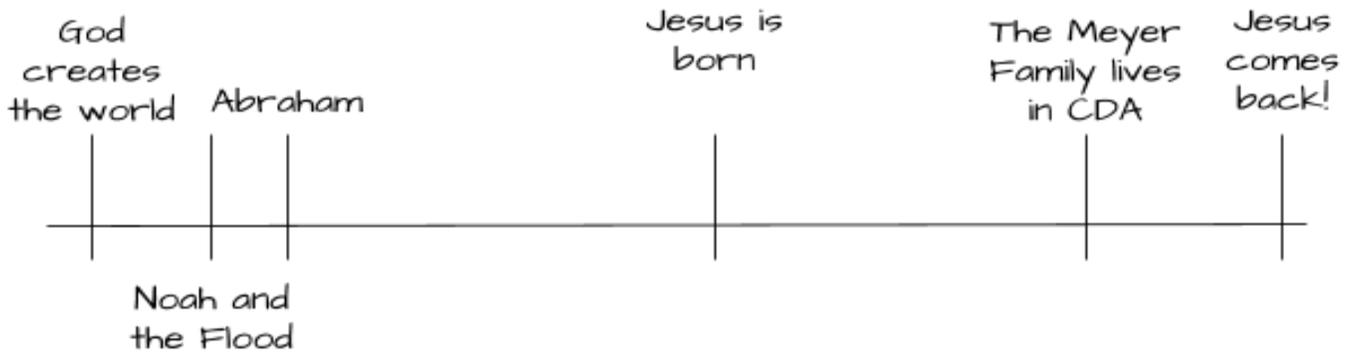


The Big Story Lesson #1 How it Began

Remember to pick and choose what parts of this lesson will apply best for your family. This is designed as a resource that you can add to, subtract from, or modify.

Activity #1: Make a giant timeline of the Bible. Tape together a bunch of pieces of paper or use a roll. Use your memory (it doesn't have to be perfect) and place all the important characters and events in order as best you can. If you need help, feel free to flip through your Bibles, but do your best to just plot the stuff you know.

Example to get you started (add as much as you can remember from the Bible stories you know):



Ice Breaker Questions:

1. What's been your biggest fear or frustrations with all the events surrounding COVID-19?
2. If you created your own paradise, what would it look like? Say, you had to create 1 single rule for this paradise, what would it be?
3. Besides the Gospels, where else do you see Jesus in other parts of the Bible?

Grab your Bibles

Genesis 1-3

Activity #2: (You need enough clay or playdough for each person to have their own little chunk) Each person starts with one "meaningless" hunk of clay. You now have 2 minutes to create your best self sculpture. Go around the circle and share what you each created and why.

Read: Genesis 1:1-2,

It says that God saw an earth that was formless and empty

Formless- *tohuw* (pronounced "toe-who")- a place of chaos and confusion, wilderness, nothingness

Empty- *bohuw* (pronounced "bow-who")- Emptiness, void, and absolute waste

Then, out of nothing, he brought meaning and beauty and significance in all he created.

Read (or summarize): Genesis 1:3-31

Humans were in paradise. Think back to Ice Breaker Question #2. God made 1 single rule for Adam and Eve as they lived with him.

Do you remember what the one rule was? (Genesis 2:16-17)_____

Did Adam and Eve choose to follow the one rule? (Genesis 3:6)_____

What happened after they broke the rule? (Genesis 3:7-13)_____

You've probably heard this story before. In fact, it is the first of many, many times when all humans choose to go against God, his way, and his good plan for us. Our choice to rebel against him separated us from being together with God. You could say we were quarantined from our loved one.

Despite the fact that this was our choice, God really wanted to still be with his loved ones, so he puts into effect a plan. This plan unfolds slowly, step by step, and completely in God's timing because he is patient and loving. He wanted to let this infection of sin run its full course and still save his beloved. But right from the beginning, he gives Adam and Eve his first promise:

Read Genesis 3:14-15

Enmity- *eybah* (pronounced "ay-vah")- hatred

- Look up "Hate" in the dictionary
- Why is it important that God places hate between Eve and her family and Satan and his family?

God's Promise:

God promises that one of Eve's offspring will _____ the head of Satan
and that Satan will only strike his _____.

Big Questions:

- Why is it important that this text is the Bible? (How does it fit into the greater story?)
- How does this text point to Jesus?
- Do you think God has a plan for right now? Where have you already seen God working in this COVID-19 Pandemic?