

# THE COMPASS



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Junior Sunday School ■ April 5, 2020

Easter Mini Series

## Barabbas and Jesus

The Innocent for the Guilty



Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:11-26

Barabbas was a robber and a murderer. He was not a good man. Because of his crimes, he now sat in prison waiting for his **just punishment**. *(That means he **deserved** punishment—it was **fair** that he receive punishment.)*

Have you ever done something wrong and then been caught? Does your parent or teacher say, “Oh, that’s okay. It doesn’t matter?” No, you expect to receive a punishment. In the same way, Barabbas knew he was guilty and deserved punishment. As he sat in his dark, cold cell, no doubt he was miserable. Prison, especially in those days, is not a fun place to be. However, outside his cell walls, a “storm” was brewing surrounding Jesus of Nazareth. The life of Barabbas was about to change.

The Jewish chief priests and rulers were envious of Jesus. They hated that the people followed Him and wanted to make Him king. They couldn’t stand all of the attention He was receiving, so they decided to have Him killed. *(This is not something you would think religious men would do!)*

### Lesson Discussion

- Who was Barabbas and what crimes had he committed? Did he deserve punishment?

#### Memory Verse

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God. 1 Peter 3:18

#### Key Thought

Jesus *(the innocent)* died for my sins and your sins *(the guilty)* so that we could be free. Praise God!

- Why did the Jewish rulers want to kill Jesus? Was it right and fair?
- Did Pilate want to release Jesus? What did Pilate’s wife say?
- Did the Roman Centurion believe Jesus was the Son of God?

- Do we deserve to be punished for our sins? Who took *our* punishment?

Jesus—the man who had loved the children, compassionately fed the hungry, healed blind eyes, forgave the woman caught in her sins, calmed stormy seas, and tirelessly taught and loved the people—now found Himself in the rough hands of men who wanted Him dead.

All night long, the Jewish rulers tried Jesus in their courtroom. *(Taking someone to court at night was against the law, but they didn’t care!)* Many men told lies about Jesus to make Him look guilty. Finally, in the early dawn hours, they took Jesus to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate.

Pilate asked the Jews, “Why have you brought this man to me?” They replied, “He says He is the King of the Jews,” which was “disloyal” to the Roman emperor and punishable by death. However, when Pilate questioned Jesus, he could not find any fault in Him. Pilate also knew the reason the chief priests had arrested Jesus was simply because of envy. Pilate’s wife told him, “Don’t have anything to do with this righteous man. I have had many bad dreams because of Him!” She *knew* Jesus was innocent.

Pilate wanted to let Jesus go free. He said, “What evil has this man done?” The mob of Jews cried, “Crucify him!”

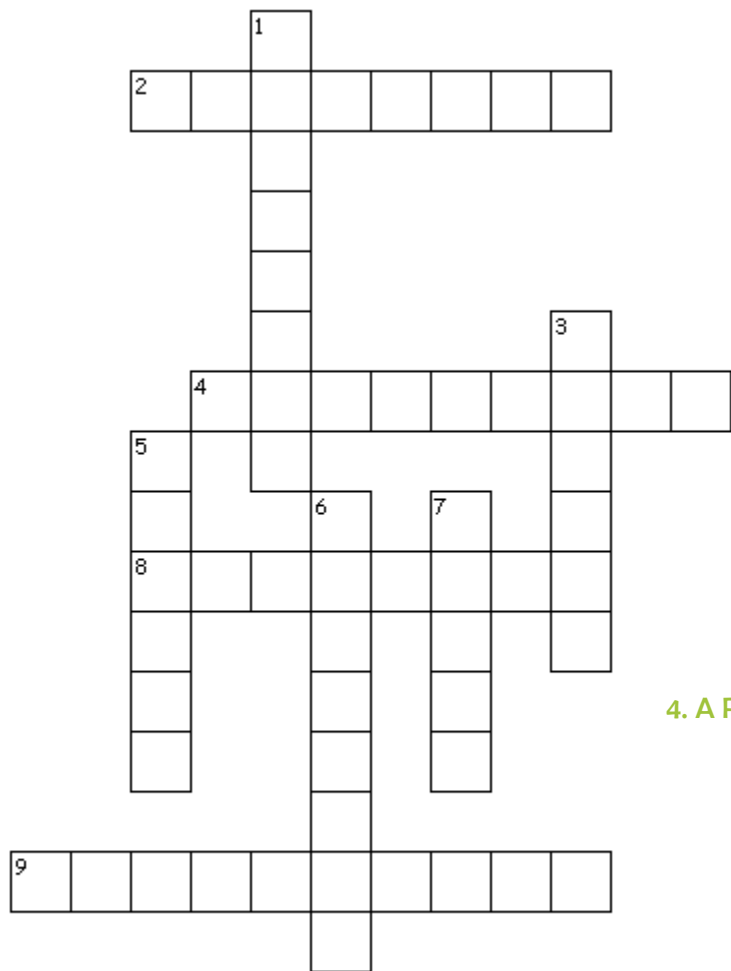
Now, the Jews had a custom. During their yearly Passover feast, they could release one prisoner. When Pilate again tried to release Jesus, the Jews cried even louder, “Release Barabbas! Crucify Jesus! Crucify Him!”

**Finally, to please the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas (the guilty man) and sent Jesus (the innocent man) to His death.**

After mocking Him and beating Him, the soldiers brought Jesus to a hill called Golgotha; here, they crucified Him for claiming to be “King of Jews.” All of heaven cried that day. The sun was darkened, and earthquakes broke the ground open. When it was all over *(which it really wasn’t yet!)*, the Roman centurion who stood at the foot of the cross said,

**“Truly, this man was the Son of God.”**

In the meantime, Barabbas *(robber and murderer)* was no doubt amazed as the soldiers opened his cell door and light flooded in. They removed the chains which held his hands and feet, and he, a guilty man, walked away free. ■



Barabbas, Centurion, Golgotha, Guilty, Innocent,  
Jesus, Pilate, Prisoner, Punishment

## Easter Crossword

### Across

2. The Guilty
4. A Roman \_\_\_ said, "Truly, this man was the Son of God."
8. Only Jesus is \_\_\_.
9. Jesus took the \_\_\_ for our sins.

### Down

1. Barabbas was a \_\_\_.
3. This man washed his hands of Jesus' death.
5. We are all \_\_\_.
6. The name of the hill upon which Jesus was crucified.
7. The Innocent

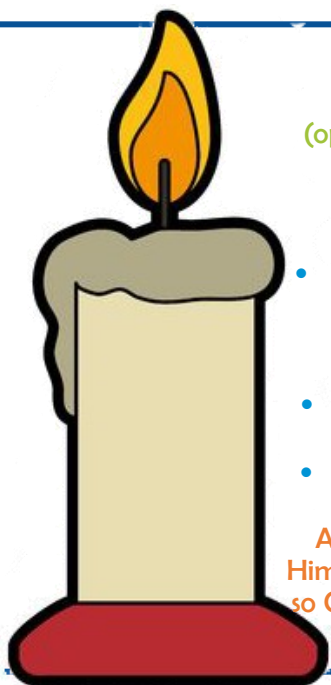
## JESUS TAKES OUR SINS

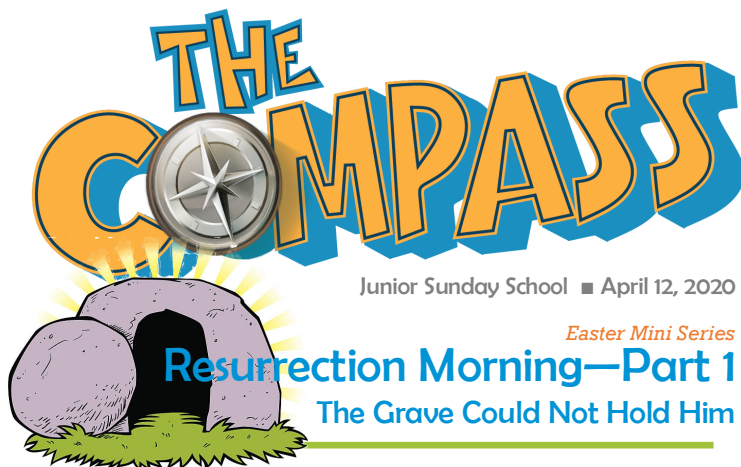
Materials: a small plate, a candle, 1 scant tsp of water in a cup, 1 drop food coloring (optional), an empty, clear drinking glass big enough to fit over the candle, a penny, and a lighter.

### Directions:

- Place the penny, which represents us, on the plate, off to the side.
- Pour about 1 tsp of clean water into a small cup and add one drop of food coloring (any color). Talk about how when SIN enters our lives it contaminates the purity of our lives. Pour the colored water over the penny. Move the water around so it covers the penny.
- Then, place the candle, which represents JESUS, in the middle of the plate, and light the candle. Talk about how Jesus is the light of the world.
- Next, take the clear glass and place it over the candle on the plate. Within seconds, the water will begin to leave the penny (us) and draw up inside of the glass.

Amazing! Humbling! Jesus was clean and pure, but when He died, He took all our sins on Himself so that we could be clean and able to see Him one day in Heaven! Jesus' love for us is so GREAT that we, like Barabbas, even though we don't deserve it, can be free because Jesus took our sins.





**They carefully and lovingly laid His body in a garden tomb where no one had ever been buried before.**

Even though Jesus had suffered such a terrible death, He was buried in one of the richest tombs Jerusalem had to offer!

In the meantime, the chief priests and Pharisees (the religious leaders who had Jesus killed) were worried.

**Deep down in their hearts, they knew what they had done was wrong—but even more than that, maybe they were afraid of the truth—the truth that Jesus really was the Son of God.**

They also went to Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember that the deceiver said while He was yet alive--After three days, I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead.” Pilate answered, “I will send Roman soldiers to guard the tomb. Go make sure it is sealed tight.” So, they went and rolled a great stone in front of the tomb. However, the chief priests and Pharisees’ worst fears were about to come true.

