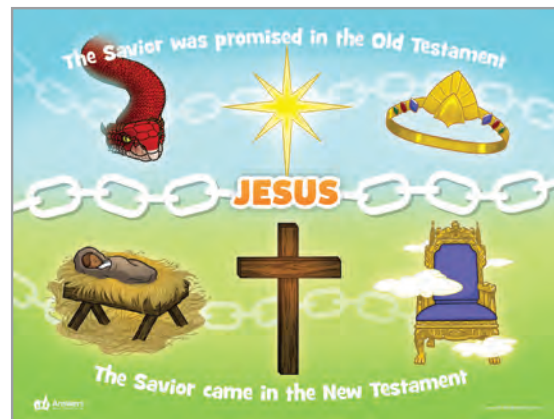


The Messiah Has Come

Lesson 121



K-Ist Lesson

Introduction

Tape the Old Testament chain to the board, allowing one end to hang loose. To begin our lesson, we're going to put up two paper chains. This one will be the Old Testament chain. The links remind us of all the things that have happened in the past.

Refer to the Seven C's of History Poster. We've used the Seven C's of History to help us remember some of those important events that have happened.

- Who can name the first four C's in the Old Testament? *Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, and Confusion. Briefly review these events.*

We also saw how God chose Abraham and his descendants, the Israelites, to be his people and how he rescued them from slavery in Egypt and took them to the promised land. We learned how they were ruled by judges and kings but were punished because they turned away from God. Their enemies came and took them away, but many of them got to go home later. Through it all, God taught his people that they were sinners, which is bad news. But he also promised to make a way for them to be forgiven, and that's good news!

Now we're ready to look at the New Testament. Tape the New Testament chain on the board, allowing one end to hang loose.

Even though the Bible is separated into two parts, like these chains, it's important to remember that the whole Bible is God's Word all together.

- Refer to the chains. What do we need to put our two chains together? *Allow answers.*

We need something to connect the chains, right? There's a special connection between the Old Testament and the New Testament, too—and that's what you need to listen for today.

The Messiah Will Come

In the Old Testament, God tells us what we need to know to understand the message of the New Testament. From the beginning, God had a plan to save his people from sin. Let's go back to where it all began.

God made everything perfect when he created the world, but Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. Their sin brought corruption into God's very good creation.

Genesis 3:15

Refer to the Books of the Bible Poster. Listen as I read Genesis 3:15 where God was talking to Satan who had used the serpent to trick Eve. Have the student with the Bible bring it up and open it to the sticky note. Read the verse.

This verse says that the serpent—Satan—would bruise the heel of someone, but then that someone would bruise the serpent's head. This is the first message about Jesus, the Messiah. The word *Messiah* means God chose Jesus to save sinners from the punishment of sin.

- God said Satan would bruise Jesus' heel, or hurt him. How was Jesus hurt? How did he die? *He died on the cross.*

Jesus died on the cross to save sinners. And when he died, Satan thought he had won!

- But what happened to Jesus on the third day after he died? *He rose from the dead!*

That's right! Jesus won over death and Satan when he rose from the dead. He had bruised the serpent's head just as God said he would. This was God's plan all along—to send the Savior who would save people from their sins.

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. The serpent picture reminds us of this verse in the Old Testament, which was pointing to a day when Jesus would come 4,000 years later in the New Testament.

Genesis 22:17–18

Let's look at another link in the Old Testament chain. Listen to what the Lord said to Abraham in Genesis 22:17. Read verse 17.

God promised to bless Abraham with many offspring—lots of descendants—like grandchildren and great-grandchildren. These were the Israelites, God's chosen people.

- There would be many people in Abraham's family—like what in the heavens? *Stars in the heavens.*

Now listen to the rest of the promise. Read verse 18.

- Someone from Abraham's family would bless all the nations of the earth. Who blessed all people by dying for their sins? *Jesus.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. Right. Here's a star to remind us that God promised Abraham many descendants and that one of them would be the Savior.

Let's read another Old Testament promise God gave to King David. God said that David's throne and kingdom would last forever!

- Did David live forever? *No!*

But God said someone in David's family would be the King of kings forever.

- Who do you think that is? *Jesus.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. The picture of a crown reminds us of God's promise to King David about Jesus.

Refer to OT paper chain. God gave many promises in the Old Testament about Jesus. These promises are like links in a chain; they all connect by telling about the Savior who would be coming.

The Messiah Has Come

Refer to NT paper chain. As we open the New Testament, it tells us that Jesus, the Savior, has come!

- Refer to the Seven C's of History Poster. Which of the Seven C's remind us of Jesus in the New Testament? *Christ and Cross.*

Matthew 1:1

Refer to the Books of the Bible Poster. Let's look at the first verse in the New Testament in the Gospel of Matthew. It begins with the genealogy of Jesus, which tells us the names of some people in Jesus' family. Read Matthew 1:1.

