

THE JOURNEY CHURCH

KIDS

PARENT GUIDE

*HIS*tory Season 1. UNIT 2.

How to use this Guide

Introduction

As I think about how to share the importance of discipleship in the home with you, I am reminded of the moment when that first became a conviction of my own. I was in a season of growth and I had been binge listening to sermons on all of the deepest doctrines that I could get a hold of. I thought that I was beyond the simple, everyday life stuff. I didn't want to listen to something as "trivial" as how to honor God in your marriage or finances or anything like that. I remember scrolling through John MacArthur sermons and seeing one with a thought provoking title. I don't remember that particular title, but what I do remember is how the Lord pulled a bait and switch on me. Five minutes into it I realized that it was a sermon about discipling your family. As many years ago as that was, I still think back to two particular quotes from that sermon that humbled me out of some pride and changed my view on this forever. First, he said something to the effect of, "the most important disciples the Lord will ever give you are living under your roof." And second, "The Christian home should look like an outpost of the Kingdom of God." Now, I have not mastered this by any means. But as we all know, change starts with conviction.

It is my prayer that you will grow in this conviction as well. The very first command given in scripture is to "be fruitful and multiply." From the rest of scripture, in places like Deuteronomy 6, Psalm 127 and Ephesians 6:4, we see that this command means more than just "have babies." God expects believers who are blessed with children to be a part of that mission to fill the earth with godly offspring. This is where those MacArthur quotes come in. Just because each person has to make their own decision to follow Christ, and kids can't ride to Heaven on the faith of their parents, that does not absolve us of the responsibility to plant them in the soil of the Gospel. That's where we, the church, come in. Parents are given this massive task, but they are not given it to walk alone. We often treat child discipleship like it is the job of the teachers in the classroom at church. This could not be more backward. Child discipleship is primarily the job of parents. The church is to come alongside those parents to equip, educate and encourage. This is the purpose of the booklet. We hope to use this booklet as the first of many resources providing families the teaching they need to fulfill the Great Commission in their homes.

How this works

Following this Introduction is an overview of the layout and vision for the curriculum that we will be using in the classrooms. This guide book follows that same layout and vision. We hope that you will spend a few minutes each week reading the lesson for that particular week. In doing so, you will be learning at an adult level what your kids are being taught in class. We want to give you this resource to help equip you to be the primary disciple-maker in your home. The idea is that what you learn here and what they learn in class will work together to foster organic conversations about the Scriptures in your home. But of course this will work just as well as anything ever does. The more you put into it, the more you will get out of it. We are here for you. We are praying for you.

Curriculum

We believe that our kids need to be taught:

- 1) That the Bible stories they've heard so many times before are all part of one big story that centers on Jesus and that we need to show them Jesus in all of these stories. (Luke 24:27)
- 2) That "*what comes to mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us.*" - A.W. Tozer. And as such, we believe that kids need more than teachings about what God has done, but also who God is. (John 17:3)
- 3) That the good news of the Gospel is far deeper and richer than a tack- on to the end of a lesson, and that this depth and richness is not just accessible to kids, but is designed by God for kids. (Matthew 11:25)
- 4) That our brothers and sisters in Christ, throughout the ages have wrestled with and answered tough questions about the faith. Those answers have become the core doctrines of Christianity and they need to be passed on to our children to help them know and defend their faith. (Jude 3)

Using these core convictions, we have developed a curriculum that is structured around four topics that will be taught as four "seasons" of the year.

HIStory - We will take the kids through key milestones in the biblical narrative chronologically. We will show them how each story relates to all the others and how, ultimately, they all point to Jesus.

God - We will take them on a journey through the attributes of God, showing them what it means to say that He is holy or that He is love, etc. We will teach them how to see the God that they can know in the pages of scripture.

Good News - This season will dive deep into the core elements of the Gospel message. They will learn about man, his condition and what God has done for them in Christ.

Foundations - In this season we will give them an overview of core Christian doctrines such as, the Bible, the Trinity, Baptism, etc. We will teach them to know what they believe and to believe what they know.

Structure

The material will be broken down as follows. There will be four seasons: HIStory, God, Good News, and Foundations. Those four seasons will be broken down into units and the units into individual lessons. During each season, the lesson will be focused on that particular element of the curriculum. However, the other three elements will still be present in every lesson. Once the "HIStory" season is finished, we will move into the "God" season. The structure will remain the same, but now the particular attribute of God being studied will be the focus of the lesson and an element of HIStory will be secondary. What we love about this is that much of the content will be repeated and layered. They'll get a big focus on creation in the HIStory season, but they'll also get a short reinforcement of that same lesson in another season.