Early Sunday morning, something incredible and amazing happened. An earthquake shook the ground, and the angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolling the huge stone away from the tomb and sitting on it. The Roman men guarding the tomb were so terrified that their whole bodies shook, and they “became as dead men.” (That means they probably fainted!) The face of the angel was as bright as lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

The angel spoke to Jesus’ friends, sorrowful women, who had come early to the tomb that morning. He said,

**“Jesus is not here but is risen as He said he would!”**

With fear and great joy, they ran to tell Jesus’ disciples this incredible news that would turn their terrible weekend into the best one of their lives!

When the chief priests heard what had happened, their weekend took a decided turn for the worse. They gave the soldiers who had been guarding the tomb a lot of money and made them promise they would not tell anyone what had really happened. They said, “Tell everyone that Jesus’ disciples stole His body.” This is still what Jewish people believe today. ■

### Lesson Discussion

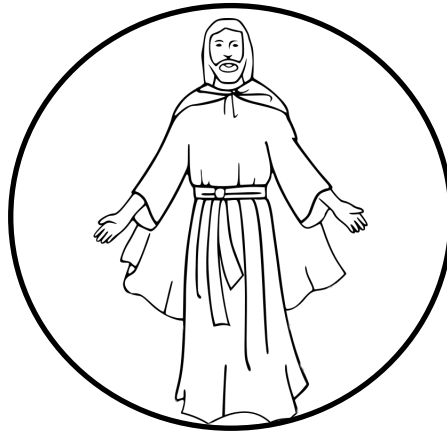
- What did the Jewish yearly Passover celebrate?
- Which two men wanted the body of Jesus and for what reason?
  - Why were the Pharisees and elders afraid and what did they ask of Pilate? Did it do them any good in the end?
  - What happened when the angel came down from heaven?
  - What amazing news did the angel deliver to the women at the tomb early Sunday morning?

### Memory Verse

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Matthew 28:6

### Key Thought

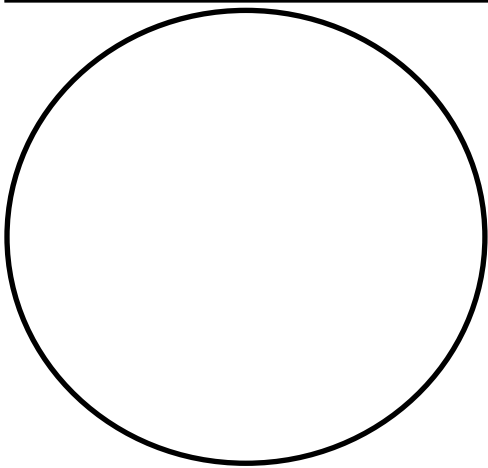
Jesus is not in the grave. He is even now alive!



## EASTER CRAFT

**Materials:** Crayons, scissors, brass fasteners

**Directions:** Color and cut the tomb and the stone. Use a brass fastener to attach the stone at the top of the opening.



## Easter Wordsearch

ANGEL  
CRUCIFIED  
DISCIPLES  
JERUSALEM  
PASSOVER  
RISEN  
SUNDAY  
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# THE COMPASS

Junior Sunday School ■ April 19, 2020

Easter Mini Series

## The Resurrection—Part 2

Road to Emmaus



Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-33

The cruel and bloody crucifixion of Jesus weighed down the hearts and minds of His disciples and friends. Their hope and purpose was gone. But then, three days later, like a glimmer of light slicing through the darkness of their thoughts, word started getting out that Jesus had risen from the dead. This unbelievable report seemed a foolish story, and they did not believe them. Until Jesus Himself started showing Himself to His disciples!

Mary was the first one to see her beloved Saviour. As she stood at the empty tomb, tears spilled from her eyes. She heard a voice behind her say, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who do you look for?” Mary thought the voice belonged to the gardener and said, “If you have taken Jesus’ body, tell me where you have laid him.”

**Jesus said to her, “Mary.” Immediately, Mary knew who spoke to her.**

Oh, the hope and joy that must have been in her wondering response as she declared, “Master.”

### Lesson Discussion

- What unbelievable story was circulating around Jerusalem about

Jesus?

- To whom did Jesus first appear after His resurrection. Describe what happened.

- Who were the two men that were walking to Emmaus, and what happened to astonish them and give them hope?

- Talk about times

you have felt the comfort of Jesus’ presence.

### Memory Verse

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? Luke 24:32

### Key Thought

Jesus’ presence always brings hope.

Meanwhile, two of Jesus’ other disciples had a long seven-mile walk to take from Jerusalem to a city called Emmaus. One disciple was named Cleopas, and the other one was unnamed, though many think it was Luke. As they talked, Jesus Himself approached and began to walk with them. However, they did not recognize Him as God “held their eyes.” Jesus said, “What are you talking about, and why are you so sad?”

Cleopas, perhaps incredulously, said, “Are you only visiting Jerusalem? Have you not heard what happened?” Jesus asked, “What has happened?” (Of course, Jesus knew, but He wanted to give these men a chance to unburden their hearts!)

The words came pouring out of the two disciples as they talked about Jesus. They said,

**“Jesus was a mighty prophet in His words and His actions, but the chief priests and rulers condemned Him to death and crucified Him.”**

The men talked about how they trusted that Jesus was the one to redeem Israel. They told of how certain women of their company astonished them with the news that Jesus’ body was no longer in the tomb and how they had seen a vision of angels.

Jesus listened to their half-hopeful, half-hopeless talk. He answered, “Do you not understand that Jesus had to suffer these things like the prophets of the Old Testament said He would?” Then, beginning with Moses, Jesus explained all the scriptures in the Old Testament that talked about Himself and the sacrifice He would have to make.

In the evening, as they got close to their village, Jesus looked like He would keep walking. However, the two disciples begged Jesus to eat with them. It came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, that He took bread, blessed it, and gave it to them.

**Immediately, God opened the eyes of the disciples, and they knew it was Jesus.**

Jesus then vanished out of their sight. With wondering voices, they declared, “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us and explained the scriptures to us?”

You know what they did? They got up, turned back around and walked the seven miles back to Jerusalem to find the eleven disciples and tell them the news that “The Lord is risen indeed!” ■



Use the key below to decode the message about today's lesson!

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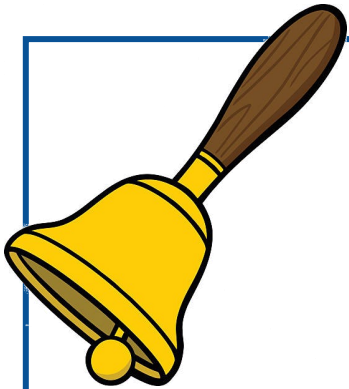
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## Victory Bells

**Needed: A Table Bell**

Have each of the students vigorously ring the bell! There is just something about hearing a bell ring that brings joy and hope--like something GOOD is happening! Ask the students if it was fun to ring the bell and why. Reinforce the discouragement the two men on the Road to Emmaus felt at the crucifixion of Jesus and then when He met and started talking to them, their hearts begin to "wake up" and "burn within them" at His words of hope. Maybe much like a bell starting to peel it's joyful tone.

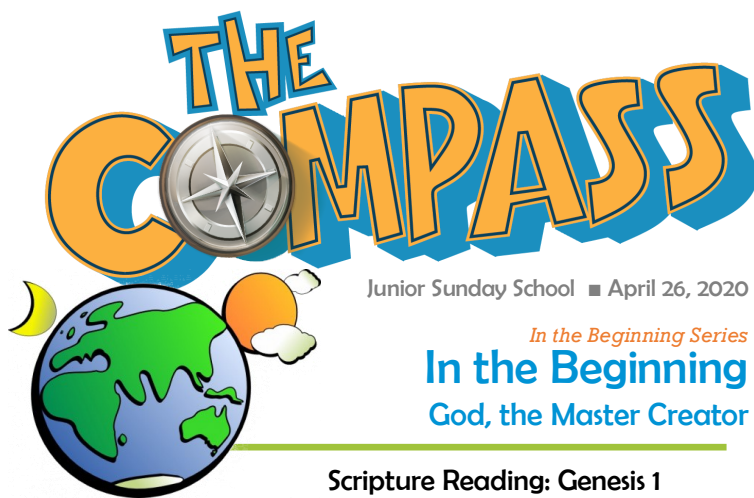
It was Easter morning in 1799 as the rising sun broke the horizon and shone on the little town of Feldkirch, Austria. The French armies of Napoleon appeared on the hills above the town with the intention of overcoming and taking the town.

A town meeting was hurriedly called to talk about what should be done. The dean of the church rose and said, "My brothers, it is Easter day! We have been reckoning our own strength, and that fails. Let us turn to God. Ring the bells and have service as usual, and leave the matter in God's hands."

The French were surprised and alarmed when they heard the bells. They thought, "The Austrian army has arrived into town and the bells are ringing for joy." They decided to leave and the battle never took place! The Easter bells had caused them to flee, and peace once more lay over the town.

**Through Jesus we have victory and peace!**

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### Scripture Reading: Genesis 1

The first chapter of the Bible is one that most of us know pretty well. Can anyone quote the first few words? Before the earth and skies, and trees and animals, and mankind was here, God already existed. He looked out over the universe and saw that there was something missing. The second verse of Genesis 1 says that the earth was without form and void (an empty space). God wanted something more!

So, God started with light.

**He said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.**

God saw that it was good and divided the darkness from the light. Is there anywhere else in the Bible that God and light are mentioned together? It happens a lot, actually! David wrote the words, “The LORD is my light and my salvation,” in Psalm 27, and many years later, Jesus spoke of Himself as the light of the world (John 8:12). God didn’t just create the light for us to see with our physical eyes. He is the light. The light that helps us see the truth in His word!

