

## LESSON DESCRIPTIONS

### Adam and Eve

Adam was the first man to ever exist. God created him in His image, on the sixth day, from the dust of the ground. God brought all the animals to Adam to name, and He charged Adam with taking good care of the earth. When God realized Adam was alone, He created a suitable helper for him, also in His image. Her name was Eve, and she was the first woman. Their life in the garden was perfect until Adam and Eve gave into temptation by eating fruit that was forbidden by God. Because of their bad choice, sin entered the world and all people now live separated from God. Life was hard after that, but God is **LOVE**.

### Abraham

God called on Abraham to be the Father of a great nation. God made a covenant—an unbreakable promise—with him, which would stand the test of time, generation after generation. God chose Abraham and pledged to be his God; Abraham's family, on down the line, would be His people. It was hard to believe God's plans for a great nation of special people to come from this family because Abraham's wife, Sarah, didn't even have any kids at the time. But God kept His covenant and Abraham kept his faith. As an old man, his son Isaac was born! God always has a plan; in God we **BELIEVE**.

### Mary

Mary was an ordinary Jewish girl thinking about her upcoming marriage when she received the most shocking news possible. She was visited by an *angel* who told her not to be afraid because she had found favor with God. She would give birth to God's Son! She asked only one question, which the angel answered, and then she accepted that she had been chosen as the Lord's servant. God's plan was set in place: an angel visited Joseph ... Joseph and Mary had to travel right before Jesus was born ... Jesus was born in a place where animals are sheltered. It all required faith! Mary tried to be obedient to God and He provided encouragement along the way. Mary learned to **TRUST** God!

### Jesus

Jesus came as the Savior of the world by His heavenly Father. He was born as a baby, was raised by His earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, and when He was grown up He set out to start His ministry. He performed many, many miracles—from healing the sick, to calming a storm, and even bringing dead people back to life. All of it was to help people understand how much God loves them, but many people misunderstood. Jesus is the one and only Son of God who came to prove His power over death, not only for Himself when He died on the cross and rose again, but also for every person who believes in Him and chooses to follow Him. Jesus **SAVES!**

### Paul

Paul used to try to punish people who knew the truth about Jesus and followed Him. They knew Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus changed Paul! He became a believer after a life-changing moment with Jesus on a road. It was so impactful this man even became known by a new name: Saul instead of Paul. His life changed forever and he wanted to tell everyone he could about Jesus. Paul traveled to many places, by land and by sea, sharing about Jesus and the amazing miracles He performed while He was on earth. Paul was put in jail and blamed for things he didn't do, but he found ways to keep sharing the good news about Jesus. He talked to other prisoners, guards, and even the judges who put him there! The letters Paul wrote to encourage other Christians, known as the Epistles, are in the Bible. Paul was determined to **WITNESS!**