We are here for you

We appreciate your labor in the Lord. As many have said, "whoever wants this generation the most will have them." Let's continue striving to show Jesus as incomparably glorious to this generation!

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The promise threatened

Week of OCTOBER 23rd



Season 1

Unit 2

Week 1

Passages

Exodus 14

Job 42:1-2

John 8:34

Read Exodus 14

We have seen the path of God's promise of a Savior take twists and turns through the lives of broken people. We have seen the hints of what that Savior will look like. And now, in Exodus 14 we see the promise threatened like never before. Abraham's descendants, the children of promise, are now enslaved in Egypt.

Many of us have heard this story of Israel in Egypt and have never made the connection to Joseph. Israel is in Egypt because Joseph brought his family here to provide for them many years earlier. By this time Joseph has died and a new Pharaoh has come to power, one who "did not know Joseph". Abraham's descendants began multiplying just as God had promised, but the fulfilling of this promise begins to put the other promises in jeopardy.

Pharaoh enslaves them out of fear of their numbers. It's interesting to note that although this seems like a glitch in the plan, it was actually part of the plan all along. God led Joseph to Egypt, led them into slavery and will now lead them to deliverance. Check out the prophecies in Gen. 15:13 and in Matt. 2:15.

Even the captivity in Egypt was a hint pointing to the future Savior! The rest of the story is pretty familiar to most of us. God calls Moses to deliver His people (another "type" of Christ). Moses leads them out of slavery and into the wilderness. There are tons of parallels here in this story to what God has done and is doing in the salvation of His people in the New Covenant.

Can you identify any of the parallels between this story and the story of your own salvation?



Who does God show Himself to be?

God is omnipotent. Omnipotent means “all powerful”. There is nothing too hard for Him. There is nothing that is out of bounds when it comes to His sovereignty. As we learned a couple of weeks ago, God is also all knowing. Since He is all knowing and all powerful that means that there can be no accidents, no mistakes, and no challenges to His plans. The threatening of the promise in the story of Israel’s enslavement is only a threat from human perspective, not from God’s. He always knows exactly what He plans and He is always powerful enough to bring those plans to pass. When we see threats to God’s promises in our lives we can take heart in knowing that He is not pacing before the throne wondering how the situation will turn out.

“Then Job answered the LORD and said, ‘I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.’ Job 42:1-2



Where is the Good News in this passage?

Jesus leads us out of bondage. Read John 8:34. One of the parallels that we see in this story is that of our own slavery and need for a deliverer. Just as the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt, so it is with us in our enslavement to sin. Just as they had no power to deliver themselves and needed God to send a deliverer to perform a miraculous intervention, so it is with us. The reality of our complete helplessness and inability to save ourselves is both bad news and good news. The bad news side of it is obvious, but the good news side of it is that since we are incapable, that means that it does not rest on our shoulders. Our deliverance from the bondage to sin is a burden that Christ gladly bore for us.



Catechizing our hearts and minds

Q: Can you save yourself from the way of sin and death?

A: *No. I have no power to save myself, for sin has corrupted my conscience, confused my mind, and captured my will. Only God can save me.*

* For younger kids, spreading the catechism across several weeks may be more effective.

Pray for the nations



LOCATION
India

LANGUAGE
Hindi

RELIGION
Hinduism

POPULATION
59,134,000

PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◆ Brahmins are seen as knowledgeable and enlightened; pray for the light of the gospel to bring the knowledge of Christ to them in India.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom for disciples of Jesus who befriend and share their faith with Brahmins.
- ◆ Pray that the true God will reveal Himself to this community and use Brahmins to preach and teach about Jesus Christ.



Prayercast

Keys for the kids

- Nothing can stop God’s plan.
- God is all powerful.
- Jesus delivers us from slavery to sin.

