

Jesus in the Very First Book of the Bible

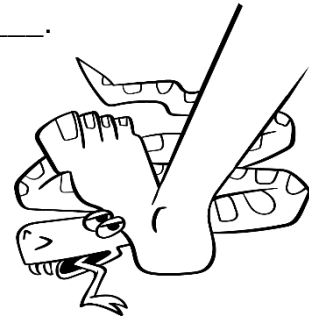
Chapters 1 and 2 of the book

1. Draw a picture of yourself in the future.

2. Four Pictures of Jesus in Genesis

Picture #1: Jesus as the one who was _____.

"I (i.e., God) will put enmity between you (i.e., Satan) and the woman, and between your seed and her seed (i.e., _____); it will bruise your head (i.e., _____), but you will sting his heel (i.e., hurt Jesus, but _____).



Picture #2: Jesus as the _____.

So, what do the ark and Jesus have in common?



Picture #3: Jesus as the _____ (Isaac) who will be sacrificed.

He (God) said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." (Genesis 22:2)

So, what do Abraham's son Isaac and Jesus have in common?



Picture #4: Jesus as the _____. (Joseph)

What do Joseph and Jesus have in common?



3. Could it be that all of these pictures were just coincidences?

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that _____ about me," (John 5:39)

Could it be that these pictures were added to Genesis after Jesus came?

In copying God's Word, the Jews worked very carefully, down to the point of _____, to make sure not to add or omit a single word.

In addition, the Old Testament was translated into Greek by 70 Jewish scholars in the _____ B.C.

4. Assignment: Read "The Story of

Jesus Christ" chapters 3 and 4.

If you have time, read in your Bible Exodus 12 and Numbers 21:4-9 and review the memory verse Colossians 2:9.

Jesus' Deity

Colossians 2:9 ESV

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

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Lesson Preparation:

Read in advance chapters 1 and 2 “The Creation and the Flood” and “Abraham Believed God” and the lesson in this study guide. In addition to the handouts, you will need drawing paper and markers for the lesson.

1. Hook:

Give everyone a sheet of paper and markers and ask them to draw a picture of themselves in the future. Those who are unsure of their artistic talents can portray themselves symbolically or simply write a few words about themselves. Then have everyone explain their drawings to the group.

2. Book:

Ask what your listeners remembered from the previous lesson. Summary: 1) Jesus is 100% God; He is part of the Trinity - God the Son. Repeat the verse to memorize (Colossians 2:9). That said, when Jesus came to earth, He became 100% man. 2) One of God's angels (Satan) rebelled against God. Now he wants to spoil all of God's plans. Jesus will defeat him and bring creation back to its original state. Today we will look at the very first book of the Bible, Genesis. The word "Genesis" means "origin." And in this book, we see many beginnings: the first world, the first man and woman, the first sin, etc. There are also several pictures of Jesus in Genesis. We will talk about four of them. At this point in our study, these pictures may not be very clear. Nor were they very clear to the people who lived at that time. But after Jesus came, it became clearer and clearer that they were all pictures

of Jesus. **Picture #1:** Jesus as the one who was bruised in the heel. In Genesis 1 and 2 we read that God created a perfect world and put a man and a woman in a beautiful garden. Then He tested them to see if they would obey Him: He forbade them to eat the fruit of one of the trees. Satan tempted them to taste the forbidden fruit, so they violated God's prohibition by eating the fruit. The consequence was their expulsion from the garden, their punishment and future death. But God already knew then that Jesus would come, defeat Satan, and find a way out of this trouble. Genesis 3:15 gives a hint of this. Read this verse together and discuss it. "I (i.e., God) will put enmity between you (i.e., Satan) and the woman, and between your seed and her seed (i.e., Jesus); it will bruise your head (i.e., destroy Satan), but you will sting his heel (i.e., hurt Jesus, but not destroy him). This is the first picture of Jesus, one whose “heel will be stung” But Jesus is also the one who will ultimately destroy Satan. This is a double prophecy: the first is about the crucifixion on the cross, and the second is about the victory at the end of time. **Picture #2:** Jesus as the ark. Tell the story of the ark, or have someone in the group tell it. What do the ark and Jesus have in common? During God's judgment, the flood, only those in the ark were saved. In the same way, only those in Christ will be saved from eternal destruction. **Picture #3:** Jesus as the promised son to be sacrificed. Tell the story of Isaac and read Genesis 22:2. So, what do Abraham's son Isaac and Jesus have in common? 1. God foretold the birth of both: God Himself in human form (probably Jesus) predicted the birth of

Abraham's son. God foretold the birth of Jesus to Israel through the prophets. 2. The birth of both was a miracle: Isaac was born of a 90-year-old mother, and Jesus was born of a virgin. 3. Both had to be sacrificed. God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. However, at the last-minute God stopped Abraham and gave him a lamb to sacrifice instead of his son. God sent Jesus to Earth to be a sacrifice for the sins of all people. **Picture #4: Jesus as the Savior of the world.** Tell the story of Joseph. What do Joseph and Jesus have in common? 1. Joseph was sold by his brother Judah for 20 pieces of silver as a slave. Jesus was sold for 30 pieces of silver by one of his disciples, Judas. 2. In Egypt Joseph was wrongly accused of things he did not do out of jealousy and put in prison. Jesus was also falsely accused out of jealousy and put to death. 3. Joseph was freed by Pharaoh and became the second man in charge of the country. God raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him in Heaven at His right hand. 4. Joseph saved the ancient world from destruction by famine. Jesus brings salvation from eternal destruction to the whole world by His death.

3. Look:

Ask: "Could it be that all these pictures were just coincidences?" In many other books of the Old Testament, we see prophecies about the coming Christ and people whose lives seem to parallel His life. Probability theory tells us that so many coincidences are impossible.

Jesus Himself said that all of Scripture speaks of Him, of who He is. Read John 5:39: "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me," These are not coincidences, but intentional representations of the coming Christ. Ask, "Could it be that these pictures were added to Genesis after Jesus came?" That's impossible. In copying God's Word, the Jews worked very carefully, down to the point of counting the letters, to make sure not to add or omit a single word. In addition, the Old Testament was translated into Greek by 70 Jewish scholars in the third century B.C. It would have been easy to detect forgery if these "prophecies" had been added after Jesus had already lived. So, what do we learn about Jesus from these four pictures in Genesis? *Jesus is like the one who was stung in the heel.* He will, however, destroy Satan's power over the world. *Jesus as the ark:* Those who turn to Jesus will be saved from the coming world judgment for sin. *Jesus as the promised son:* He was sacrificed for sin. *Jesus as Savior:* He was betrayed, suffered, died, and brought salvation to the whole world.

4. Took:

The more we read about Jesus, even in the Old Testament, the more we encounter the idea of saving the world from sin. The following picture in the second book of the Bible makes this idea even clearer. Give the group an assignment for the next meeting (see the handout). Finish with a prayer of thanksgiving to God for Jesus Christ and all He has done for us.

Leader's Guide