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WEEK 1

God Creates the World (Part 1)

Definitions:

- 1. creates makes out of nothing
- 2. empty void
- 3. hovering floating or suspending in the air
- **4. separated** divided

Questions:

- **1.** What was the earth like before Creation? (empty, without form, dark)
- **2.** What did God create on the first day? (light/day)
- 3. What did God create on the second day? (the space between the waters)
- **4.** What was this open space called? (Heaven)
- **5.** On the third day, God gathered the waters. What did He call them? (Seas)
- **6.** After making dry land, what did God create? (plants)
- 7. Has God created the sun yet? (No)
- **8.** How do you think He created the plants without the sun? (He is God.)
- 9. What did God think of His creation? (It was good.)

WEEK 1

Rahab Believes

Definitions:

- spies people who obtain secret information about another country
- 2. stalks of flax plants that yield linseed oil
- 3. swear to make an oath
- **4. deliver** to save
- 5. scarlet bright red

Questions:

- 1. Who are the main characters in this story? (Rahab, Joshua, the spies)
- 2. Why did Joshua send spies into Canaan? (The spies would look at the land, especially Jericho, that God was about to give them.)
- 3. To whose house did the spies go?

 (They went to Rahab's house. Her house was in the wall of the city.)
- **4.** How did Rahab help the spies? (She hid them with the stalks of flax. She also let the men escape from the city by letting them down the wall with a rope.)
- **5.** Why did Rahab help the spies? (She believed that the Israelites' God was the true God!)
- 6. How did the spies promise to help Rahab?

 (If she tied a scarlet cord in her window, the Israelite army would save Rahab and her family when they conquered the city.)

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The Birth of John Foretold

Definitions:

- 1. incense something burned to make a pleasant smell
- **2. appeared** came into sight
- 3. vision something supernaturally revealed by God
- **4. signs** gestures with the hands
- 5. conceived became pregnant

Questions:

- 1. What is a prophet? (A prophet is a person who shares information about the future. The Old Testament stories prepare us for the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. As you read the New Testament, try to notice the fulfillment of prophesies you remember from the Old Testament.)
- 2. What other OT couple did God bless with a child in old age? What was the child's name, and why was this name given? Compare the reactions of the couple and Elizabeth and Zechariah. (God also blessed Abraham and Sarah with a child in old age. They named their son Isaac, which means "laughter," because they giggled when God told them they would have a child. Both Abraham and Sarah and Elizabeth and Zechariah were surprised and confused, but willing and happy to receive God's blessing.)
- 3. How did Elizabeth react to her good news? (Elizabeth was grateful to God. She said, "The Lord has done this for me.")

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

Definitions:

- 1. virgin a woman who is unmarried and pure
- 2. favored given special treatment by God
- 3. **conceive** to become pregnant

Questions:

1. What did the angel tell Mary? (The angel told Mary not to be afraid, that she had found favor in the Lord, and that she would have a son whose kingdom would never end.)