Weekly Key Verse:

Then Job answered the Lord and said, “I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.
Job 42:1-2

The people didn't believe

Week of OCTOBER 30th



Season 1

Unit 2

Week 2

Passages

Numbers 13:17-33

John 14:3

Hebrews 4:1-2

Psalm 37:27-29

Read Numbers 13:17-33 and Hebrews 4:1-2

Out of Egypt! The Israelites are free and their gratitude and faith are overflowing into worship of the God who keeps His promises! (But, not really.) Now that the immediate danger has passed we see the people begin to fall back into thought patterns that look a whole lot like the thought patterns of an enslaved people. They begin to fall prey to a condition I like to call “spiritual amnesia”. I bet you know exactly what this is. You find yourself up against a rock and a hard place, God comes through and rescues you from that circumstance and you ride that wave for all of 48 hours or so and then, it’s almost as if it never happened.

These people have seen God miraculously saving, defending, leading, and providing for them and yet when they send out their spies to scout the land God promised them they act as if they’re all on their own. It’s easy for me to criticize them, but as I mentioned, we all do this very same thing over and over again.

In this passage, we see two responses to the challenge that the spies reported. Each response has a different outcome. Responding in faith leads to a receiving of the promise. Responding in unbelief leads to judgement. This is why it is so important to maintain that vital, personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. When we seek Him in community, prayer and the Word, it helps us keep our minds renewed according to the truth. When we fail to do that, it doesn’t take long for us to start thinking like hopeless slaves again.

When was the last time you experienced this “Spiritual Amnesia?”

What are some habits that you can begin working on to combat this?



Who does God show Himself to be?

God is just. We learned about the justice of God back in previous lessons. There, He exercised His just judgment on Adam and Eve in the garden. Their judgement was for active disobedience. Once we put our faith in Christ, we are saved from that judgement. However, we are still warned against the consequences of unbelief. Hebrews 4 gives us a sobering insight into what happened in the wilderness. Those who didn't enter, didn't enter because of their unbelief. The writer of Hebrews encourages us to make sure that we have truly trusted in Christ that we may enter into our promised land.

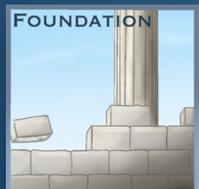
Read Psalm 37:27-29



Where is the Good News in this passage?

God has also given us a promised land to look forward to. The same God that we are seeing make promises and keep promises to save His people and get them to their land, is the God that makes those promises to us, in Christ. The admonition that we receive from the writer of Hebrews on this subject is not "try harder". Praise God! It is "make sure that you believe." Believe and rest in Him.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." John 14:3



Catechizing our hearts and minds

Q: What is faith?

A: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

* For younger kids, spreading the catechism across several weeks may be more effective.

Pray for the nations



LOCATION
Afghanistan

LANGUAGE
Dari Persian

RELIGION
Islam

POPULATION
10,831,000

PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◆ Ask God to restore political peace and stability to Afghanistan.
- ◆ Ask God to call Christian workers trained in the Dari language to take the gospel to the Tajiks and plant strong local churches.
- ◆ Pray that relief funds will be available for those living in famine-stricken areas.



Prayercast

Keys for the kids

- The people didn't believe.
- God is just.
- We also have a promised land.

Weekly Key Verse:

Remember the word that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, 'The Lord your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.' Joshua 1:13

The cycle of sin

Week of NOVEMBER 6th



Season 1
Unit 2
Week 3

Passages

Judges 3:9-14, Judges 6:1-14, & Judges 7
Hebrews 12:9-11
2 Peter 3:9 & 1 Peter 2:25

Read Judges 3:9-14 and Hebrews 12:9-11

In our story, the generation that God allowed into the Promised Land has set up shop and gotten somewhat comfortable in their new home. Along the way, God has given them specific laws regarding His requirements of them morally, civilly and ceremonially.

The moral law applies to all people at all times and is written on our hearts. The civil and ceremonial laws are specifically for Israel during the Old Covenant. Those laws serve a few purposes, but the emphasis is always on separating them from the wicked nations around them. These cultures performed abominable acts while practicing their false religions and worshipping their false gods. God commanded the Israelites to be holy and set apart. If we were to grade Israel on their performance in keeping these laws, they would fail miserably in all three categories. If you remember our last few readings, you will see some similarities here. Again, the failure of the Israelites is easy to point out from our vantage point, but what got them into so much trouble during this time is the same thing that plagues us. The cycle of sin is something that nearly destroyed the nation many times. It looks like this: (1) The people would be doing good. (2) They would forget the Lord and become self reliant. (3) They would slowly slip into open sin and idolatry. (4) God would warn them. (5) They would not heed His warning. (6) God would punish them. (7) They would repent. (8) God would deliver them. (9) Repeat. We all know this cycle well. The deliverers that God sent were called “Judges” during this time. The Judge’s job was to deliver and lead God’s people and keep the nation intact while they awaited the Savior. It’s pretty amazing to see how God patiently deals with His people in this way over and over again and doesn’t forsake them.