- What two names did you hear that we've heard before? *David and Abraham.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. When Jesus was born, God kept his promises to Abraham and King David that the Savior would come from their families. We just looked at those promises in the Old Testament.

- There is an important title given for Jesus in this verse. What word comes after Jesus' name? *Christ.*

The word *Christ* means Jesus was specially chosen by God to be our Savior.

Hebrews 1:3

But Jesus wasn't just an ordinary man. Hebrews 1:3 tells us more about him. Listen to this! Read the first sentence of the verse.

Wow! Jesus is the Son of God and the Creator! He's in control of the whole universe. But the rest of this verse talks about something Jesus came to do for our sins. Listen for a special word that starts with a P. Read the last part of the verse.

- Did you hear the special word? What is it? *Purification.*

Purification is getting rid of something by cleansing. If you spill food on your shirt and stain it, you would use laundry soap to get the stain out. That stain is sort of like sin in our lives. Sin makes our lives dirty. But Jesus purifies us. He removed our sins when he died on the cross so he can forgive us, and our lives can be clean again—like your shirt is clean again after it's washed.

Refer to the Flip Chart. This picture of a cross reminds us that even though Jesus never sinned, he took the punishment for our sins when he died on the cross.

- So where is Jesus now? At the right hand of who? Reread the last sentence. At the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Refer to the Flip Chart. After Jesus rose from the dead, he sat down at the right hand of God the Father—the Majesty on high in heaven. This picture of a throne on a cloud reminds us that Jesus is the King, and his kingdom will last forever!

Refer to the Seven C's of History Poster. Someday, Jesus will make a new heaven and a new earth at the Consummation. Those who turn from sin and trust in Jesus will have their sins forgiven. They will be saved from the punishment of hell and will live with Jesus forever.

Refer to the paper chains. The New Testament shows us that Jesus Christ is the Savior, the Messiah God was talking about in the Old Testament.

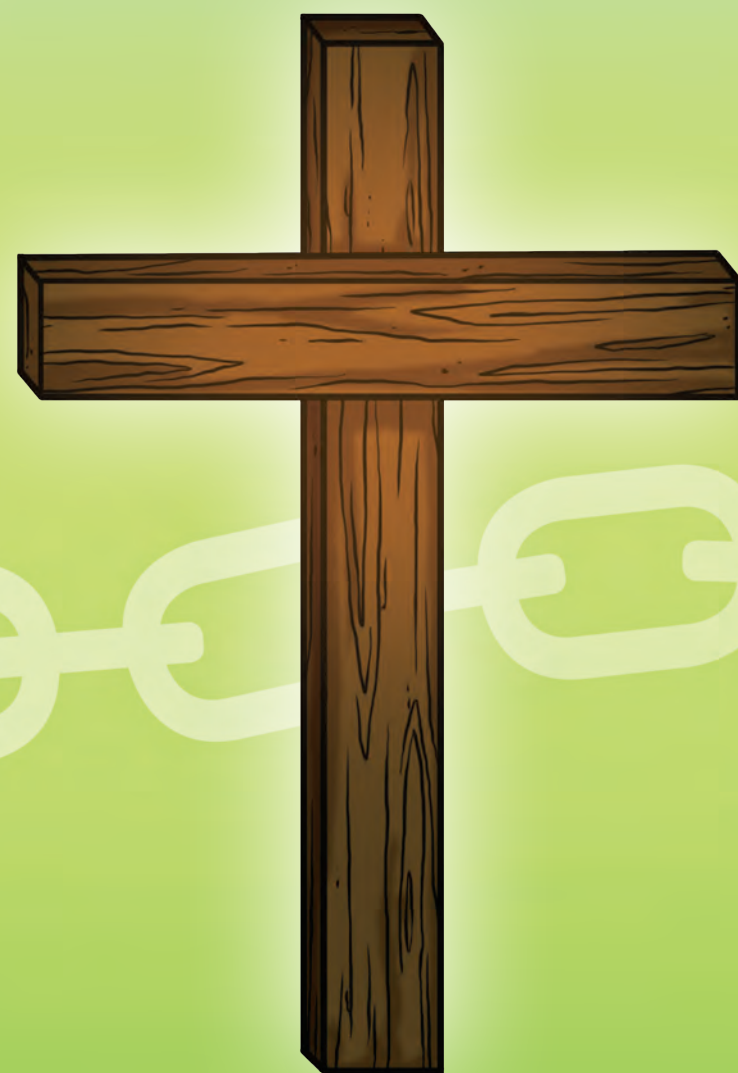
- So, who is the link that connects the Old Testament and the New Testament? *Jesus!*

Attach the paper strip with "Jesus" written on it to connect both chains. That's why the whole Bible is so important—because it all tells us about Jesus—from beginning to end.

The Savior was promised in the Old Testament.



JESUS



The Savior came in the New Testament.