### Lesson Discussion

#### Memory Verse

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Genesis 1:27

#### Key Thought

God created the universe and everything in it, and the most important part of His creation is *you and me!*

- Review what God created on each of the six days of creation.
- Talk about the Bible verses that relate to creation. Can you think of any more?
- What was the most important part of God’s creation?
- God created us in His image. What does that mean?

The next day, God set the heavens above the earth. Again, the idea that the earth is lower than the heavens is mentioned later in the Bible. Isaiah 66:1 says that heaven is the Lord’s throne and the earth is His footstool. God is and always will be higher than we are, and that should humble us!

**On the third day, God separated the water from the land. On the land, He created grass, flowers, and trees, He saw that it was good.**

Next came outer space! God created a light for the daytime and a light for the nighttime: the sun and the moon. He said that they would help us mark the seasons, days, and years. Our whole calendar is based on the sun and moon, aren’t they? Then, He sprinkled stars over the night sky and said that it was good. Over the years, people have been so fascinated with the skies. David wrote in Psalm 8 about how small and insignificant he felt when he looked at the moon and the stars, and he praised God for His amazing creation!

Day five was the day He created air and sea animals! Whales and fish filled the water, and birds and fowl ruled the skies. Each reproduced, or had babies, after their own kind. Think about all the different kinds of fish and birds. God is so imaginative! He saw that it was good.

On day six, God added land animals to the sea and air animals. Cattle and creeping things, each after their own kind, covered the land, and God saw that it was good.

Then, even more important than the seas and land, sun and moon, trees, flowers, whales, birds, and cattle, God created man and woman! The man and woman ruled over all the earth and animals, and they were a reflection of God Himself. God created them in His own image.

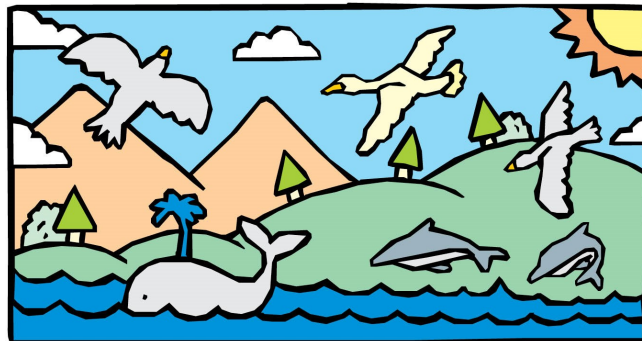
**That means that you are a creation of God’s own imagination and hands, and He created you to reflect His light into the world!**

On the seventh day, God rested. ■



## Creation and Science

Evolution! This is one of the hottest and most controversial topics amongst Christians and in society. I'm sure you've all heard someone say that humans came from monkeys or that land animals evolved from fish, which trace all the way back to tiny single-celled creatures. It's true that fossils show us many types of different creatures, and we can even see how some of them changed over time.



The first giraffes had very short necks, but over time, they grew longer and longer to allow them to reach food in higher trees. However, the Bible is very clear that God created distinct creatures, and He specifically made man in His image. Man did not evolve from the animals.

When we look at the “proof” of evolution, we find huge missing links in fossil records and discrepancies in the timeline that scientists can't explain. Now, were there fish before land animals? Were animals created before humans? Of course, that's exactly what Genesis tells us. God created Earth and all life in a certain order according to His plan. However, that does not mean we have to blindly buy into evolution. We need not be confused about what is true. When we examine all the evidence, we can be confident in our belief in God and His works of creation.



### WHAT CAME FIRST? GOD OR SCIENCE?

Materials:

Scrabble tiles that spell “creation”

match

up with the word of God. Man has added to science and twisted together?

*Spell the word “creation” with the Scrabble tiles. Tell the children that you will spell the word “creation” again, then pick the tiles up and drop them. They will be jumbled up.*

Did the letters spell “creation” when I dropped them? Why or why not? How can we get them to spell the word correctly?

*Allow children to use their hands and minds to spell “creation.”*

The letters cannot rearrange themselves to make any sense. We had to do it. We know what order the letters should be in. Chaos, like the letters jumbled up in a pile, cannot arrange itself into order.

Scientists today try to argue that the world, all the plants and animals and humans, started as chaos in the universe, and then came into order through a flash of energy (the Big Bang theory) and evolution.

They believe that somehow, all the perfect systems and laws that make the world work just fell into place of their own accord. We know that isn't right.

God *created* the world with a specific order. He created all the pieces and fit them together perfectly.

He created *science itself*. Men have simply been learning how God has arranged things since the beginning of time.

The Bible is the original book of science. We read in Genesis 1 that God created everything around us, made it all work together in perfect harmony, and said it was good. Don't compare the Bible to man's ideas of science. Compare man's ideas of science to the Bible. It's the first and only truth, written by God, and it is good.

# THE COMPASS

Junior Sunday School ■ May 3, 2020

*In the Beginning Series*

## The Fall of Man Sin Separates Us From God



### Scripture Reading: Genesis 3

God created the planets and stars, the earth, the dry land and seas, and all the plants and animals. But best of all, He created Adam and Eve, man and woman. They were a reflection of Himself and created to be His followers and friends. Adam and Eve lived in a garden called Eden. It was a beautiful paradise, and they could eat from every tree in the garden. Every evening, God came down and visited with them. They enjoyed His creation and His presence and lived peacefully and comfortably.

There was just one rule for the beautiful life in the Garden of Eden. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was planted in the middle of the garden, and God told Adam and Eve that they were not to eat the fruit from it. If they did, they would surely die.

**Adam and Eve lived in the garden in perfect communion with God.**

Nothing came between them, and God's presence came among them freely. But things changed when the

### Lesson Discussion

- The devil appeared to Eve and tempted her with the fruit. What was her first mistake when he started talking to her?

#### Memory Verse

Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8b

#### Key Thought

Sin separates us from God, but Jesus restores us to perfection so God can live in our hearts.

- What did Eve do after she ate the fruit that made her sin worse?

- Was Adam responsible for his own sin?

- What made Adam and Eve unworthy to be with God? What was their punishment?

devil came along. He appeared to Eve as a serpent, and did something tricky. "Did God not say you can eat from every tree in the garden?" he asked.

Eve answered, "We may eat from all the trees in the garden. But we are not to touch or eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden, or we will surely die."

The devil said, "You will not surely die. God knows that if you eat from the tree, you will be like a god yourself."

Pay attention to what Eve did. Instead of rebuking the devil and being strong against him, she listened to what he said. She turned and looked at the tree, saw that it was beautiful, and wanted to be wise. So, she took a piece of fruit from it and ate it.

God would have given her the strength to resist temptation had she called on Him in that moment, but she had already let the devil engage her in a conversation.

**She wasn't sinning by just talking to him; but because she was already listening to what he was saying, it was easy for the devil to get her to believe his words.**

Even worse, Eve took the fruit to her husband, Adam, and he ate it too. She didn't just go against God by herself. She took Adam down with her, and now they were both in trouble.

That evening, God came to the garden to talk with them as usual, but they were hiding. Their eyes had been opened and they understood that they were tiny and pitiful compared to God. Their sin had made them unworthy to be in His presence. They sewed fig leaves together into a garment to cover their nakedness.

When God visited them that evening, He found them hiding in shame.

**Their sin made it impossible for God to be in their presence like He was before, so He clothed them in garments of animal skin and put them out into the world.**

The Garden of Eden was closed off by an angel with a flaming sword, and Adam and Eve would live a life of hardship and trial because of their sin. Eventually, like God vowed, they would die. ■

## Learn a Little More...

Adam and Eve lived with God in the beginning. There was no shame or guilt because they had never sinned against God. The moment they disobeyed His commandment, they were unclean and unworthy. We learned that in the lesson today, and it seems sad and hopeless. But did you know that the story of Adam and Eve can apply to our lives? No person that's born has ever lived a life free from sin, except Jesus. We cannot be in perfect communion (which means to live closely or share personal thoughts and feelings) with God because God cannot live where there is sin. Can you remember what the answer to that problem is? Jesus!

God sent His only son to die, and because of that, our hearts can be perfect and sinless. God can live in our hearts and talk to us like He did with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Thank you, Jesus, for bringing us back to God!



### FILLED WITH JESUS

**Materials:** Candle, matches, three small balloons filled with air, one small balloon filled with water

#### Directions:

When Adam and Eve sinned, they were separated from God's presence. Because of that, we are born separated from God too. We have an empty place inside our hearts where He wants to live. He wants to talk to us, share His ideas with us, and give us His love and comfort, just like He did in the Garden of Eden. We experience God's presence this way when we ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins.

Imagine that we are like these balloons.

*(Hold up the balloons filled with air.)*

The enemy comes and tempts us like he did with Eve.

*(Hold the balloon over the lit candle. It will pop. Repeat the action a few more times with the other air-filled balloons.)*

When Jesus came and died, He made it possible for us to be filled with His spirit. We don't have to be empty anymore.

*(Hold up the water-filled balloon.)*

Even though He lives inside us, the enemy still comes along and tempts us to do wrong.

*(Hold the balloon close to the flame. It will not pop.)*

But because Jesus lives inside us, we are able to stand up against him and do what's right.

Adam and Eve separated us from God when they sinned, but we don't have to live separately anymore, thanks to Jesus!





Junior Sunday School ■ May 10, 2020

## Mother's Day

### Honor Her With Obedience

#### Mother. What does that word mean?

The dictionary says that a mother is a woman who has a relationship with her child. She raises him or her with care and affection. Does that sound like your mom?

