

# The Caravan



**15 Story-Set  
for Kids**

# C2C - Creation to Church

*In the beginning*, there was God. He spoke and created the whole world and everything in it. Then he made a special creation. He made man and woman and he patterned them after himself. He had a perfect relationship with them. He walked with them, talked with them, and took care of them. Until, one day, the man and woman disobeyed God and broke their relationship with him. They were separated from God.

The man and the woman had children and their children had children, and their children had children. But the people were still separated from God. Even when the world was full of people, God never forgot about his special creation. He still loved them and wanted to have a right relationship with them. One day, he spoke to a man named Abraham and he told him, "I am going to give you a huge family. I am going to make a great people group out of them. They will be a people group just for me. And I will bless the whole world through you and your family." And even though Abraham was a very old man with no children, he believed God. God considered Abraham to have a right relationship with him because of his belief.

God kept his promise to Abraham. And Abraham did have a son, and his son had sons, until God had made a huge people group from Abraham's family, just as he said he would. Sometimes they followed God but most of the time they were disobedient, just like the first man and woman. So, God would send spokesmen to the people to show them how they could have a good relationship with him.

One of these spokesmen was named Isaiah. Isaiah brought Abraham's family a message of hope about a Promised Savior. Through Isaiah, God said, "The Savior that I will send will be beaten and whipped so you will be healed. I will put your disobedience onto him, and he will be punished and killed, but then have life again. Because of this, many people will have a right relationship with me." From that time on, they waited for this Promised Savior, and they waited, and they waited.

And God did keep his promise. He sent the Promised Savior, Jesus, and he was God's very own Son. Jesus proved that he was the Promised Savior by performing many miracles and by healing people. He also set an example for the way we should live. Not everyone recognized who Jesus was but many people did follow him. Jesus taught these followers. He even called those who believed in him "friends" because their belief in him gave them a good relationship with him.

Some people did not like what Jesus was teaching and they had Jesus arrested. Just as God said through the spokesman Isaiah, Jesus was whipped, and beaten, and he died. But just as God had said, Jesus was given life again!

Jesus then appeared to many of his followers and continued to teach them. He told them, "Go and tell people about me and all that has happened. Teach them to obey what I have taught you, and when they believe in me, baptize them. This symbolic washing in water shows that they have turned from their disobedience and turned to God through believing in me. I will send God's Spirit to you, and you will receive power to tell people about me everywhere."

One day, Jesus was taken up in a cloud to heaven. While the followers were watching, two angels appeared and said, "Jesus will come back the same way you saw him go!"

Just as Jesus promised, he did send God's Spirit to his followers. The Spirit gave them the power to tell people everywhere about Jesus. And that's what followers of Jesus have been doing ever since! When people believe in him, they are baptized to show that they have turned from their disobedience and turned to God through believing in Jesus. Followers of Jesus then meet together to praise God, learn about Jesus, and meet one another's needs.

And this is what I do. I tell people about Jesus.

# Creation

Genesis 1:1-28, 31, 2:2-3, 7-9, 15-18, 21-23

*In the beginning*, there was God. He spoke, and when he did, he created the whole world and everything in it—the light and water, the sun and moon and stars, and all the animals.

But then, he made a special creation. He made man, and he patterned man after himself. He formed the man from the dirt of the ground, and he breathed into him, and he came to life.

God planted a beautiful garden and placed the man there to take care of it and watch over it. He showed the man two trees in the middle of the garden. One was a tree of life, and the other, the tree of understanding of good and evil.

He told the man, “You can eat the fruit of every tree in the garden, except the tree of the understanding of good and evil, because if you eat it, you will die.”

Then God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.” So he put the man into a deep sleep and formed a woman from him.

When the man saw her, he was amazed and said, “Wow, she looks just like me!”

God cared for them then he looked over all he had made, and he saw it was very good! He did all these things in six days, then he set apart the seventh day for himself.

