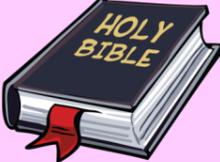


RECAP... the story so far... (the Old Testament)

The old testament is the first part of the Bible; before the Birth of Jesus. The main parts we looked at are:

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- The creation story
 - Adam & Eve, and the Fall
 - The 10 Commandments
 - Animal sacrifice and how people believed they could be forgiven for sins
 - The consequence of people's sins and the Israelites exile from Jerusalem.
 - The important of prophets and what they said the Messiah (the person that would be sent from God to save them) would be like.



The Messiah?

For hundreds of years the Jewish people had been waiting for their messiah; someone who would save them from their enemies and bring all people to God.

The Christmas story is the Bible story of Jesus' birth. Jesus wasn't the messiah they were expecting. He was born a normal baby, not a king or a soldier.

But Christians believe he was the messiah. And use parts of the Bible (both the Old Testament and New Testament) as evidence.



Temptation but no fall...

After the Fall (Adam and Eve be tempted to eat the

forbidden fruit and disobeying God) there were lots of consequences. Many Christians believe this event broke the relationship between God and humans. But they also believe God had a plan to fix this relationship; Jesus!

The Bible tells the story of Jesus going into the desert, and being tempted by the devil three times. Jesus resisted each time, and did not disobey.

Christians use this as an example of how to live their lives, and how they should always trust God.

Speaking up for justice; Jesus' commands

Jesus is seen as a great teacher and example to Christians.

He wasn't the King or soldier that people expected, but taught that things needed to change, and people needed to stand up for justice (fairness).

Jesus announced that he was there to help the oppressed; those that were poor and sick, and that were often forgotten and ignored.

In "**The Sermon on the Mount**" he teaches people to **show love to everyone**; people around you, as well as your enemies. He said that we should never judge people, and never treat people badly, for any reason. Jesus taught that Christians that **pleasing God was about more than just following rules**, but it was about your attitude to others and how you show love to all people.



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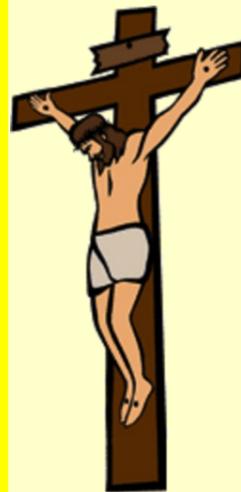
The BIG Story; The New Testament

Sin and forgiveness

The Bible tells the story of Jesus being approached by a group of men who have caught a woman committing adultery (cheating on her husband). The law at the time said she should be stoned to death as a punishment. They ask Jesus what they should do, he tell them "**The sinless one among you go first and throw the stone.**" They all walk away, because they know they have also sinned.

Jesus also tells a story about a son who leaves home with half of his Dad's money, but wastes it all and ends up poor. He goes back to his dad who is so excited to see him he throws him a huge party, and immediately forgives what his son did!

One of Jesus' most important teachings was that we should forgive people "not 7 times, but seventy times seven times" - this is the only way to show love, and to also be forgiven by God.



Sacrifice

Christians believe that **the broken relationship between God and humans was finally repaired by the death and resurrection (coming back to life) of Jesus.**

The Bible tells the story of Jesus being nailed to a cross (crucified) and being left to die.

Christians believe that this was the ultimate sacrifice, (so animal sacrifices no longer needed to happen, like in the old testament), as **Jesus took on the sins of all people so they could be forgiven by God, and eventually go to heaven.**

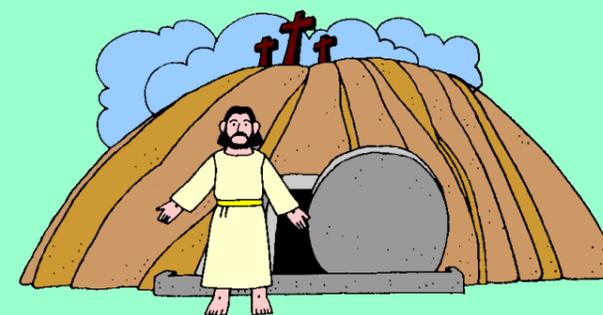


Resurrection

After Jesus was **crucified**, his body was put in tomb, and the Bible said he came back from the dead (**resurrected**) three days later! This is celebrated at Easter.

For Christians this is one of the most important beliefs, the Bible says **if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith**".

It shows Christians that God can do anything, even overcome death, and give them a hope of a life after death too!



A new creation?

At last the broken relationship is fixed and all people can have a relationship with God!

The Bible says that **although the world is still broken and there is still darkness, the process of fixing that has also begun, and will one day be complete.**

Christians believe that God will overcome evil, and people will live in peace. Some Christians believe that the earth will become a new kind of heaven, and that humans will be resurrected to live in this New Creation.

Until that day Christians must keep living in the way Jesus told them, follow his example, show love to all people, and try to make the world better.