God gave mothers a special job. She takes care of her children with love and builds a relationship with them. Your mom most likely changed a lot of your diapers when you were a baby, fed you in the middle of the night, and held you when you were sick. She has probably cooked for you when you are hungry and bought or made clothes for you to wear. She works hard to make sure you are taken care of!

There are mothers in the Bible who did these things too. Eve was the first mother ever, and she had two sons, Cain and Abel. Naomi was a mother to her son's wife and taught her many things (a mother doesn't have to be the woman who actually gave birth to you!). Moses's mother, Jochebed, made a basket for him and hid him from the evil Egyptian pharaoh. Hannah gave her son, Samuel, back to God. And of course, there is Mary, the mother of Jesus. These aren't the only mothers you can read about in the Bible!

Think about all the wonderful things your mom has done for you and how hard your life would be without her. Our memory verse today says, "Honour thy father and mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." If you want to honor your mom, listen to the words she says and obey her when she asks you to do something. God gave her the job of taking care of you, and He gave you the job of listening to her and honoring her! This commandment comes with a promise--if you obey your parents, including your mother, you will live a long life! That's what God has promised.

**Today, on Mother's Day, tell your mom how much you love her and ask God to help you honor her with obedience and love. She will appreciate it more than you know! ■**



#### Memory Verse

*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

*Exodus 20:12*

#### Key Thought

*God commands children to honor their fathers and mothers. The best way to fulfill that commandment is to obey with a good attitude and love.*



Cain, Abel, Seth	Isaac	Esau and Jacob
Miriam, Aaron, and Moses	Ruth	Samuel
John the Baptist	Jesus	_____

<b>Eve</b> When God created the world, Eve was the first woman. She was the mother of Cain, Abel, Seth, and other children.	<b>Sarah</b> God said that Abraham and Sarah would have a baby. Isaac was finally born when Sarah was 90 years.	<b>Rebekah</b> Rebekah and her husband, Isaac, had two very different twin boys, Esau and Jacob.
<b>Jochebed</b> Jochebed protected her baby, Moses, by hiding him in a basket. His sister, Miriam, watched over him.	<b>Naomi</b> Naomi and her daughter-in-law, Ruth, helped each other after their husbands died.	<b>Hannah</b> Hannah prayed for a son for years, and then Samuel was born. Hannah promised he would always serve God,
<b>Elizabeth</b> An angel told Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, that they would have a son named John.	<b>Mary</b> God chose Mary to be the mother of His son, Jesus.	_____ (Mom's Name) _____ _____ _____

## Mother's Day Craft

### Hand Print Flowers

#### Materials:

Colored paper, scissors, hot glue gun and regular glue, green pipe cleaner, and crayons

**Instructions:** Cut a circle (3 inches across) from colored paper with the words "I love my mom because \_\_\_\_\_" on it. Have each child fill in the blank with his/her answer. Cut four handprints from each child on colored paper and paste them together to make a flower. Paste the center of the flower (I love my mom because...) to the center of the handprints. Twist two pipe cleaners together to form the stem and hot glue it to the back of the flower.

**Optional:** Instead of having the children write "I love my mom because" in the center of the flower, bring a Polaroid and snap pictures of each child. Cut the photos to fit into the center of the flowers.

## Mothers of the Bible Memory Game

Fill in the personalized memory card with the child's name and something their mother has done for them. Then cut out the cards and play the game "Memory," matching each mother to her child.

For younger children, simply match each mother to her child.



# THE COMPASS

Junior Sunday School ■ May 17, 2020

In the Beginning Series

## Cain and Abel

### A Half-Hearted Sacrifice



Cain and Abel were the first brothers to live on earth! As these boys grew up, they showed interest in different things. Cain, the older brother, became a farmer, growing plants and food, while Abel loved animals and became a shepherd.

Both boys knew about God from their parents, Adam and Eve. They knew it was right to sacrifice an offering to Him, but they offered their sacrifices very differently! Cain brought some of his crops as an offering, but it was not the *best* he could have given. Abel, on the other hand, brought the “firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof.” That means that he brought the very best of what he had. God looked at these two sacrifices and accepted Abel’s sacrifice, but He did not accept Cain’s sacrifice. This made Cain very angry.

*We are going to interrupt this story with a little information on two different kinds of offerings God’s people offered to Him as told by Moses in the book of Leviticus.*

#### Memory Verse

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase. Proverbs 3:9

#### Key Thought

God wants us to prove our love for him by not only acknowledging that He is God, but by confessing our sins and putting Him **FIRST** in our lives.

#### Lesson Discussion

- What were the names of the first two brothers in the world?
- What did they each do for a living?
- Why did God accept Abel’s sacrifice and not Cain’s? Could Cain have brought a better sacrifice if he had wanted to?
- Discuss how Cain reacted to this—what did he do to Abel?
- How did God punish Cain? Is there still punishment for sin today?

**Gratitude Offering:** An offering made of fine flour with oil and frankincense. It was a simple “thank you” offering, acknowledging that God is Lord of the universe and the giver of blessings.

**Sin Offering:** A blood sacrifice offered to God for sins committed. The best animal of a flock was killed and offered to God. (Does that remind you of Jesus spilling His blood and dying on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins?)

Back to our story...

It wasn’t that Cain didn’t want to bring an offering to God—He did! But it seems it was a gratitude offering that only said, “Thank you.” On the other hand, by Abel’s offering of a slain animal, he acknowledged that he was a sinner and wanted God’s forgiveness.

God said to an angry Cain, “Why are you so upset? If you do well, you will be accepted too.” God wasn’t cutting Cain off! Remember, God wanted to be friends and have a relationship with the people He had just created. But to be a good friend means to be all-in, and Cain was not all-in. His half-hearted sacrifice basically told God, “I only kind of love you.”

The more he thought about it, the more angry Cain became at Abel. The sin in his heart got bigger and bigger and finally took control. One day Cain said, “Come on, Abel, let’s go out to the field.” In bitter, jealous rage, Cain killed his brother.

A little later God said, “Cain, where is your brother?” Cain was probably scared, but his response was untrue, defensive, and a little disrespectful. He said, “I don’t know! Am I my brother’s keeper?” In other words, “Is it my job to know where my brother is all the time?”

Cain forgot something very important, however. God knew and saw all his secrets. God knew Abel was dead and told Cain, “Abel’s blood is crying to me from the ground.”

As punishment God removed Cain from his home in the garden, and he became a wanderer throughout the earth. Cain said, “My punishment is greater than I can bear.” However, so that others would not kill him, God put a mark on him. Cain then left the presence of the Lord and lived in the land of Nod. ■

Read the following story from the book of Luke and find the excuses the wedding guests used so they didn't have to attend. Write them in the blank spaces provided!

Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

Luke 14:16-20

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## PUT GOD FIRST!

**Needed: Robe, slippers, candy bar, an interesting/popular book and a Bible.**

Put the robe and slippers on, prop your feet up on a chair and open the popular book, as if to read. Have a closed Bible sitting close by. *(Give the other students a chance to don the robe, slippers and read the book, too, if they desire!)*

**Discuss:** What kinds of activities do the students enjoy? Give them a chance to talk about the things they like doing! Are these activities wrong? Is it *wrong* to wear a robe, put on slippers and read a book? Of course not!! But God does require *ALL* of our hearts, and He is not pleased with a half-hearted effort to serve Him. Talk about cultivating habits of putting God first--Open the Bible lying next to you. Read it **FIRST**. Pray. Listen to and obey still small voice when God asks you to put Him first. Then, if there is time, resume your other activities!

It was reported that during the 1995 Thanksgiving season, a woman called the hotline for Butterball Turkey Company. She asked whether it would be okay to cook a turkey that had been in her freezer for 23 years. She was told that as long as the temperature in her freezer had stayed below zero that the turkey would probably be okay to eat. However, she was also warned that the turkey might not taste very well. The woman responded, "Oh, that's what we thought. We'll just donate it to the church."

**Question:** Was it a sacrifice for the woman to donate the turkey to the church. Why or why not? Talk about "discarded" items versus giving when it actually "hurts."

# THE COMPASS

Junior Sunday School ■ May 24, 2020



*In the Beginning Series*

## Noah and the Flood

God is Merciful *and* Holy

**Scripture Reading: Genesis 6—8**

Many years had passed since God removed Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. If you read Genesis 5, you can add up all the years of the generations listed there. Adam was created at the beginning of time, and Noah was born over 1,000 years later. During that time, the people who inhabited the world had become increasingly wicked. They no longer feared God, the creator. Perhaps they had forgotten about Adam and Eve's sin, or maybe they purposely never thought about it. They just wanted to do what they wanted to do.

God's heart was broken when He looked at the wickedness that infested His beautiful creation.

**He'd wanted each man and woman to be a follower of Him--to love Him and be His friend.**

Instead, they were fighting, stealing, killing, and marrying without reverence. God was tired of the strife and was sorry that He had ever created the earth. He decided to destroy it all.

### Lesson Discussion

#### Memory Verse

Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. Genesis 6:9b

#### Key Thought

The people of the earth would not repent of their sins, and they were punished. Noah was the a righteous man, and God mercifully saved him.

- What does it mean that Noah walked justly?
- What was different between Noah and the other men on the earth?
- How can we, like God, be merciful toward others while still hating sin?
- What happens when a person refuses to repent of his/her

sins? What happens when he/she proves to be righteous?

There was, however, *one man* who God looked upon with pleasure. He saw Noah, a man who walked justly, meaning he obeyed God, and He had mercy on him and his family. Noah had a wife, three sons, and three daughters-in-law. God would save these eight people from the destruction of the earth.

We all know the next part of the story, right?

**God instructed Noah to build an ark, or a large boat.**

He gave specific instructions on how large to make it, what kind of wood to use, and how to seal it so it would be waterproof. Noah was obedient and worked faithfully. No doubt, his neighbors mocked him for his crazy idea that water would soon cover the earth. Some of his friends might have abandoned him. And there were probably days when Noah was tired of working on the ark and just wanted to relax, but he persevered and finished the ark.