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# Disobedience

Genesis 3:1-24

The man and the woman lived in perfect relationship with God. He walked with them, talked with them, and took care of them, until the man and woman disobeyed God.

One day, Satan entered the snake, the sneakiest of all the animals. He asked the woman, "Did God really say you cannot eat any of the fruit in the garden?"

"Of course we can," the woman said. "It's only the fruit from the tree that gives the understanding of good and evil that we cannot eat. God said we cannot eat or touch it, or we will die."

The snake said, "You won't die! God knows that when you eat it you will be like him and know both good and evil."

The woman believed the snake. The fruit looked delicious and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it too. As soon as they did, they felt something strange—they felt shame.

That evening they heard God walking in the garden, so they hid from him. God called to the man, "Where are you?" The man told God he hid because he was afraid. God asked, "Have you eaten the fruit I told you not to eat?"

"Yes," the man said, "but the woman gave me the fruit and I ate it."

God asked the woman, "Why did you do this?"

"The snake tricked me that's why I ate it," the woman said.

God then punished the snake and the man and woman for their disobedience. Then God said, "What if they eat the fruit from the tree of life? If they do, they will live forever!" God did not want them to live in disobedience forever, so he sent them out of the garden and blocked the entrance.

"Have you eaten the fruit I told you not to eat?"

# Abraham

Genesis 12:1-7, 15:1-6

The man and woman's disobedience separated them from God. But God did not forget his special creation. God wanted a relationship with his people. God wanted to make a people group that would be his very own, so he chose one man named Abraham.

God came to Abraham and said, "Leave your home and your family and go to the land that I will show you. I will make your children and their children and their children into a great people group. I will bless you and make you famous, and the whole world will be blessed through you."

So Abraham obeyed God and left his home. He was seventy-five years old when he left. He took his wife Sarah, all his riches, and all his household and headed for the land God would show him. When they arrived Abraham camped next to a huge tree.

Then God appeared to Abraham and said, "I will give this land to your family." And Abraham worshiped God there.

Some time later, God spoke to Abraham in a vision and said, "Don't be afraid I will protect you and give you a great reward."

But Abraham said, "God, what good are your promises when I don't even have a son? Because you have not given me any children, one of my servants will receive all my riches."

Then God said to him, "Your servants will not receive your riches, because you will have a son." Then God took Abraham outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and try to count the stars. That's how big your family will be!"

And Abraham believed God and God said Abraham had a right relationship with him because of his belief.

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# David

1 Samuel 16:1-13, 2 Samuel 7:1-16, 18-25, 28

God did keep his promise to Abraham. He had a child who had children, who then had children, until they became a huge people group. God raised up many leaders for his people. One of these leaders was a man named David. This is the story of how he became king.

One day, God said to Samuel, his spokesman, "Go to Bethlehem. Find a certain man who lives there, because I have chosen one of his sons to be my king. Invite him to worship, and I will show you which one of his sons I have chosen." So Samuel did as God told him.

When they arrived, Samuel took one look at the first son and thought, "He must be the one God wants as king!"

But God said to him, "I have not chosen him. I don't make decisions the way people do. People judge by what they see on the outside, but I look at the heart."

All seven of the sons were shown to Samuel. But Samuel said, "God has not chosen any of these." Then he asked, "Are these all your sons?"

"There is still the youngest," the father replied. "But he's out watching the sheep."

When this son, David, was brought in, God told Samuel, "This is the one I choose." So, as David stood there with his brothers, Samuel poured oil on his head to show he was the next king. And the Spirit of God came powerfully on David from that day on.

Many years passed, and, like God said, David became the new king and God brought peace to his land. One day, David called for Nathan, another of God's spokesmen. God told Nathan to say to David, "I chose you to lead my people when you were only a shepherd boy, watching your sheep in the field. Now I will make you famous throughout the earth! Your family will be one of kings! One of your descendants will always rule and if he disobeys, I will punish him. But my love is unfailing. Your kingdom will continue forever."