The cycle of sin cannot be fixed, it must be intentionally broken. Where do you see a link in your own cycle that you can cut to disrupt this destructive pattern?



Who does God show Himself to be?

God is patient. God is not patient because we are worthy of His patience. He is patient with us in spite of our unworthiness. God is patient because He is just that good. All throughout the Bible we see passages that speak to His patience and long-suffering. He never over reacts, He never lashes out, He never acts rashly. He is patient and delays punishment to give people an opportunity to repent and break the cycle. It is part of who He is. Praise God for that!

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any perish, but that all should reach repentance.”
2 Peter 3:9



Where is the Good News in this passage?

Although God is the one sending the enemies in as a punishment in this passage, He is also the One who then defends His people from those enemies. This is such good news for us, to know that correction to the believer is not a death sentence. For those who have trusted in Christ, when we are disciplined, it is for our good. He wounds and He binds up wounds.

“For you were straying like sheep, but have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”.
1 Peter 2:25



Catechizing our hearts and minds

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: *That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.*

* For younger kids, spreading the catechism across several weeks may be more effective.

Pray for the nations



LOCATION
Malaysia

LANGUAGE
English, Malay

RELIGION
Islam

POPULATION
13,192,000

PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◆ Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to work among each Malay group.
- ◆ Ask the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom and favor to missions agencies focusing on the Malay.
- ◆ Pray that God will give the small number of Malay believers boldness to share Christ with their own people.



Prayercast

Keys for the kids

- God is patient.
- Jesus defends His people.
- We are not our own.

Weekly Key Verse:

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
Hebrews 12:11

Jesus is the hero of the story

Week of NOVEMBER 13th



Season 1

Unit 2

Week 4

Passages

1 Samuel 17:1-50

Psalms 25:14

1 Chronicles 29:11

Read 1 Samuel 17:1-50

A number of years ago a well known pastor preached a sermon that went viral. The content of the sermon wasn't anything strikingly profound, but it certainly struck a nerve amongst modern evangelicals. He was teaching on how to properly view the Bible. He brings up a saying that you've probably heard before, "the Bible is a roadmap for life." While this saying is not necessarily wrong, we have to be careful. Thinking of the Bible this way can lead us to believe that the Bible is about us. To illustrate this point, just consider all of the times that you have interjected yourself into a story in the Bible. Now, of those times, how often do you place yourself in the more favorable roles of those stories. We all do this. We all want to be David, the underdog whose faith in God slayed the giant that everyone else was afraid of.

There is some advantage to looking at the great heroes of the faith and seeking to be like them; the Bible even instructs us to do so. However, we need to be careful to always bear in mind that the Bible is, first and foremost, God's self-revelation. It is God's great story of redemption. It is the record of what He has done, is doing and will do to glorify Himself. Certainly, we need to see ourselves in its pages and ask ourselves how we are to apply what God is revealing.

However, if our reading leads us to thinking more about ourselves than Him and the wonders that He has done, we've probably got things a bit mixed up. This week's passage is not about us. We're not David. This week's passage is about Jesus. David's victory is a shadow of the greater King's victory over sin and death. Being the hero of the story is not a burden that we can bear. Praise God that He doesn't ask us to bear it. He calls us instead to trust in the Hero that He has provided for us.

How does knowing that you don't have to bear the burden of being the hero of your story cause you to glorify God?



Who does God show Himself to be?

God is personal. One way that we should seek to follow David's example is by approaching God in the way that he did. Simply reading through a handful of David's psalms will show what this looks like. David knew that God knew him inside and out. Because of that, he was totally transparent and vulnerable with God. David was not just considered a servant of God, but a man after God's own heart. Now, instead of taking that information and turning inward with it, let's make note of what that tells us about God. God is personal. The transcendent maker and sustainer of the universe is knowable.

You can know God. What does that tell you about His character?

Read Psalm 25:14



Where is the Good News in this passage?