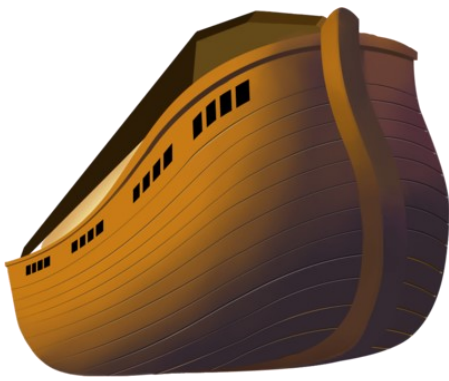
Then, God delivered seven males and seven females of every clean animal, and one male and one female of every unclean animal, Noah. Each animal had a special place in the ark to sleep. Noah loaded them all, then he got his family on board. God shut the door of the ark!

The water started coming down from the sky, and the fountains of the deep were broken up. That means that there was also water coming up from beneath the ground! For forty days and nights, it rained, and the water got higher and higher. Soon, even the highest mountains were covered. Everything that was not inside the ark died in the flood--each animal, bird, and human. It may seem like this was a harsh punishment, but God had given the people of the earth 120 years to repent of their sins, and they didn't do it. God is merciful and loving, but He is also holy and cannot stand sin. If someone does not ask forgiveness for the things they've done wrong, they will be punished.

Finally, 150 days after the rain started, the water began to dry up. The ark rested on top of Mount Ararat. Noah sent out a raven to see if the land was dry, but the raven came back without having landed. Seven days later, he sent out a dove. The dove returned just as the raven had. Again, seven days later, Noah sent the dove out, and she came back with a branch of an olive tree in her mouth.

**By God's mercy, Noah and his family were saved. ■**





## A Seaworthy Ship

(If you are doing the object lesson, follow the first direction before you read this section of information to the group.)

God gave very specific instructions to Noah about how to build the ark. These were His instructions:

- Made of gopher wood
- 50 cubits wide
- 30 cubits tall
- Three stories
- One window
- Cover it with pitch to make it waterproof (pitch is a mineral “asphalt” that melts under heat)
- 300 cubits long (cubit equals approx. 18 inches)

In Korea, a research center (KRISO) tested the dimensions (or measurements) of the Ark to see how it would perform in the water. Most likely, the flood was not calm and smooth as glass. There were probably large waves (Genesis 8:1 says there was wind), so the Ark had to be able to withstand the force of the water and waves! KRISO built a ship according to the measurements God gave Noah, only on a smaller scale. Then, they built a ship that was longer, one that was taller, and one that was wider. Do you want to guess what they found?

GOD’S SHIP was perfectly balanced.

A longer ship ran the risk of breaking in half under the force of the waves.

A wider ship made the ship extremely bumpy and uncomfortable.

A taller ship was more likely to capsize, or tip over.

Isn’t God amazing?!

### Extra Challenge:

If one cubit equals about 18 inches, how many feet long, wide, and tall was Noah’s Ark?

## HEAVY CONSEQUENCES

### Materials:

2 cups of water, sealed in a plastic sandwich bag

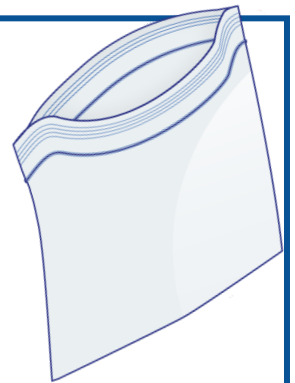
### Directions:

Before reading “A Seaworthy Ship,” pick a volunteer to stand at the front and hold the plastic bag of water straight out in front of them.

After reading “A Seaworthy Ship,” ask the child how his/her arm feels. Is it tired? Sore? Shaky?

This little bag only has two cups of water in it, but it’s strong enough to make your arm tired in just a few minutes. Water is powerful, and God sent forty days and nights of water down onto the earth. He was serious about removing such terrible sin from His creation. We learned in today’s lesson that God gave the people 120 years to repent. Did they do it? No, and they paid the price for ignoring God’s mercy.

Everyone makes mistakes, and there is no one alive who hasn’t sinned. God is merciful. He wants to save every one of us, but if we ignore His mercy and love and continue doing what we want to do, His punishment will be heavy and final, just like the flood. It’s important to listen to the voice of God when He asks you to repent. If you follow His voice and give your heart to Him, you will be saved just like Noah and his family.



# THE COMPASS

Junior Sunday School ■ May 31, 2020

*In the Beginning Series*

## God Promised

### The Rainbow of Salvation



#### Scripture Reading: Genesis 8—9

Noah and his family and all the animals stepped out of the ark after an entire year inside. Can you imagine being stuck on a ship for a whole year? They probably felt like leaping for joy when their feet touched the soft grass, and they smelled the flowers! They were so thankful to be saved from destruction that they built an altar and sacrificed to the Lord. They gave one of every clean animal they had to God that day, and when He saw their offering, He was pleased.

He decided to make a covenant, not just with Noah, but with every person that would ever be born. A covenant is a promise, or an agreement. God promised Noah that He would never flood the earth again for as long as time continued. God's words were, "Neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done." In other words, God would never kill every living thing again. For as long as the earth remained, sun and night, cold and heat, and summer and winter

would continue. Those were beautiful words given to Noah, and to seal the promise, God gave him a reminder.

**A rainbow appeared in the clouds, with all its glorious colors, and sealed the promise that God made with Noah.**

Never again would He destroy the earth.

God is a God of promises. The Bible is *full* of promises that we can read and apply to our own lives. Sometimes they are conditional--there is a part we must do in order to receive the reward. Sometimes, they are unconditional, like the promise God made to Noah. The most well-known conditional promise is found in John 3:16. You probably know it without having to look it up. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

**The love of God was enough for Him to promise that He would never again kill every living thing, but it reached even *further* than that.**

God promised every man, woman, and child that He would save them from destruction (like He did with Noah), IF they would do something in return. How did God save us, and what do we have to do in order to be saved?

**Jesus Christ is our salvation. He is our "ark" that keeps us safe when everything around us is being destroyed.**

He died to save us! We don't have to perish in the flood of sin!

We have to do something too. Noah had to trust God and build the ark when no one else believed or obeyed. He went against the world because he *knew* what God told him was true. We have to go against the world too. It isn't popular to follow God, but like John 3:16 says, "whosoever believeth in him." If we choose to believe in God and follow His perfect instructions, we will have everlasting life.

The story of Noah and the ark isn't just for small children. It's the story of God loving us enough to save us, if we are willing to follow His directions and go against the world. Do you believe in God's promises enough to be saved? ■

### Lesson Discussion

- Talk about Noah and what he went

#### Memory Verse

I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. Genesis 9:13

#### Key Thought

God saved Noah and made a covenant with him. God also promised to save us, if we would agree to our half of His covenant.

through in order to build the ark. Was it easy?

- How is going against the world hard for us? Is it popular to be different and to love God?

- The world has twisted the rainbow to mean something ungodly. What does it *truly* represent?

- God kept His promise to Noah. Will God keep His promises to you?

## Rainbow Promises

Match each promise to the reference.

The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

**1 John 1:9**

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

**Psalms 34:17**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Philippians 4:19**

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

**James 1:5**

But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**Exodus 14:14**

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of their troubles.

**Proverbs 3:6**

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

**Mark 11:24**

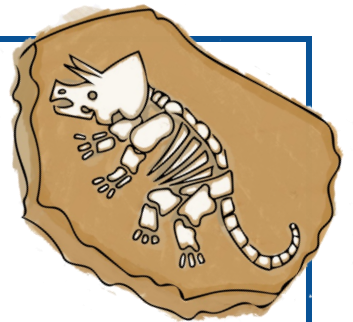
### ACCEPTING THE FLOOD

The story of the flood has often been called the Bible's "weak point." It's hard for people to believe that the entire earth was covered with water, and somehow, humans survived. They claim that the earth proves that a catastrophic flood couldn't have happened. The opposite is true. The shape and land formations of earth actually confirm that the flood happened.

There are layers of rock making up the earth's that accumulate over time, that contain fossils of animals, fish, and dinosaurs. There are locations across the world where there are beds of sediments and fossils that could only exist if they were buried quickly, which indicates a great quantity of water was involved in the form of a flood. Moreover, there are layers of sediment that span entire continents, that had to have been deposited at the same time. In these beds of material are perfectly preserved fossils, from species that today are in totally separate parts of the world. This is only possible if there was a mass rapid burial of creatures by a global flood. The body positions of mammals in these mass graveyards show that they died from drowning. These are just a handful of evidences that Noah's Flood was a very real event: one that changed the very face of the earth.

In nearly every culture in the world there is an origin story of a great ancient flood. That's a verbal historical record of a catastrophic flood that spans the globe. We simply happen to identify it as a specific occurrence that was ordained of God.

Like we learned in the lesson about creation, God is not limited by the rules of science. Science itself is God's creation. Don't let the claims of "modern science," intended to explain away God, confuse you. The earth is still a snapshot of the catastrophic day when all life was destroyed by water.



# THE COMPASS

Junior Sunday School ■ June 7, 2020

*In the Beginning Series*

## The Tower of Babel Sinful Pride

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Noah and his family landed on the mountain top and then went into the world, and their families began to grow. Soon there were many people on the earth again.

Historians believe that, at this time, about 100 years had passed since the flood and that most of the people lived in one general area, a plain called **Shinar (3)**.

**They started to believe in their own minds that they were important and wise, and they formed an idea that would prove just how smart and important (7) they were.**

They decided to build a tower that reached all the way to heaven. They began forming bricks out of the mud and soon construction of their **magnificent (9)** tower was underway!