When David heard this message from God, he praised God. He believed God, and he said, "O God, do as you have promised. For you are God, Your words are truth and You promise good things to those who love You."

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# Promise

Isaiah 53:2-7, 11-12

After David, other kings ruled over God's people, but the kings disobeyed God and led the people to disobey God. In spite of this, God continued to send spokesmen to give his people messages from him. One of the spokesmen was named Isaiah and he brought a message of hope to the people: God would send his people a Savior to bring them freedom! This is what God said through Isaiah:

"There will be nothing beautiful or royal about the Promised Savior. We will turn our backs on him and look the other way. He will be hated and rejected, and we won't care.

"He will carry our weaknesses. We will think his troubles are a punishment from God for his own disobedience. But he will be beaten so we can have peace whipped so we can be healed!

"All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. But God will put on him the disobedience of us all.

"He will be treated badly, but will never say a word. He will be taken like a lamb to be killed. And like a sheep is silent when it is going to be shaved, he will not open his mouth.

"After his suffering, he will have life again. And because of his experience, the Promised Savior will make it possible for many to have a right relationship with God, for he will carry all their disobedience.

"God will give him the honors given to one who is mighty and great because he took the place of the disobedient."

So God's people waited for Him to send this Promised Savior.

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# Birth

Luke 1:26-35, 2:1-7, 22, 25, 28, 30-34, 39-40  
Matthew 1:20-21

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After some time, a message from God came to a man named John who lived in the wilderness.

John went from place to place telling people that they should be baptized, which is when someone is washed in water to show that they have turned away from disobedience and turned to God to be forgiven.

He said, "Prove by the way that you live that you have turned away from your disobedience and turned to God."

Everyone was expecting the Promised Savior to come soon and they wanted to know if John was the one they were waiting for. John told them, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is coming soon is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave. He will baptize you with God's Spirit."

One day when people were being baptized, Jesus himself came to be baptized by John, even though Jesus had never sinned. But John tried to change his mind. "I need to be baptized by you. Why are you coming to me?"

But Jesus said, "I must do all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him.

Afterwards, as he was praying, the heavens opened and God's Spirit came down in the form of a dove. Then, God spoke from heaven and said, "You are my Son. I love you, and you bring me great joy."

"God will cause you to give birth to a son,  
and you will name him Jesus."

# Baptism

Luke 3:1-3, 15-16, 21-22, Matthew 3:7-9,13-16

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# Paralyzed Man

Luke 5:17-26

God continued to show that Jesus was the Promised Savior as he gave him the power to do great miracles.

One day, Jesus was teaching a huge crowd. Some religious leaders had come from every village around to hear him and they sat to listen. Through God's power, Jesus was healing the sick.

Some men came carrying their friend on a sleeping mat because he could not walk. They tried to take him inside to Jesus but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. Instead, they went to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the man who could not walk on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

Jesus saw their belief and said to the sick man, "Friend, your disobedience is forgiven."

The religious leaders in the crowd heard this and thought to themselves, "How can Jesus say this? Only God can forgive disobedience!"

Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why are you thinking this in your hearts? Do you think it is easier to say, 'Your disobedience is forgiven', or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? I will prove to you that I have authority to forgive disobedience." Then Jesus turned to the man who could not walk and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

Immediately the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. All the people there were in awe and also praised God. They said, "We have seen amazing things today!"

"Friend, your disobedience is forgiven."

# Man with Evil Spirits

Mark 5:1-20

Jesus and some of his close followers were crossing a lake in a boat. When they arrived at the other side of the lake, a man filled with an evil spirit came to meet Jesus.

This man lived where the dead were buried and no one was strong enough to control him. When he was put into chains he would snap them from his wrists! He wandered all day and all night while he screamed and cut himself with sharp stones.

When he saw Jesus, the man ran to him and bowed at his feet. Jesus said, "Come out of the man, you evil spirit."

The man screamed, "Why are you bothering me, Jesus, Son of God? I beg you, don't torture me!"

Then Jesus asked, "What is your name?"

