rebekah also looked up, and their eyes met.  “Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?” Rebekah asked Abraham’s servant. “He is my master,” the servant answered.Isaac ran up to the travelers, and Abraham’s servant told him all that had happened. Isaac took Rebekah by the hand, and soon after she became his wife. symbol |
| 36 | Father Abraham song |
| 37 | Prayers of the faithful |
| 38 | Three other people who also waited for the coming of Jesus and who worked hard for the people were Joseph, Moses and Joshua. |
| 39 | Joseph had lots of brothers but he was his father Jacob’s favourite son. One day his Father gave him a special colour coat. |
| 40 | Joseph used to look after the sheep and he knew that he was special. |
| 41 | One day Joseph had a dream that twelve stars bowed to him. He knew that this meant that all his brothers would one day bow to him and maybe be lead by him |
| 42 | When he told his brothers they got angry with him, tore his coat off and threw him in a big hole. |
| 43 | When some people came by they sold Joseph as a slave and took the coat home and told their father that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal. Joseph was sold as a slave and eventually he ended up at the king’s palace and was put in charge of all the food because he dreamt that there was going to be a famine where no food would grow. |
| 44 | Joseph’s brothers were sorry for what they did and when they had no food they went to Egypt to see if they could get some. They did not recognize Joseph and he tricked them into getting his father to come back. When they were all there with Joseph he told them who he was and he forgave them. |
| 45 | Joseph’s people stayed in Egypt and grew too large so the Egyptian king made them slaves and they used to kill all the baby boys that were born to keep the number down. There was a little boy Moses born and his mother did not want him to die so she put him in a little basket and floated him down the river. A princess found him and brought him up as an Egyptian. |
| 46 | Moses found out that he wasn’t really an Egyptian but his family were the slaves. He killed a soldier who was hurting one of his people and he ran away into the bush. While he was there he came across a burning bush and the Lord spoke to him and told him to go back to Egypt and get the king to let his people go. |
| 47 | Moses tried and tried to get the king to set his people free and after lots of bad things happening to them he finally told the king that all the eldest Egyptian boys would die if he did not let the people go. That was exactly what happened and the King was angry and told them to go and so Moses led the people away. Before long the King changed his mind and came after them with soldiers and chariots but Moses parted the sea ad his people went through to safety. |
| 48 | The people were in the desert for about 40 years and during that time God gave Moses the 10 commandments. |
| 49 | Song 1 |
| 50 | Song 2 |
| 51 | Because Moses sometimes did not trust in God, Moses died before they got to the promised land. Joshua lead the people into the towns instead. When they moved into the promised land Joshua marched the people around the town and blew trumpets and they took the town without hardly any trouble at all. |
| 52 | Song 1 |
| 53 | Song 2 |
| 54 | Prayers of the faithful |
| 41 | Week 5 ruth, Samson and Samuel Come Lord Jesus |
| 55 | Naomi had two daughters –in-laws and their husbands, Naomie’s sons had died so she was going back to her country. She told Ruth and Orpah to go back to their homes but Ruth would not go and told Naomi that where ever she went Ruth would go too. |
| 56 | So Ruth and Naomi said goodbye to Orpah and went to Ruth’s country. |
| 57 | There Ruth worked in the fields and after work she was allowed to pick up left over wheat to make bread for her and Naomi. Here Ruth met a man named Boaz who owned the field and they got married. |
| 58 | They had a little baby Obed and he would be the father of Jesse who we name this tree after, and Jesse was the father of King David |
| 59 | There was another strong person Samson. God had made him mighty strong for his people but he had told someone that if they cut his hair he would lose his strength and so the soldiers came and cut his hair and put him in prison. When his hair grew he became strong again and destroyed the enemies’ temple. |
| 60 | God’s people were saying that all the other people had Kings but not them so one night God called Samuel, when he was just a boy. He called out to him one night and Samuel was to tell the people what God wanted them to do but he was also to find the right person to be king for God’s people. |
