

The Caravan



**5 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. Until, one day, the man and the woman disobeyed God and that perfect relationship was broken. They were separated from God.

Even when the world was full of people, the people were still separated from God. But God never forgot about his special creation. He still loved them and wanted to have a right relationship with them. He sent spokesmen to the people to show them how to have a right relationship. One of these spokesmen was Isaiah, who brought a message of hope about the 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, the people waited for this Promised Savior to come, 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 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 1:1-2:23, 3:1-24

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 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. He showed the man two trees in the middle of the garden. One was a tree of life, and the other a 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.

One day, Satan entered the snake, the sneakiest of all the animals, and spoke to the woman. He said to her, “You won’t die if you eat from the tree of the understanding of good and evil! God knows that as soon as you eat it, you will be like God.” She was convinced, so the woman and the man ate the fruit. As soon as they did, they felt something strange. They felt ashamed.

Later, they heard God coming towards them. So, they hid. He asked, “Have you eaten the fruit I commanded you not to eat?” He then punished the snake and the man and woman for their disobedience. God said, “What if they eat the fruit from the tree of life? Then they will live forever!” But God did not want them to live in disobedience forever, so He sent them out of the garden and blocked the entrance.

“He made man, and he patterned man after himself.”



Promise & Baptism

Isaiah 53, Luke 3:3, 16, 21-22,
Matthew 3:7-9, 13-15

The man and woman's disobedience separated them from God but he never forgot about them or stopped loving them, even when they had children, and their children had children. Finally, the whole earth was full of people who were all separated from God. He still wanted to have a relationship with them. He sent many spokesmen to give his people messages from him and to tell them of the Savior he would send for them. One of those spokesmen was Isaiah.

Through Isaiah, God said, "The Savior that I will send will suffer. He will be beaten and whipped so you will be healed. I will put all of your disobedience onto the Promised Savior, and he will be punished and killed, but then have life again. Because of this, many people will have a right relationship with me."

The people waited for this Savior to come. After many years, he did come. God sent the spokesman John ahead of the Promised Savior to prepare the way.

John told 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.

John also said, "Prove by the way that you live that you have turned away from your disobedience and turned to God." He told about the Savior God was sending and about the great things he would do.

One day when many people were being baptized, Jesus himself, the Savior from God, came to be baptized, even though he had never sinned. John didn't want to do it, because he didn't think he was good enough. But Jesus said that he must do all God asks, so John agreed.

Afterwards, as Jesus was praying, the sky 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."

*"You are my Son.
I love you and you bring
me great joy."*



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."



Death & Life

Matthew 27:1-2, 11, 22-26, 60, 28:19-20,
Luke 23:32-35, 44-46, 53, 24:1-7, 44-47

Not everyone praised Jesus. Some religious leaders did not like what he was teaching and they had Jesus arrested. Their plan was actually part of God's plan, which he had told through his spokesman, Isaiah, hundreds of years before.

Those leaders took Jesus to the governor, who asked him whether he was the people's King. Jesus answered, "You have said it." The governor wanted to release Jesus, because he had done nothing wrong but the large crowd there demanded the death penalty. The governor turned Jesus over to be beaten, whipped, and killed.

Jesus was nailed 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!"

Jesus then appeared to many of his followers and reminded them of the promise that had been told through his spokesman Isaiah. He said, "It was written long ago that the Promised Savior would be beaten, die, and rise from the dead. You have seen these things.

So go and tell this Good News to everyone in the world, baptize them, and teach them what I have taught you. And know I am with you always."

"He has risen, just like he told you he would."



Spirit

Acts 1:8-11, 2:1-33, 41-47

While Jesus was still with his followers, he said, "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!"

So his followers waited for God's promised Spirit. Several days later, 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!

People from all over the world had come to 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 the followers.

One of Jesus' followers came forward to explain what was happening. He told them the Good News about Jesus and that everything that was happening was fulfilling Jesus' promise to send God's Spirit.

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

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



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