

# STUDY AIDS

## *Story 49 God's New Covenant*



**A Bible Story from the Books of Genesis, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Romans, 2 Corinthians, Colossians, and 1 John**



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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

An angel told Mary, a young woman, that she would give birth to God's Son. She was still a virgin, but **the Holy Spirit came to her and made her become pregnant**. She gave birth to a son and named him Jesus. Therefore, Jesus is both God and human.

**the Holy Spirit came to her and made her become pregnant** - Scholars cannot explain how the Holy Spirit caused Mary to become pregnant. However, the Holy Spirit does not have a physical body, so we know that the Holy Spirit did not have sexual relations with Mary.



## Slide 2

Jesus did many miracles that show that he is God. **He walked on water** and stopped storms. He healed many sick people and **drove demons out** of many others. **He raised dead people to life and** turned five loaves of bread and two small fish into enough food **to feed over 5,000 people**.

**He walked on water** - Jesus walked on top of the water toward the boat where his disciples were rowing. This was a miracle. The average depth of the Sea of Galilee is 25 meters.

**drove demons out** - Many people who had demons in them were brought to Jesus. Jesus commanded the demons to come out of them, so the demons came out. The demons often shouted, "You are the Son of God!"

**He raised dead people to life** - Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

**to feed over 5,000 people** - Jesus took five loaves of bread and two fish, looked up to heaven, and thanked God for the food. Then Jesus broke the bread and the fish into pieces. He gave the pieces to his disciples to give to the people. It never ran out, and all the people ate and were satisfied.

