

PRESCHOOL

1. The Story and the Song

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Memory Verse

"I [Jesus] am the Beginning and the End."
Revelation 22:13

An idea to help you remember:

- Put the verse to a tune (*The wheels on the bus*)

Story Time

Read 'The Story and the Song' (pages 12-17 in the Jesus Storybook Bible) or watch the video on our website.

Understanding the Story

Talk this through with your kids:

The Bible is made up of 66 books full of stories and songs and poems.

Can you hold up 6 fingers? Good job! 66 would be those fingers 11 times. That's a lot!

Every book works together in one big story and every book whispers Jesus' name;

literally everything in the bible is about Him! The whole bible tells a story of a God that loves His people so so much, he sent Jesus to rescue them. **Stretch your arms as wide as they go or as high as you can reach – God loves you more than that!**

As we read the bible together, we're going to see more and more that every story tells us something about Jesus. The whole bible is pointing to Him, whispering His name.

Activities in your box

- **Colouring Sheet.**

- **Book ends** – you'll need the paints and bricks from your box. Instructions are with the bricks.

- **Shoelace Craft** – you'll need the card and shoelace from your box. The message of Jesus is woven through the bible. Use this craft as a fun reminder by weaving the shoelace through the holes.

- **ABC Craft** – You'll need the alphabet magnets in your box. Use play as a reminder that Jesus is the Beginning at the End, or the Alpha and Omega – that's like saying the A and Z. He's the one that holds everything together!

Activities using things around the house:

- If you have a puzzle at home, work on it together.

Link: All the pieces come together to create a big picture, just as all the books of the bible come together to tell one big story about God's love.

ELEMENTARY (K-3)

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Q: *The bible is split into 2 parts, do you know their names? The Old Testament and the New Testament!*

The Old Testament books work together to point us to Jesus, our rescuer; it puts Jesus' work in the New Testament into context to make it's meaning clear – He IS the rescuer we've been waiting for. Without it we would not understand why Jesus needed to come and rescue us or why we couldn't rescue ourselves.

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Questions to get you talking:

- Why did God give us the bible?
- What do you think the bible is about?
- Do all the books in the bible have anything in common? (You can celebrate the diversity of the bible here too... different languages, cultures, styles of writing!)
- Can you think of any stories in the Bible that point to Jesus being our Rescuer?

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Digging a little deeper:

Three significant parts of the Old Testament are:

1. The Law (all the rules about how we make ourselves right with God)
2. The Prophets (promises about God's plan for people)
3. The Wisdom writings.

Jesus fulfills them all.

1. He fulfills the Law. He is the sacrifice, the priest, and the temple. The one who makes us right with God. He alone lived righteously.

2. He fulfills the Prophets. He fulfills the prophecy that the Messiah will be God (Isaiah 9). Also, that the Messiah will suffer and be killed (Isaiah 53). That's only a couple of examples!

3. He fulfills Wisdom writings too. Jesus is both power and wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30 NLT 'God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.')

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