Jesus always wins. If you've ever read the book of Hebrews, you know that the entire focus of the book is aimed at showing Jesus and the New Covenant as the fulfillment of the types and shadows of the Old Testament. Jesus is always the greater version. Jesus is the greater Moses, delivering His people from slavery. He is the greater Joshua, leading His people into the promised land. He is the greater David in our passage, defeating our enemies and ruling over us as a perfect king. As we've seen so many times throughout this unit - All of HIStory points to Jesus.

Read 1 Chronicles 29:11



Catechizing our hearts and minds

Q: Sin and suffering are all around us, when will they end?

A: *Sin and suffering will end when Christ raises us to life and destroys the last enemy, which is death!*

* For younger kids, spreading the catechism across several weeks may be more effective.

Pray for the nations



LOCATION

Turkey



LANGUAGE

Turkish



RELIGION

Islam



POPULATION

56,199,000

PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◆ Pray that churches and mission organizations will accept the challenge of reaching the Turks.
- ◆ Ask God to give Turkish believers and key leaders among the Turks boldness to share the gospel with their own people.
- ◆ Pray that Turkey will avoid both ethnic strife (especially with the Kurds) and resurgent Muslim fundamentalism.



Prayercast

Keys for the kids

- David is a picture of Jesus in this story.
- Jesus always wins.
- God is personal.

Weekly Key Verse:

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

Good kings and bad kings

Week of NOVEMBER 20th



Season 1

Unit 2

Week 5

Passages

2 Kings 17, 18:1-8

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Hebrews 1:8

Read 2 Kings 17, 18:1-8

Last week we learned that Jesus is the greater David. Just as David's victory against Goliath was a shadow of the reality of Jesus' victory over sin, so David's rule as king of God's people was a shadow of Jesus' perfect rule. From the first promise of redemption in Genesis 3:15 up to the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, God's people had been waiting for a hero to lead them.

The Kings over Israel in the north and Judah in the south offered moments of hope, such as with Hezekiah. But, they always turned out to be mere men. Men with faults and flaws and even the good ones ultimately failed to be the king that God's people needed. We need a king that never loses a battle, a king that never acts unjustly, a king that can protect us from any enemy, a king that can lead us closer to God, we need Jesus to be our king.

The good kings of Israel and Judah pointed towards these needs. When Hezekiah removed the idols and set an example of following the Lord for his people, He was giving us a snapshot of Jesus. When many of the good kings cleared the idols from God's temple, they were foreshadowing what Jesus would do in John 2:13-22. After dying and raising from the dead, Jesus ascended to Heaven and took a seat on the throne as that perfect king. Praise God!

In the Old Testament, this statement was often true: "As the king goes, so goes the nation."

It is true today too. Your king, Jesus will not fail to lead you in becoming more like Himself.



Who does God show Himself to be?

My son recently asked me, "How can Jesus be King if God is King?" Here is the answer - God is 3 in 1. The Trinity can be difficult to understand but here are some basic guidelines that you may find helpful.

Let's focus on the words "being" and "person". A table has being, but it does not have personhood. A human is one being in one person. God is ONE BEING in THREE PERSONS. The three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three distinct persons, but they are all one being - God. They are co-equal and co-eternal.

God is not 1/3 of each. God does not just show Himself in three different ways.

It's best to refrain from analogies. Let it be ok that this is hard to understand. He is not like us. It shouldn't be easy to understand.

Read 2 Cor. 1:21-22 and note that all 3 members of the Trinity are mentioned.



Where is the Good News in this passage?

God has gone to great lengths to accomplish the salvation of His people. He revealed types and shadows in the Old Testament. He offered hope through the prophets. He took on flesh and lived the perfect life that we could not live. He suffered an excruciating death to pay for our sins. And, on the third day He rose again! Often we act as if the Gospel stops there. While it is a wonderful thing that all of our sins are gone and we are raised to new life, that is not the end of the story. As a redeemed people, we still need someone to lead us. We are still helpless and completely incapable of meeting our own spiritual needs. We need a King to fight for us and care for us. We must remember that after the resurrection, comes the ascension. Jesus sits as King and not just a king; He is our King! Read Hebrews 1:8



Catechizing our hearts and minds

Q: How is Christ your King?

A: *Christ rules over me, the world, and Satan, and He defends me.*

* For younger kids, spreading the catechism across several weeks may be more effective.