### Lesson Discussion

- History! How long do historians believe it had been between the flood and when the tower of Babel was started? Where did most people live at that point?

### Memory Verse

Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth. Genesis 11:9

### Key Thought

The people who built the tower of Babel were put to shame because of their sinful pride. Choose to glorify God instead of yourself!

- How did the people begin building the tower?

- What was their purpose in building the tower? Were they following God's plan for them or their own?

- What did God do to show the people that He was the only one worthy of

worship? What does the verse in Proverbs say about those who have too much pride?

God looked down and saw that all of the people were united in their thoughts and language. God knew that if they continued on the way they were going, nothing would stop them from accomplishing their goals--and their goals were definitely not to serve and obey God! Instead of spending time worshiping the God who had saved their father, Noah, from the flood, they set out to prove their own **intelligence (2)** and capability. To keep them from turning just as wicked as they were before the **flood (4)**, God made a plan.

**He confounded (or confused) their language so that they could not understand each other.**

He also scattered them across the face of the earth. No one could communicate with each other to continue building the tower, and they had to abandon their grand project. Imagine the confusion! God promised not to flood the earth again, but He did put a stop to their vain and selfish plans. The tower was named **Babel (6)**, which means confusion or **disorder (1)**.

Think about your own life. You spend time doing projects for school or to give as a gift to someone you love. When you're done, is it wrong to feel good about the work you've done? No, it's not! What is wrong is when you work hard on a project just to prove that you're better than someone else or to prove to all your friends that you're the best and smartest.

Proverbs 11:2 says, "When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is **wisdom (10)**." In other words, when a boy (or a girl) tries to prove he is better than everyone else and acts puffed up about himself and his accomplishments, it won't be long before he is put to shame in some way. Maybe he will fail at a game he is playing when everyone is watching or get in trouble in front of his friends. No one wants that to happen to them, right?

The people who set out to build the tower of Babel did not have a goal of proving how wonderful and **powerful (8)** God is. They wanted to show the world how smart and capable they were. That is called sinful pride, and it's what the verse in Proverbs was talking about.

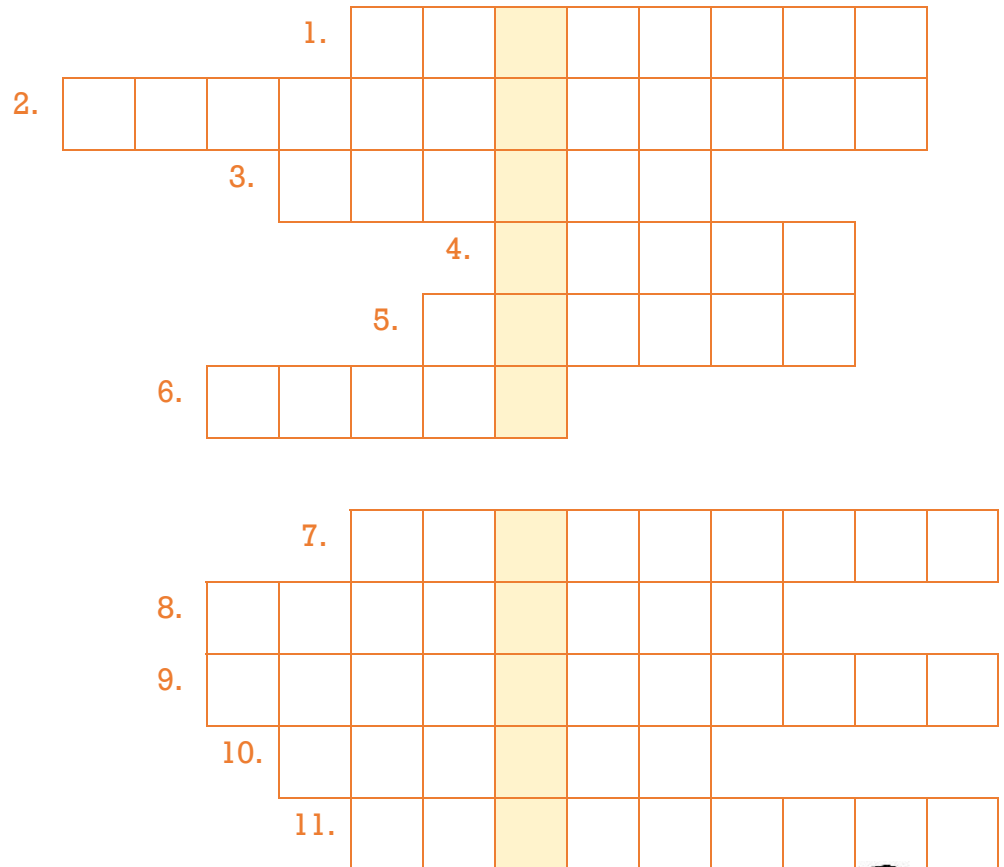
**Instead of sinful pride, choose to be humble (5) and praise God instead, and He will lift you up and give you many blessings (11). ■**





## Solve the Puzzle!

There are words scattered through the lesson that are in bold font and have a number (1) next to them. Go back through the lesson and use those words to solve the puzzle to the right!



## MINI TOWERS

**Materials:** Toothpicks, Mini marshmallows

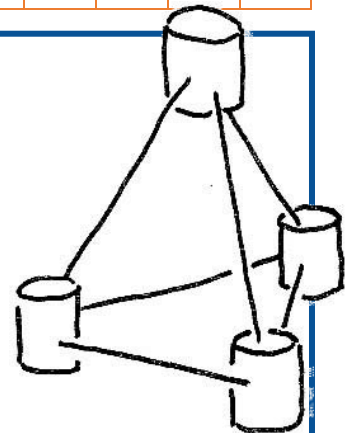
**Directions:** Have the students choose a partner, or choose a partner for them. If there is an uneven number of children, make a group of three. The object for each pair of students is to build a tower out of marshmallows and toothpicks without speaking or using hand motions. Emphasize that the pair who1 builds the largest or most elaborate tower will be the winners. Let them work for five minutes. When the time is up, ask them if they really wanted to build the best tower in the class. Let them answer.

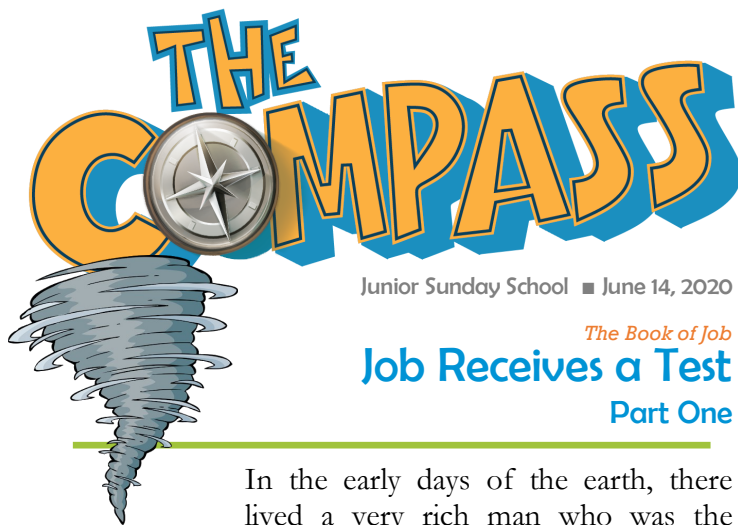
Some of you may have really wanted to win this little contest! Is it wrong to want to win at a game like this? No, it's not. God is happy for us to enjoy the time we get to play together. However, God doesn't like it when someone is SO determined to be the best that they lose their focus--to have fun and spend time together.

Was it easy to build together when you weren't able to communicate in any way?

Let's think about the people who built the tower of Babel. What was their focus for the project? They wanted to prove just how smart they were, but God's goal for them was to worship and praise Him with their lives. They lost focus of that. They were overtaken by pride in themselves, and God wasn't pleased. Because of their pride, He sent confusion and scattered them over the face of the earth. It was impossible for them to finish their prideful project!

God never intended for us to do things in our own power, and He *definitely* doesn't want us to do things just to show how smart and important we are. There is only ONE person who deserves the praise and admiration of everyone, and that is God Himself.





Junior Sunday School ■ June 14, 2020

*The Book of Job*

## Job Receives a Test

### Part One

In the early days of the earth, there lived a very rich man who was the greatest of all men of the East. Seven sons and three daughters were born into his family. His household was very great, and he had 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 oxen, and 500 donkeys. It is said that he even washed his steps with butter! *(This may have been a figure of speech, but he was indeed a rich man!)*

Each day, this man got out of bed early in order to offer sacrifices to God for his children, in case they had sinned. He sat in the city gate giving advice and answering questions. Young men hid when they saw him coming. Elders stood in reverence, and princes stopped talking when he spoke.

Kindness also marked this man. Many came to him for help. He was “eyes to the blind, feet to the lame, a father to the poor, and the widows’ hearts sang because of him.” *(Read Job chapter 29.)*

Most importantly, this man was sincere and true—a man of integrity. He was a righteous man who feared and worshipped God.

### Lesson Discussion

- What kind of a man was Job? Give examples from the lesson.

#### Memory Verse

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. Job 1:22

#### Key Thought

Satan is real and powerful, but God is even more powerful. Our challenge is to maintain our trust in God no matter what happens to us.

- What test did Satan ask God to give Job? Do you believe Satan is real?
- What one rule did God give Satan?
- What happened to Job’s animals, his children, and his health?
- Was Job’s wife supportive and loving? What did she say and what was Job’s response?

### Job was his name.

Job not only gained the attention of men and women on earth, but God and Satan were paying attention in the heavenly world as well! Did you know God and Satan had two conversations together about Job? Of course, Job couldn’t hear the conversations, and little did he know that the results of these conversations were about to drastically change his life! This is what happened:

One day Satan came into God’s presence. God asked Satan, “Where did you come from?”