And he replied, "Many, because there are many of us inside of this man." There was a huge herd of pigs feeding nearby. "Send us into those pigs," the spirits begged. So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs and all 2,000 pigs ran down the hill and drowned in the lake.

The men who cared for the pigs ran and told others what happened. People rushed out and saw the man who had been filled with an evil spirit sitting quietly and normal. The people were afraid and asked Jesus to go away and leave them alone.

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been filled with an evil spirit begged to go with him. But Jesus said, "No, go home to your family and friends and tell them everything God has done for you." So the man visited all of the towns around and began to tell the great things Jesus had done for him and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

"Come out of the man you evil spirit."

# Water

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus continued to travel and taught many people.

One day, after speaking to a large crowd, Jesus insisted that his closest followers get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake while he sent the people home. He then went up into the hills by himself to pray until it was dark. Meanwhile, his closest followers were in trouble far away from land because a strong wind had risen and they were fighting heavy waves.

About three o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the closest followers saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they shouted, "It's a ghost!"

But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Be courageous. I am here!"

Then Peter called to him, "Master, if it's really you, tell me to walk to you on the water."

"Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.

But when Peter saw the strong wind and the waves, he was afraid and began to sink. "Save me, Master!" he shouted.

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him and said, "You have so little belief. Why did you doubt me?"

When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. Then his closest followers worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they said.

"Be courageous. I am here."

# Sight

Luke 18:15-17, 31-42

One day, some parents brought their little children to Jesus so he could touch them and bless them, but Jesus' closest followers told them not to bother him. Then Jesus called for the children and said to his followers, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! Anyone who doesn't have their kind of belief will never experience a relationship with God."

Gathering his twelve closest followers around him, Jesus told them, "As you know, we are going to Jerusalem. And when we get there, all the predictions of the ancient spokesmen concerning me will come true. I will be handed over to soldiers to be mocked, treated shamefully, and spit upon. They will whip me and kill me, but on the third day I will rise again." But they didn't understand a thing he said.

As they approached a nearby town, a blind beggar was sitting beside the road. When he heard the noise of a crowd going past, he asked what was happening. They told him that Jesus was going by. So he began shouting, "Jesus, descendant of David, have mercy on me!" The crowds ahead of Jesus tried to hush the man, but he only shouted louder, "Descendant of David, have mercy on me!"

When Jesus heard him, he stopped and ordered that the man be brought to him. Then Jesus asked the man, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"I want to see!"

And Jesus said, "All right, you can see! Your belief has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus, praising God. And all who saw it praised God, too.

"... You can see! Your belief has healed you."

# Arrest & Trial

Luke 22:32-34, 51,  
John 18:1-5, 10, 12-13, 15-17, 25-27,  
Matthew 26:59-63, 75, 27:26

Though many were amazed at what Jesus was doing, not everyone praised him. Some religious leaders were jealous and did not like what he was teaching and they plotted with one of his closest followers to betray him in order to have Jesus arrested. Their plan was actually part of God's plan, which he told through his spokesman, Isaiah, hundreds of years before. Many people had come to Jerusalem for an important religious festival. Jesus and his closest followers also arrived and were sharing a meal to celebrate this festival.

During the meal, Jesus said to Peter, "I have been praying for you, Peter, that you will always believe." Peter said, "Jesus, I will go to prison with you, and even die with you."

But Jesus said, "Peter before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me."

After he said this, Jesus went to a garden with some of his closest followers. His betrayer, who was another of his closest followers, arrived with a group of soldiers and guards who were carrying blazing torches and weapons. Jesus knew all that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward to meet them. "Who are you looking for?" he asked.

"Jesus" they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said.

When they were about to take Jesus, Peter drew a sword and cut off the right ear of...one of the men. But Jesus said, "No more of this." And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

The soldiers and guards arrested Jesus and tied him up. They took him to the home of the head religious leader. Peter followed. When Peter was let inside, a woman asked him, "You're not one of that man's closest followers, are you?"

