

Ancient Christmas Promises (Part 1)

Scripture: Genesis 1-3

Memory Verse: Genesis 3:15 *“I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”*

Lesson Focus: These next few weeks through the holiday season we will take a break from Revelation and walk through a few Old Testament Scriptures that will prime us all for Christmas, the first coming of Jesus Christ. Each lesson will focus on an ancient promise that God had made that was ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Our hope is that the kids will see Christmas as not just the center of a wonderful time of gifts and fun, but at the very center of the Bible and God’s rescue plan!

In Revelation, we have seen a lot of epic battles between the good guys (God’s people and His angels) and the bad guys (the devil and his minions). Today we will see that all of these battles can be traced back to the garden of Eden when the devil was able to trick Adam & Eve, our great-great-great grandparents, into sinning and disobeying God. This plunged our world into darkness and ruin. However, at the same time we also see God’s first promise of grace and rescue when He promised that the woman’s child would crush the head of the devil! (**Genesis 3:15**) This is the first gospel promise of the whole Bible and it is remarkable that it comes in the midst of one of the darkest moments of human history. All of this will be portrayed in a SuperBook video that we will watch as a group.

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a cartoon video. While the video does not have any really scary moments in it, overly sensitive kids might get excited. If they have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary. To preview the video beforehand, you can find it here: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsShow/230513?episode=1>

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into Summit room as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After worship, we will introduce the video with some background information.
- 3) We will then invite the kids to come and watch the video up on stage (about 23 minutes). You can sit with them or grab a couple of chairs to sit behind them.
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

Room Time Afterwards: Please spend a few minutes showing the kids how this ancient promise of **Genesis 3:15** points to Christmas and the arrival of Jesus, our Rescuer (see Question #8 below).

- 1st-2nd graders: Feel at liberty to either lead a small group discussion (using the discussion Q below or your own Qs) or leverage the craft and activity sheets.
- 3rd-5th graders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

Discussion Qs

Dig Into the Story

- 1) The introduction took us through the creation of our world! What did God say after He saw all that He had made? (Read **Genesis 1:31**)
- 2) The battle at the beginning of the story shows the fall of Satan. This looks very much like what we studied in Revelation 12 two weeks prior! What was Satan's main problem? (Hint: Read **Luke 14:11** or **Isaiah 14:12-14**)
- 3) Why didn't the lion attack the kids when it approached them the first time?
- 4) How were Adam and Eve tempted by the devil? (Read **Genesis 3:6**)
- 5) The devil wanted Chris to be his slave. How did the devil tempt Chris? Read **John 8:34**. What do you think it means to be a slave to sin?
- 6) When God confronted Adam and Eve about their sin, how did they respond? (Read **Genesis 3:12-13**)
- 7) How did our world change after Adam and Eve's sin?
- 8) Read **Genesis 3:15** which God spoke to the devil during the video as well. Here God promises a future Savior and "head-crusher" of the devil. Read **Matthew 1:21**. What did this baby come to do? Read **1 John 3:8**. What else did this baby come to do?

Go Deeper

- 1) What does it mean to be tempted and how was Chris tempted at the beginning of the story?
- 2) In what ways can you be tempted? Read **1 Corinthians 10:13**. What do you think is the first thing you should do when you are tempted?
- 3) How did Chris disobey his Dad and what did Chris do after he got caught?
- 4) How did Chris's Dad respond after Chris apologized? Read **Proverbs 28:13**.
- 5) Chris's Dad loved Chris even though he had disobeyed. And because of his love he still punished Chris. Read **Genesis 3:15** again. How did God show His love in this promise even though He punished Adam and Eve for their sin?