Satan answered, “From walking up and down through the whole earth. *(In our world, It is popular to believe Satan does not exist, but he does! His purpose is to destroy people’s lives.)*

God said to Satan: “Have you considered my servant Job? He is an upright and perfect man, one who fears God and does no wrong.”

Satan argued that the reason Job served God was because he was surrounded on every side by God’s blessing. Satan told God, “If you take away everything he has, he will curse you to your face.”

So, God gave Satan permission to take away all Job’s possessions and even his health. God gave Satan one rule. He said, “Don’t take Job’s life.” *(Notice, God had ultimate power—not Satan!)*

### Would Job curse God to His face?

Like a bomb that hit hard and exploded with fiery force, Job’s good life splintered into pieces.

During the course of ONE day, thieves stole all his cattle, and fire burned all his sheep. While his sons and daughters were eating and drinking, a great wind came up and their house fell on them, killing them all. Job was devastated, but in everything that happened, he did not sin or foolishly blame God.

A short time later, Job’s body was attacked with terrible sores, and his good health left him.

Job’s wife taunted him, “Are you *still* trusting God? Curse God and die.”

“You talk like a foolish woman,” was Job’s remarkable response. He explained, “We receive good and we receive evil from God.”

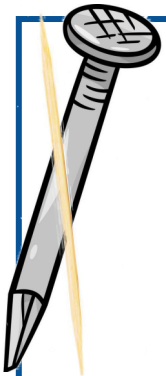
### Tragedy came to live on Job’s doorstep, yet he did not sin by cursing God.

Job passed the test, and God proved Satan wrong! ■

## In the following statements, who is talking, God or Satan?

1. Pretend you don't hear your mother calling. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Pray for your parents. It looks like they are having a hard day.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Take the money in the drawer. No one will miss it. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Look at that dirty video. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Smile. Life is good—no matter how you feel. \_\_\_\_\_
6. You don't know the answer on a test so you leave it blank rather than cheat. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Tell a little "white lie" to get out of trouble. There's nothing wrong with that! \_\_\_\_\_
8. Give a few minutes of your time to help your brother or sister with his or her homework. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Gossip about the girls down the street. It will make you look cool to your friends. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Pray when you are tempted to yell or have a bad attitude about something you don't like. \_\_\_\_\_
11. You want to look strong, so you bully the boy who you think you can beat. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Say "no" when your friends try and get you to sneak off somewhere your parents have said you can't go.  
\_\_\_\_\_

God and Satan both  
"talk to us" through  
the thoughts we think!



### THE TOOTHPICK AND THE NAIL

Materials: Toothpicks, nails, and string

God and Satan are both fighting for YOU—for your loyalty—for your soul! Will we let Satan win or God? Did you know it is YOUR choice?

Satan is pictured as a roaring lion walking around looking for someone to devour in 1 Peter 5:8. Isn't that what Satan told God he was doing in our lesson today? Walking up and down throughout the earth? None of us would knowingly stand in the path of a roaring, hungry lion, would we? The thing is, Satan tries to trick people. He dresses up in the clothes of an angel and tries to *look* like the good guy when really he is a lion who wants to destroy us.

So, If we want to beat Satan in a fight, we MUST stand with God in order to win! We must always be watching for Satan's attacks and resist him. One of God's promises is: "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7

- Ask the students to break a toothpick. That was easy, wasn't it?
  - Next, tie a toothpick to a nail with a piece of string.
- Have the students try and break the toothpick again. It is impossible!

The toothpick represents you and me and shows how weak we are. Satan can easily break us (destroy us) **UNLESS** we are tied to God (*maintain our trust in God the way Job did*).

No matter what hard things happen in our lives, the **SAFEST** place to be to avoid Satan's tricky schemes is yielding to God, trusting Him for everything.

#### Two Truths:

1. Satan does have power. More power than you or I do! He can beat us in a fight any day of the week.
2. God has more power than Satan. God will help us know when Satan is tempting us to wrongdoing and will give us strength to win.

# THE COMPASS

Junior Sunday School ■ June 21, 2020



## Father's Day God—The Ultimate Father

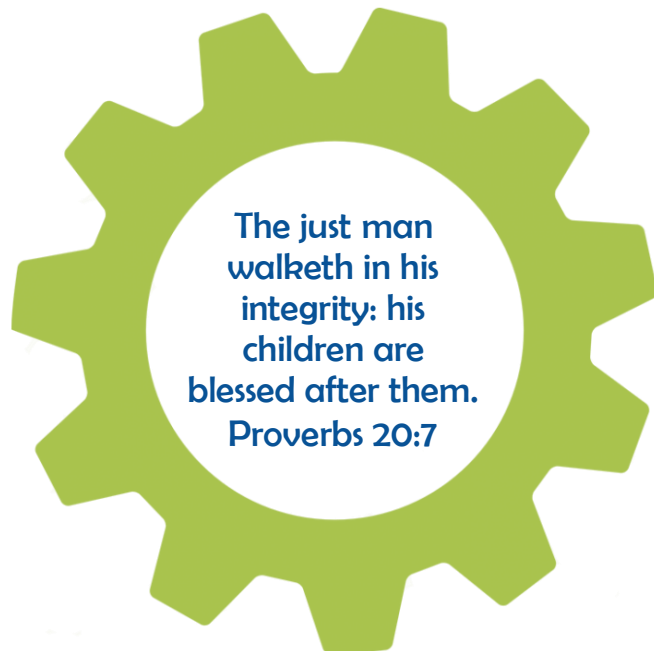
About a month ago, we took a Sunday to celebrate our mothers. They have a very special place in our lives, but today, we will be celebrating our fathers! Who was the first father? Adam! There have been many more fathers after him, and God has had a job for each of the fathers that has ever lived. That job is to take care of their children and teach them to love the Lord.

Most likely, some of you have a friend whose father doesn't live with them, or maybe they don't even know who their father is. God always wants a child to grow up with a dad and a mom, but if that isn't possible, He promised to fill the place that a dad would have filled! Psalm 10:14 says, "Thou art the helper of the fatherless." Let's think about a certain father from the Bible.

Jesus told a parable called, "The Prodigal Son." In this story, there is a wonderful and loving father and a son who learned a lesson. Do you remember what that son did? He took the part of his dad's money that he would inherit and went out into the world. He didn't invest it wisely or use it to help others. He wasted it on selfish and ungodly living. Soon, the son ran out of money and started eating the pig's food because he was so hungry. He decided to go back to his father's house and apologize for what he had done. Even a servant's job would be better than how he was living now! Was his father angry at him? Did he turn him away and tell him he deserved to suffer for his decisions? No! His father was waiting and watching for him to come home, and he saw him coming when he was still far away. Imagine how happy the son was to see his dad again! They ran to each other and hugged one another. The father threw his son a huge welcome home party!

This story is a perfect picture of the kind of father God is to His children! Have you chosen to do things that don't please God? He is just as happy when you come back and ask for forgiveness as the father was in "The Prodigal Son."

Today, we are celebrating fathers. If you have a loving and caring dad, tell him thank you for everything he does for you! Dads sacrifice a lot so that their families can be happy and comfortable. If you don't have a dad at home, think about God and how much He wants to be a loving and caring father to you. You can ask Him for anything and He will lovingly answer your prayers and show you the way. That is a blessing that everyone can have! ■



