Study 1 - God’s People and God’s Place

2 teams for competition (cards with various names events in the Bible, see which team can get them as close as possible to the right order)

Read Gen 2:8-25

List all the things which were good in God’s creation.

Who was in charge? Was this fair?

Read Gen 3:1-13

What rule had God set, and why?

What changed after they disobeyed God?

Read Gen 3:21-24 What else changed?

Read Gen 3:15 How is this verse fulfilled in the Bible?

Do we need to fear Satan now? (Extra info about Satan:1 John 3:8, Romans 16:20, Heb 2:14-16, 1 Peter 5:8-9, James 4:7, Revelation 12:9)



Study 2 – Abraham and the Promises of God

Can you count up how many grandchildren your grandparents have?

Review last week

What problems were there? What was needed to change to fix the situation?

Read Genesis 12:1-7, 13:14-17

List the promises God made to Abram.

Why did God make these promises?

How did Abram respond to God?

Read Genesis 15:5-6

How did Abraham respond to God?

Extra: Read Genesis 17:3-6, 10-11, 17-19, 23, Gen 21: 1-7

How did Abraham respond to God?

How can we follow the example Abraham set?

For extra info see Hebrews 11:8-19

What did Abraham do to make himself acceptable to God?

Refer back to Gen 15:6

See also Romans 4:18-25

How can we become acceptable to God? (Rom 4:22-25)

Does the way we live our lives matter?



Study 3 – David, the King of God’s People

Revise banner.

Why did God make those promises to Abraham?

What do you think blessing from God would be like?

Read 2 Sam 7:1-3

What was David thinking of doing?

Read 2 Sam 7:4-17

Did God want David to go ahead with his plans?

What promises did God make to David? Why did he make those promises?

Who is David’s offspring in verse 12? What will David’s offspring do?

Read 2 Sam 7:18-29

How did David respond to God’s message?

Read 2 Sam 8:1-6, 15

How can we see the fulfilment of God’s promises to Abraham?

What can we learn about God from the verses we have read today?

How does this affect the way we live our lives?



Study 4 – Solomon

1 Kings 11:1-10

Review banner.

How was God ruling over the people in the land?

How many of the 10 commandments can you remember?

(print them out, have them covered up, pull cover off each one as it is mentioned)

What does it mean, to ‘have no other Gods before me’?

Is this a fair rule for God to set?

Read 1 Kings 3:4-15

Read 1 Kings 10:18-11:8

What was Solomon’s worst mistake?

Based on what happened when Adam and Eve sinned, what do you think God’s response to Solomon’s sin would be? Read v 9-11

What did God say to Solomon?

How are we like Solomon? What can we learn from him?



Study 5 – Exile

Review banner

The kingdom was split into 2 – Israel and Judah. Many kings came and went.

Read 1 Kings 14:21-24, 1 Kings 16:23-33. These verses give a snippet of what the kings were like. How did they compare to Solomon?

Why do you think they worshipped other gods?

(How are we like this?)

Read 2 Kings 24:8-20

What happened to Jehoiachin? What happened to God’s people?

What chance did they have against King Nebuchadnezzar?

Why did this happen to them?

Was it fair?

Should this lead us to expect to be sent to a foreign country if we disobey God?

What did this mean for the promises which God made to Abraham?

(What do you think God was going to do about it?)



Study 6 – The Promised King

Review banner

Print books of Old Testament on bits of card. Put them where they fit on the banner. Maybe divide into 2 groups to do this as a race.

What does the word ‘testament’ mean?

What was happening in history at the end of the Old Testament?

How does the New Testament begin? Skim over Matt 1:1-17. What is significant here?

Read Luke 1:26-33

What information did the angel give about Jesus’ identity?

How was God fulfilling his promises?

Read Luke 1:67-75. How does Zechariah’s Song show the fulfilment of God’s promises?

How is the birth of a baby 2000 years ago significant for us today?

What could we pray in response to what we have read?



Study 7 – Death of the King

Swap (paper bag of items)

Read 2 Sam 7:12-16 and compare with:

Psalm 2

Luke 3:21-22 and Luke 9:28-36

John 18:33-19:7

1 Peter 2:22-24

How does Jesus’ death save us?

How do we need to respond to Jesus?



Study 8 – Jesus is Raised, Jesus is King

Imagine overhearing a conversation between your own child and another child. One says, “Don’t do that. If you do, you won’t go to Heaven.” The other replies, “It doesn’t matter what I do, because God will forgive me anyway.” What would you say?

Review banner

Read John 20: 24-29 Why did Thomas respond like this to Jesus?

Read Titus 2:11-14

What are we waiting for? (v 13) What does ‘Christ’ mean?

What is our King like? (v 14)

What does redeem mean? What does purify mean?

What is the grace of God (v 11)? What does it teach us to do (v12)?

(extra: What examples are given in v 3-6?)

If God will forgive us anyway, does it matter how we live?

How is this part of history similar or different to when David was King?



Study 9 – God’s People in God’s Place Again

Do you remember the bushfires which were lit in Victoria

last year? How did people respond to the situation?

Generally people are not willing to mention Hell. Why do

you think this shirt was printed and photo put in SMH?

Is God really in control?

Can we be sure that God cares?

Review banner. What is still left to be fulfilled?

The book of Revelation was written at a time when Christians were being persecuted. It uses symbols and images to communicate its message. For example, would you say this person looks unusual? “My Mum has eyes in the back of her head. She has a real green thumb but 2 left feet.”

Read Revelation 21:1-8 What is being described?

How does this show God’s justice? How does this show God’s mercy and love? Can anyone be sure that they will be included in God’s people?

Rev 21:21-22:5,16 Does any of the symbolism sound familiar? How does this compare to the first chapters of Genesis? (Gen 2:8-9, 3:22-24)

How does this place fulfil God’s promises to Abraham and David?

