

## CONNECTING THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

### Scripture:

Isaiah 48:5, Matt. 1:1, Luke 24:27,  
John 5:39, Gal. 4:4, II Peter 3:9,  
II Peter 1:20-21

### Materials Needed:

String  
Envelopes with "Clues" written on it  
Tape  
Names of characters on paper

### Memory Verse:

*John 5:39b It is (the Scriptures) that bear witness of (Jesus).*

**Objectives:** As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—Although God took over 2,000 years to fulfill His promises to Abraham and David, He gave clues in the Law and the Prophets so that when His Anointed Savior came, He could be conclusively identified by those waiting for Him.

To Realize—God will keep His word no matter how long it takes in sending His Son to redeem a people for Himself and establishing His Kingdom on earth.

To Respond by—resting their full assurance on the promises of God and that Jesus the foretold Messiah.

### Pre-lesson Activities:

Give Nametags and Bibles with bookmarkers in them.

Sing: I Believe the Bible! on way to where we are parked.

Open in prayer.

### Setting up the Story:

We JUST entered a NEW YEAR! Today is January ( \_ ), what year? 2022! If I were to put a comma in this—could someone read this number for me? 2,022. Do we have 2,022 chickens? Cats? Dogs? What do we have 2,022 of? YEARS! So if I were to **stretch this string** all the way back to here...do you know what happened that started the counting? That's when Jesus was born!

And if you look in your Bible where the bookmark is—It says "NEW Testament." That means that it is about when Jesus comes into the world, and everything that is before that is called the "OLD Testament"!

So I am going to pretend that we are living 2,022 years ago, and I'm going to stretch this string back another 2,022 years. That puts me pretty near the beginning of the Old Testament. (Show stick figure of Abraham)

(Storytell first part of Abraham) "Abraham!" That was God speaking to a man named Abraham...

### Telling the story:

- I. God Made a Promise to Abraham
- A. He would make a great nation out of Abraham

### As you tell the story:

Do you see how many children Abraham has in this picture? NONE! But God made Abraham a PROMISE: Open Envelope: "Abraham, I'm going to make all of your descendants into a great nation!" What is a DESCENDANT? (write word on board). How many of you know your

grandparents? Your great-grandparents? Your great-great grandparents? YOU are their descendant. When you grow up and have kids and grandkids—they will be YOUR descendants. Those that descend from a person are called their descendants.

B. He would send a blessing to the whole world through him

One night Abraham was looking up at the night sky and there were LOTS of stars out. And God said—that's what your descendants are going to be like! Too many to count! What is a DESCENDANT? How many of you know your grandparents? Do you know your great-grandparents? You are their descendants. Anyone that has a child or a grandchild, or great-grandchild...those are descendants. God made one other promise: Open envelope and read Clue #1 One of the descendants of Abraham would be a blessing to ALL the nations.

II. Moses comes

Well...this is what happened:  
100 years passed.  
Do you think Abraham's descendants were a great nation? No. not yet! They were just a group of about 70 people! What happened to Abraham after 100 years?  
(Write phrase on the board)  
"Abraham lived, and then he was dead, but God was still doing just what He said!"  
500 years had passed. Guess what?! Now there were 2-1/2 million people descendants! That's a LOT of great-great-great-great grandchildren!  
One of them was named Moses.  
He gave God's laws to the people.  
But then....  
(Put Moses card on board and read together)  
"Moses lived, and then he was dead, but God was still doing just what He said!" They kept telling their children and their grandchildren about God's promises to Abraham.  
Another 500 years went by!  
Do you think God had forgotten about the promise He made to Abraham?  
**NO! No matter how long it seems to take, God NEVER forgets His promises!**

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| <p>III. God Made a Promise to David</p> <p>A. He would have King</p> <p>B. Unending kingdom</p>   | <p>There another descendant of Abraham who was a shepherd born in Bethlehem. His name was DAVID. (put name card on board)</p> <p>Open the envelope and read Clue #2 A king who will rule forever.</p>  |
| <p>IV. God Gave Clues in the Prophets</p> <p>A. So the people would be ready</p> <p>B. To identify false messiahs claiming to be from God.</p> <p>C. To prove Jesus was from God: only God can tell the future!</p> | <p>But then you know what happened: "David lived and then he was dead, but God was still doing just what He said!"</p> <p>Hundreds of years passed, and David's royal family ended up being really terrible. They needed a Savior who would bring them back to God.</p> <p>God sent prophets who started giving clues about WHERE this promised Savior would be born, WHAT He would do, how People would treat him. How He would die. Where He would be buried.</p> <p>(Put clues envelopes up on the board.)</p> <p>Here's a big thinking question: WHY did God give clues?</p> <p>And you know what happened...</p> <p>(Say together)</p> <p>"The Prophets lived, and then they were dead, but God was still doing just what He said!"</p> |

**Concluding the Story:**

Had God forgotten His promises? God NEVER FORGETS His promises! Then one day, something happened. And that is what our lesson is going to be about NEXT TIME!

**Learn Memory Verse:** (play popcorn method: each side stands when they say their phrase, back and forth.)

Write *John 5:39b* It is (the Scriptures) that bear witness of (Jesus) on the board. Draw lines under each phrase. Erase a word and have them say it again. Explain that "b" in the reference means it is the last part of the verse. Explain what the Scriptures are (Old Testament)—point to clues.

**Sing: Faith is Just Believing.**

Lyrics: Faith is just believing what God says He will do. He will never fail us; His promises are true. If we but receive Him, His children we become, faith is just believing this wondrous thing is done.

**Review Questions:**

1. How many years ago did Jesus live?
2. About how many years BEFORE Jesus did Abraham live?
3. About how many years BEFORE Jesus did King David live?
4. What clue/promise did God give to Abraham about the coming Savior? (He would be one of his descendants and/or He would be for the whole world.)
5. What clue/promise did God give to David about the coming Savior? (His descendant would be king forever!)
6. What is one reason God gave clues so many years BEFORE Jesus came? So people couldn't say that it was just made up.
7. What is another reason God gave clues so many years BEFORE Jesus came? So people could tell who the Messiah was when He came!
8. Will God always keep His promises, no matter how long it takes for them to happen?