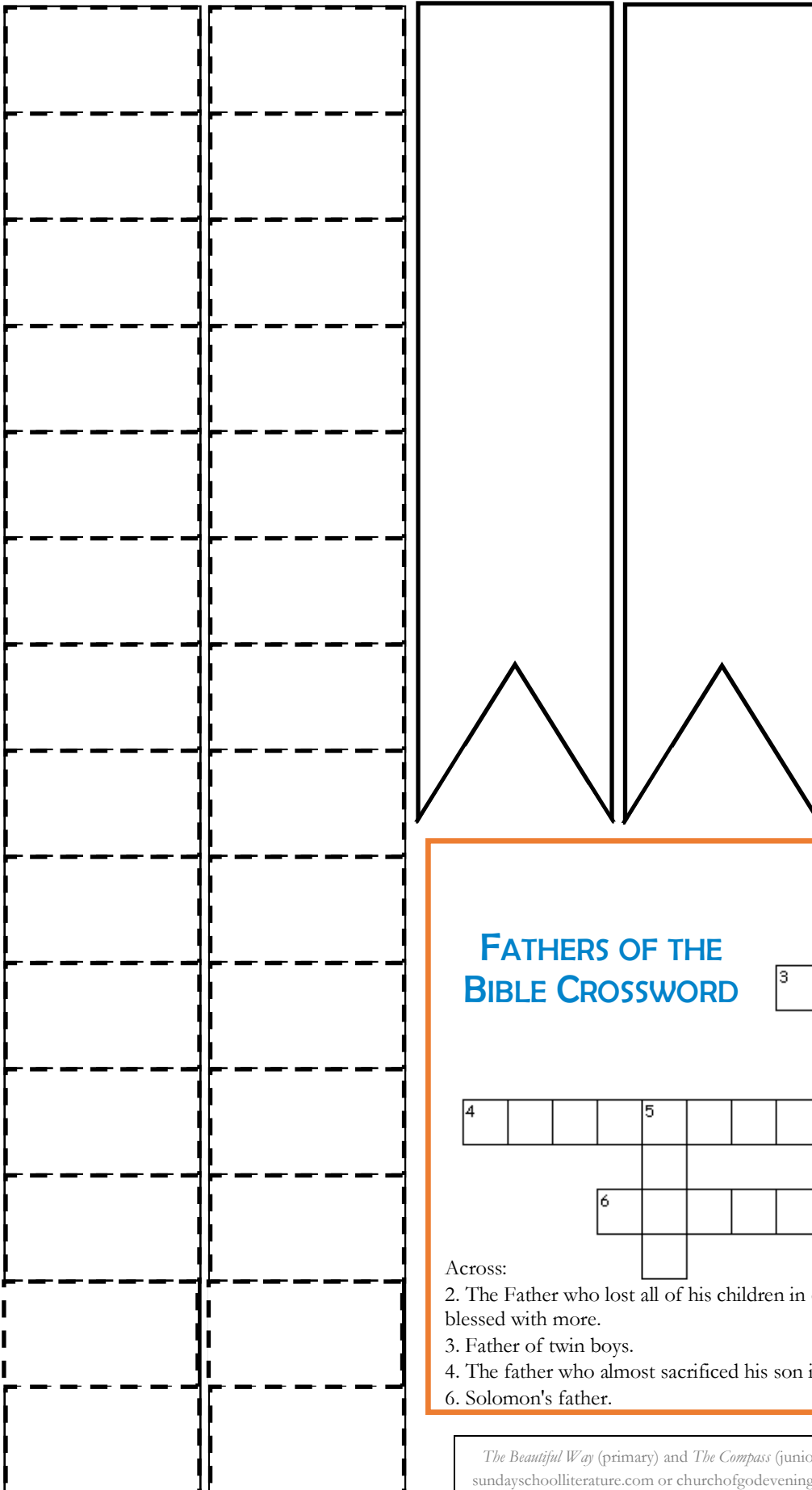
### Key Thought

Tell your dad how much you love and appreciate him today! If you don't have a dad, remember that God is your Heavenly Father who loves you more than anyone else.

### Lesson Discussion

- Name the first father that lived on earth.
- What is the story called featuring a loving father and his son?
- The father in the story can be compared to someone we know! Can you guess who?
- Think of something special your dad has done for you and share it with the class.





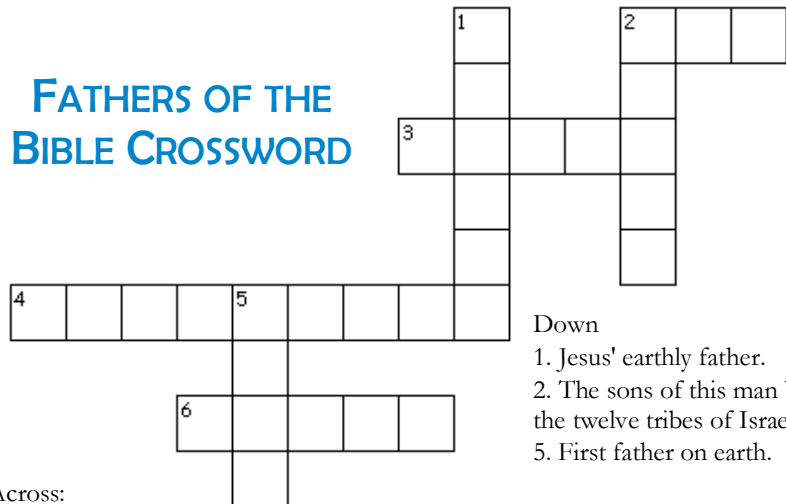
**The man walketh in  
his integrity: his  
children are blessed  
after him.  
Proverbs 20:7**

### Number One Dad Ribbon

Materials: Scissors, crayons,  
glue

Directions: Color and cut the  
pieces of the craft. Glue the  
ribbons to the back of the  
center circle. Fold on the  
dotted lines and glue one end  
of each rectangle together.  
Curve the single long rectangle  
into a circle and glue the two  
loose ends together. Paste the  
accordion folded circle to the  
back of the ribbon.

### FATHERS OF THE BIBLE CROSSWORD



Across:

2. The Father who lost all of his children in one day, but was blessed with more.
3. Father of twin boys.
4. The father who almost sacrificed his son in obedience to God.
6. Solomon's father.

Down

1. Jesus' earthly father.
2. The sons of this man became the twelve tribes of Israel.
5. First father on earth.

# THE COMPASS

Junior Sunday School ■ June 28, 2020



## The Book of Job Job—Part 2

### Why Do We Have Hard Times?

Questions can begin small. Why is the sky blue? Why is fire hot? Why are turtles so slow? Why is the ocean cold in some places and warm in others? *Then the questions might get harder.* Why did a beloved pet die? Why are some people difficult to get along with? Why is Grandma or Grandpa sick? Does God really care about me?

Job lost his children, his money, his health, and even the loyalty of his wife.

**Job asked God many “why” questions, as well!**

Would the three friends who came to visit and comfort him have answers? As it turned out, they weren't very good friends!

Job's friends told him that God does everything right (*which He does*), but that Job must have done something wrong and God was punishing him for it. (*Ouch! NOT a friendly or comforting thing to say!*) At one point, one of his friends asked Job, “When are you going to stop talking?” (*Ouch, again!*) Be careful with your words when you try to “help” friends who are having a bad day or going through a hard time! We don't always know the answer or the reason for their suffering.

#### Memory Verse

The Job answered the Lord, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

Job 42:1-2

#### Key Thought

God has the answers for everything that happens to us—even when we don't understand. That is enough!

#### Lesson Discussion

- **Challenge:** Find the names of Job's three friends in the book of Job. What were they?
- Were Job's friends really friends? Why?
- Talk about “hard” situations that make you want to ask, “Why.”
- Did God bless Job for his steadfast faith? How?

Tears poured out of Job's eyes like a river many times. He thought, “God must be hiding from me. I can't see Him or hear Him!” (*It felt like God was playing hide-and-seek, but Job didn't know where God was “hiding.”*) Job even doubted himself one time. He said, “If I have done wrong...” (*It is HARD to have a hard day or go through hard times, isn't it?*)

BUT. No matter how Job felt, he said these great things:

- God, you have visited me and protected my heart. (Job 10:12)
- Though He slay [*kill*] me, yet I will trust in Him. (Job 13:15)
- I KNOW my redeemer lives! (Job 19:25)
- Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding. (Job 28:28)

God did not stay silent forever! After a while (*we don't know HOW long that was...but wasn't that up to God, anyway?*), God spoke to Job out of a whirlwind and asked JOB some questions!

- Were you there when I created the earth?
- Did you give the horse his strength?
- Can you thunder with a voice like God?
- Can you put a hook in the nose of a crocodile?
- Can you make it rain?

When God finished speaking, Job humbly put his hand over his mouth and said, “No, God, I know you have all power and know how to do things I cannot do. (*Notice, God never answered WHY Job had to suffer, but He made Job realize that HE (God) had ALL power and understanding. It was enough to leave the answer with God!*)

God was not happy with Job's friends! He instructed Job to offer a sacrifice for their sin of speaking things they shouldn't have. *AFTER* Job offered sacrifices for them,

**God made the end of Job's life greater than the beginning!**

(*It is a good thing Job obeyed God!*)

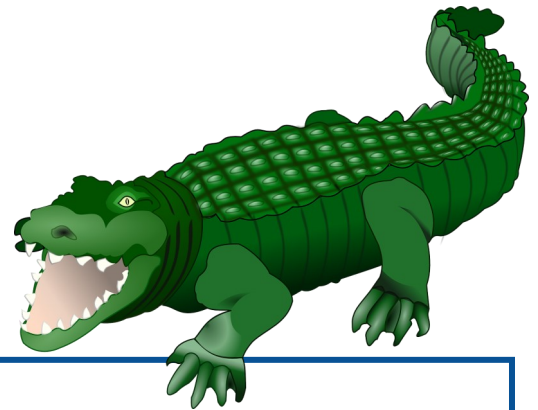
God gave Job 14,000 sheep, 6000 camels, 1000 oxen, and 1000 donkeys. He again had seven sons and three daughters, and his daughters were the most beautiful in all the land. Job lived for another 140 years. ■

## FILL IN THE BLANK!

Use the following words to fill in the blanks. Hint: You can find the answers in the lesson!

Rain	Crocodile	Horse	Earth	Thunder
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- Were you there when I created the \_\_\_\_\_?
- Can you make it \_\_\_\_\_?
- Did you give the \_\_\_\_\_ his strength?
- Can you put a hook in the nose of a \_\_\_\_\_?
- Can you \_\_\_\_\_ with a voice like God?



### PAIN IS A GIFT

**Needed:** Pen and paper for each student. Enough small gift bags (with the word GIFT written on the front) for each student.

Have the students remember a time when they were physically injured. (A scraped knee, a broken bone, a sprained wrist, etc.) Have them write it down and then collect the papers. Put each student's "injury paper" in a gift bag and hand it to them as if you are giving them a wonderful gift!

Then explain why PAIN is a gift!

Does a place exist where there is no pain? You might say that place is only in Heaven. Surprisingly, that place does exist here on earth, at least in a physical sense. There is a colony for lepers in Southern India; a place where people with leprosy live who literally feel no physical pain due to the nerve damage leprosy causes. One such man of this colony was educated, came from a richer family, and was well-bred; but, leprosy had made him an outcast. People noticed his sores and would call him names and back away from him in disgust. Restaurants would not serve him and buses would not give him rides. Why?

Because he could feel no pain to warn him of the possible consequences of walking too long on his feet or working too hard with his hands.

The gradual loss of pain in people with leprosy leads to misuse of the body parts most dependent on pain's protection. A person who uses a splintery hammer, does not feel the pain of splinters, and infection ensues. Another steps off a curb, spraining an ankle, but oblivious to the pain walks on. These people WISH they could feel pain!

Pain and suffering are truly a gift. The truth is, Job was blessed to be able to feel the pain he felt! God knows how much pain we can take! He said he would never give us more than we can bear. He also knows that if we were to live our lives and never experienced pain, we would become selfish and never "need God" for help.

So, rather than blame God foolishly when hard things happen to us, pray and be thankful we can feel the pain that takes us to God!

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