STUDY AIDS

Story 48 Jesus Is The Promised Messiah

A Bible Story from the Books of Genesis, Exodus, 2 Samuel, Hebrews, and Revelation

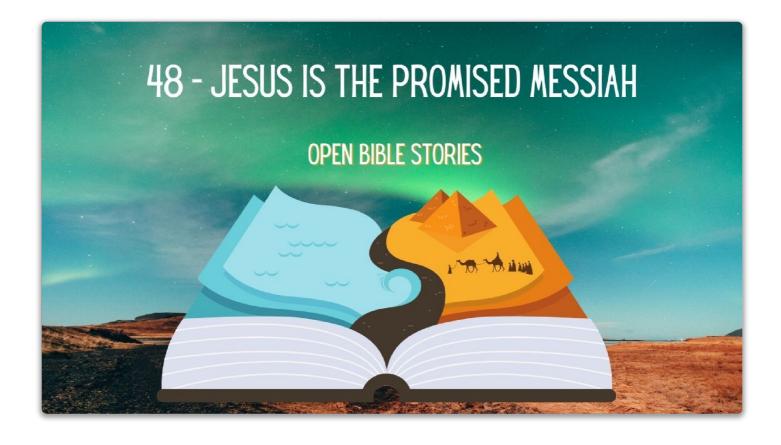




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A Guide to Using the Stories in the Open Bible Stories

The Reason For The Stories

The stories in the OBS tell about things that happened in the Bible. However, the stories are shorter than the Bible accounts, and the language is often easier to understand. The stories can help people learn about who God is and about what he has done. Also, each paragraph of a story has an image that can help people understand what happened in Bible times when clothing, houses, and culture were very different than they are today.

How to Use The Stories

- Choose a story to read. The stories will be easier to understand if you read the stories in order, beginning with the first story
- Read the story. In a group, one person may read the story aloud, or the people may take turns reading portions.
- Look at the images. Use the images to help you understand what happened in the time of the story. Try to identify the people in the images.
- Refer to the Notes. Read the study notes whenever there is a word or something else that you do not understand in the story.

• Discuss the Questions. Read each question and think about the answer. The first set of questions help you see what the story says. The next set of questions help you think about what the story means to you. If you are in a group, allow different people to offer answers to the questions. Look at the answer to each question and see how it is the same as your answer, or different from it.

• Read the Summary. Read the story summary at the end of the questions. Think about what you have learned about God in the story. If you are in a group, ask the group what they have learned from the story.

The Parts of The Stories

- The text of the stories
- The images in the stories
- The study notes in the stories
- The questions for the stories

Study Notes

Slide 1

When <u>God created the world</u>, everything was <u>perfect</u>. <u>There was no sin</u>. <u>Adam and Eve</u> loved each other, and they loved God. There was no sickness or death. This was the way God wanted the world to be.

God created the world - In the beginning, God created the universe and everything in it.

perfect - Everything was exactly as it should have been to accomplish all God intended.

Adam and Eve - God made man and woman in his image. He blessed them and told them, "Have many children and grandchildren and fill the earth!" And God saw that everything he had made was very good, and he was very pleased with it.

There was no sin - Adam and his wife were very happy living in the beautiful garden God had made for them. Neither wore clothes, but this did not cause them to feel any shame because there was no sin in the world. They often walked in the garden and talked with God.