| 61 | Song |
| 62 | Prayers of the faithful |
| 63 | Week 6 David Solomon and Elijah song |
| 64 | Samuel had come to Jesse and looked at all his sons and the one he knew that God wanted to be king was David. David was only a small boy but he was good with his sling shot and he went out to see his brothers who were at war and he was able to kill Goliath, an enemy soldier who no one else could defeat. |
| 65 | David loved the Lord and he became King. Sometimes he made mistakes but on the whole he was a good king for his people and he sang songs to God. We call these songs psalms. |
| 66 | There were many other kings and one of the most wise kings that lead the people of god was Solomon. People came from all over to hear him. |
| 67 | Then God made prophets to tell the people how to live while they waited for the coming of Jesus. Elijah was one of these prophets. Other people and kings were saying God was not a great God and so Elijah threw water on the altar and asked God to show his strength to the people and then the altar caught on fire. The people believed that God was great. |
| 68 | When Elijah was about to die he handed on his job to Elisha and told Elisha that if God wanted Elisha to have the same blessings as Elijah then he would see him go to heaven and sure enough a burning chariot came down and Elijah got on and went to heaven. |
| 69 | Song |
| 70 | song |
| 71 | Prayers of the faithful |
| 72 | Week 7 Jonah Ezeckiel and Annunciation come lord Jesus |
| 73 | This week we have Jonah and Ezeckiel who waited for Jesus to come to save them. Jonah was called by God to go to Nineveh to tell the people to repent and be sorry for their bad choices but Jonah did not want to go so he got on a ship and ran away. While he was at sea a big storm came up and he knew God wanted him to go to Nineveh. So Jonah jumped off the boat. |
| 74 | While he was in the water a huge whale swallowed him. |
| 75 | He was inside the whale for 3 days and he was sorry for running away. |
| 76 | Then the whale spat Jonah out on to the shores of Nineveh. So Jonah did what the Lord asked and the people were sorry and began to make good choices. |
| 77 | song |
| 78 | song |
| 79 | Ezekiel was a prophet too and he tried to speak to the people to help them prepare for the coming of Jesus. Once Exekiel had a dream. In the dream there were all these dry bones on the ground. God said to Ezekiel “can these bones live?” Ezekiel said “I don’t know Lord. Only you know that!” then all the bones got up and became an army. God explained the meaning of the dream. He said just like I can make dead bones live so I can return the people to their land. So Ezekiel told the people to believe and have faith. |
| 80 | Song 1 |
| 81 | Song 2 |
| 82 | Song 3 |
| 83 | Song 4 |
| 84 | We have been looking at all the people in the Old Testament part of the bible who waited for Jesus to come. Now we remember the story of Mary. She was just a young woman when the angel Gabriel appeared to her and asked her to become the mother of Jesus. Finally the one who everyone was waiting for would come into the world. Mary said “yes” to the angel so she would give birth to the baby Jesus. |
| 85 | To help her God sent Joseph and he too was told by an angel that Mary was to have the baby Jesus whom everyone was waiting for. |
| 86 | Prayers of the faithful |
| 87 | Week 8 come Lord Jesus |
| 88 | Finally Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem because they had to be counted for a census. While they were there they could not find anyplace to stay so someone gave them an old shed where they kept the animals. Mary had the baby Jesus in this place |
| 89 | The Angels told some shepherds who were near about the baby and they came to see this wonderful baby they had waited for. |
| 90 | The angels and the shepherds all praised Jesus. |
| 91 | Away in the Manger 1 |
| 92 | Away in the Manger 2 |
| 93 | Away in the Manger 3 |
| 94 | The wise men came too and they brought gifts for the baby Jesus. For a long time they had been following a star to where Jesus was born. Finally the one everyone had been waiting for was born. |
| 95 | In the next few weeks we too have to follow that star and get ready for Christmas when we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus. |
| 96 | Behold that star 1 |
| 97 | Behold that star 2 |
| 98 | Behold that star 3 |
| 99 | Prayers of the faithful |
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