Pray for the nations



LOCATION
Yemen

LANGUAGE
Arabic, Sanaani
Spoken

RELIGION
Islam

POPULATION
12,111,000

PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◆ Pray for a written Bible translation in Sanaani Arabic. There are a few audio resources, but the Saudi government severely restricts the Internet.
- ◆ Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit that will give Northern Yemenis a willingness to embrace Jesus Christ as Lord and savior so that they depend on Him alone for salvation.
- ◆ Pray for a disciple making movement among Northern Yemenis in Saudi Arabia that will spread to their homeland in Yemen.



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Keys for the kids

- The good kings of Israel and Judah trusted God.
- Jesus is the perfect King.
- God is three in one.

Weekly Key Verse:

On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Revelation 19:16

The prophets pointed to Jesus

Week of DECEMBER 4th



Season 1

Unit 2

Week 6

Passages

Zechariah 9:9, John 12:12-15

Psalms 22:17-18, John 19:23

Isaiah 53:5-6, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Isaiah 53:9, Matthew 27:57-60

Read Psalm 22

The list of passages above contains a few of the many examples of Old Testament prophecies and their fulfillment in Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension. Jesus fulfilled more than 300 specific prophecies. To say that the prophets pointed to Jesus is an understatement. The prophetic books of the Old Testament are some of the least read and most misunderstood books of the Bible.

It can be challenging to sort out the material in those books. Sometimes the prophecies are about specific localized events that were taking place during the time of their writing. Sometimes they were prophecies about Jesus or even the future that is still yet to come. And, sometimes, they were both even in the same passage. Hidden in those passages are not only glimpses of the future, but also of God's very character. We see His wrath and His patience, His fury and His tenderness and most of all, we see His passion for the glory of His name in the prophetic books more than anywhere else in all of scripture. The role of the prophet was to be a medium between God and His people. The prophet was the mouthpiece of God, not just in giving commands, but also in revealing His character. Which leads us to another way in which the prophets pointed to Jesus. Just as Jesus is our perfect King leading and protecting us; He is our perfect prophet revealing the Father to us. This is just one more way in which we see that all of HIStory points to Him.

There were three offices in the Old Testament that served as mediums between God and His people. The prophet, the priest, and the king. Jesus serves us, His people, in all three of these offices.



Who does God show Himself to be?

It was fairly popular in the 18th century to believe in something called "Deism." They believed that there was a higher power that created the world, but he does not interact with his creation. He basically wound up the machine and lets it run. Thankfully, God is not like that at all. That cold, purposeless view of the world would reveal something about the creator of such a world. We would see him as cruel or uncaring. Similarly, we can deduce something about the character of the true God from the fact that He does reveal Himself and interact with His creation. We do not have a cold silent God. He is not an absent father. He is here and He is always speaking.

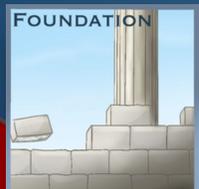
Read Hebrews 1:1-2



Where is the Good News in this passage?

Have you ever wondered what it must have been like to be one of the Old Testament prophets? Seeing visions and hearing God's voice? That would be pretty amazing. What is more amazing though, is that we actually know more about God's plan of redemption than they did. They received bits and pieces and believed in spite of their lack of understanding. They had no idea that God's plan to save the world would be through the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of His Son. The Bible says that their ministry was for us. We are the recipients of the those things that they prophesied about!

Read 1 Peter 1:10-11



Catechizing our hearts and minds

Q: What offices does Christ carry out as our Redeemer?

A: *Christ, as our Redeemer, carries out the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.*

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Pray for the nations



LOCATION
China

LANGUAGE
Uyghur

RELIGION
Islam

POPULATION
11,921,000

PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◆ Pray that Han Chinese believers can lead the way and show the compassion of Christ to the Uyghurs.
- ◆ Today, over one million Uyghurs are being detained and placed in internment camps. Pray for protection over the Uyghur men, women, and children in these camps..
- ◆ Pray for Uyghurs to find Jesus in their pain and that God would use this very suffering to lead them to the Kingdom.



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Prayercast

Keys for the kids

- God is not silent.
- We know more than the prophets did!
- Jesus is our Prophet, Priest, and King.

Weekly Key Verse:

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Luke 24:44

For whatever was written in former days
was written for our instruction, that
through endurance and through the
encouragement of the Scriptures we
might have hope.

Romans 15:4



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