"No," he said, "I am not."

Inside the home, the religious leaders had gathered and Jesus was accused of many things he had not done. Then the head religious leader stood up and said to Jesus, "Well, aren't you going to answer?" But Jesus remained silent.

Meanwhile Peter was asked again, "You're not one of his disciples, are you?"

He denied it, saying, "No, I am not."

But a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off asked, "Didn't I see you out there with Jesus?" Again, Peter denied it. And immediately a rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had promised: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he went outside and wept.

After his trial, Jesus was ordered to be whipped with a lead tipped whip, then he was turned over to the soldiers to be killed.

*"You will deny three times that you even know me."*

# Death & Life

Matthew 27:60  
Luke 23:33-35, 44-46, 53, 24:1-7

After Jesus was whipped with the lead tipped whip, he was given to the soldiers to be killed.

Soldiers hammered nails through Jesus' hands and feet and nailed him to two planks of wood called a cross. The people mocked him. They said, "Let him save himself if he is really God's Promised Savior."

As he was dying, he said, "Father, forgive them, because they don't know what they are doing." At noon that day, the entire area became as dark as night for three hours. Then Jesus died.

A man took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in cloth and laid it in a tomb in a rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance and left.

Three days later, some women went to the tomb. They saw that the stone had been rolled away and that Jesus' body was not there. Suddenly, two angels appeared and said, "He isn't here! He has risen from the dead! Remember what he told you that he must be killed, and that he would rise again on the third day."

"He isn't here! He has risen from the dead!"

# Spirit

Luke 24, Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8-11, 2:1-4

After he rose, Jesus appeared to his followers and explained to them that everything had taken place to fulfill God's plan. Just as God said, he had suffered, died and risen from the dead on the third day to take the punishment for our disobedience and give us a right relationship with God. He said, "This is the Good News you must take to all people."

So, "Go and make followers of all people, baptize them and teach them to obey my commands. And be sure of this: I am with you always."

Later, he told them, "You will receive power when God's Spirit comes and you will tell people about me everywhere to all parts of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up into a cloud to heaven. Two angels in white robes suddenly appeared and said, "Why are you staring at the sky? Someday Jesus will return the same way you saw him go!"

Jesus' followers remembered what He had said and waited for the promised Spirit.

Jesus' followers were meeting together at the time of an important religious festival. Suddenly, a sound like a mighty windstorm filled the house where they were sitting and something that looked like fire came and rested on each of them. The followers were filled with God's Spirit and the Spirit gave them the ability to speak in languages they had never spoken before!

"You will receive power when God's Spirit comes."

# Church

Acts 2:5-16, 22-24, 33-39, 41-47

Although Jesus' followers understood that God's Spirit had come just as Jesus promised, others were confused.

People from every nation were gathered in the city for the religious festival and heard the followers speaking their own languages. Some in the crowd were amazed and asked each other, "What can this mean?" but others laughed at them.

Peter, one of Jesus' closest followers, stepped forward and shouted to the crowd: "What you are seeing is something that was predicted hundreds of years ago. God did powerful miracles and wonders through Jesus but you murdered him. But God raised Jesus from the dead now he sits in heaven with God. And God, just like he promised, has sent his Spirit to be with us, just as you see and hear now. The Jesus that you murdered is Master and Promised Savior!"

When the people heard this, their hearts were touched and they said, "What should we do?"

Peter replied, "You must turn from your sins and to God, and be baptized in Jesus' name for forgiveness from your disobedience and you will receive God's Spirit. This promise is for everyone."

That day, three thousand people believed the Good News and were baptized to show that they were turning away from their disobedience and turned to God.

And, each day, God added more and more people to this group of followers who were devoted to teaching, meeting together, remembering Jesus, and to praying to God.

To this day, followers of Jesus are still meeting together, praising God, and sharing the Good News about Jesus as we look forward to Jesus' return from heaven.

*"And God, just like he promised,  
has sent his Spirit to be with us."*

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