



CLUES OF THE GOOD NEWS

A FAMILY GOSPEL BIBLE STUDY

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ABOUT THIS STUDY

This study was created to help you explore some surprising Old Testament passages that point to the Good News of Jesus. Colossians 1:17 says that Jesus "is before all things, and in him all things hold together." This means Jesus is alluded to all through the Old Testament, and we get to comb through it and find the clues!

We pray that as you use this study, you will be surprised at all that the Gospel means to us. This study is definitely not an exhaustive study of ALL the reasons Jesus is Good news. Rather, we hope it will whet your appetite for more of Jesus! May it encourage your whole family to seek Gospel connections in the entire Old Testament.

This study is designed to be flexible enough to meet your family's needs. You get to **pick and choose** which elements of this study are best for your family.

Here's what's included with each of the 15 Bible readings:

- READ IT: a Bible passage to read.
- REPRESENT IT: a drawing page for kids to complete while reading.
- REPORT THE FACTS: a place to encourage kids to tell you what they noticed.
- REFRAME IT: a short explanation to explain the Jesus connection.
- RESPOND IN PRAYER: a prayer prompt.
- RECORD THE CLUE: a clue that kids can cut out. They can use the clues to create a clue board on your wall, a mirror, or a bulletin board (more explanation on next page).

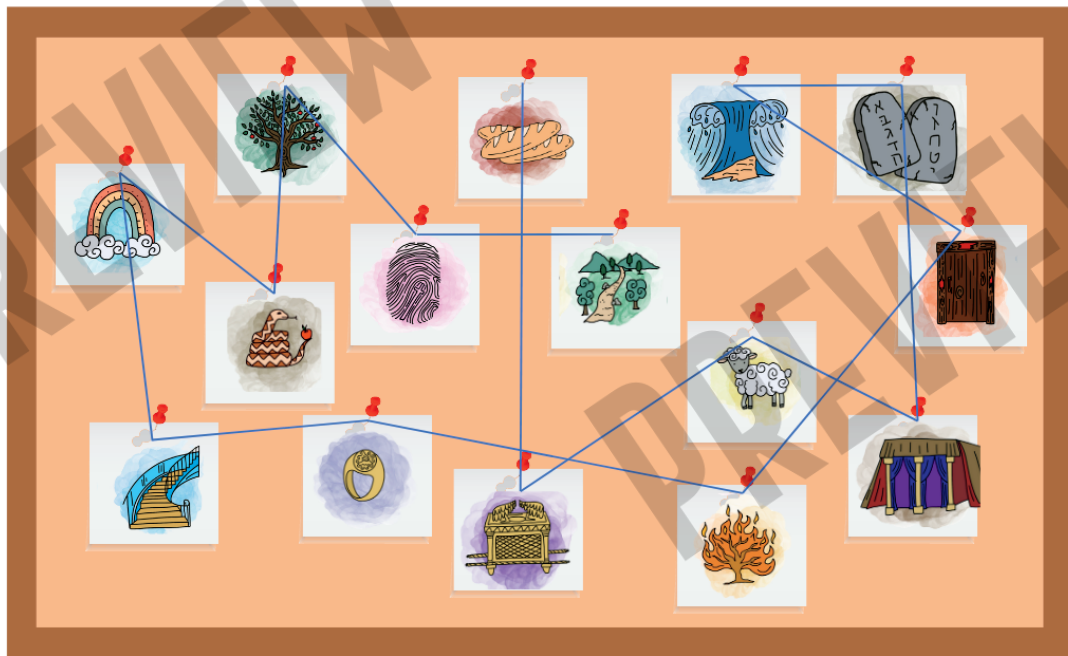
May God bless you on this journey!

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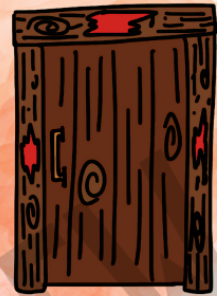
Detective, we need your help uncovering the Truth. Create an investigation board to connect the clues from the devotional to discover the good news that awaits!

Suggested materials:

- 24" x 36" poster board or cork bulletin board
- Markers or yarn to connect the clues together
- Clues of the Good News printout
- Scissors



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DAY 1: THE ROAD

READ: LUKE 24:13-27

REPRESENT IT:

While you read, have kids add the disciples and Jesus to the road to Emmaus.



REPORT THE FACTS:

Ask kids to retell the story in their own words.

REFRAME IT TO SEE THE GOSPEL:

Let's pick up our detective tools and look for clues about Jesus and the Gospel. If we look really carefully, we'll see clues about the good news of Jesus all over the pages of the Old Testament, but we'll mostly zoom in on the first part. So grab your fedora, fingerprint kit, and magnifying glass, and let's look for clues to the Good News!

(NOTE: When Jesus talks about Moses here, he doesn't mean he only went back to the time when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible, so Jesus went all the way back to the beginning of the Bible to explain what he said about himself.)

RESPOND IN PRAYER:

Ask God to help you notice and understand the clues that he left for us in the Old Testament.

RECORD THE CLUE:

Add the road to your clue board.

DAY 2: THE GOOD CREATION

READ: GENESIS 2:8, 18-22

REPRESENT IT:

While you read, have kids fill in the Garden of Eden with their favorite plants!



REPORT THE FACTS:

Ask kids to retell the story in their own words.

REFRAME IT TO SEE THE GOSPEL:

Get out your detective tools! If you dusted for fingerprints all over creation, whose fingerprints would you find? God's! His fingerprints are all over the entire planet because He made it all, and His fingerprints are also all over you. (Can you see them?) Bible teachers call this being made in the image of God. God's plan was for people to live with Him and be His people, which is exactly what we see in the garden. What do you think it means to be made in the image of God? Does thinking about everyone as being in the image of God make you see them differently? Can you imagine God's loving fingerprints all over your family? The good news of Jesus is that it's for everyone who wants it!

RESPOND IN PRAYER:

Ask God to help you see others as He sees them.

RECORD THE CLUE:

Add the fingerprint to your clue board.

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Draw a cross in the magnifying glass.



DAY 1

Draw the disciples and
Jesus on the road to
Emmaus.



Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.

Luke 24: 15

DAY 2

Fill in the Garden of Eden with your favorite plants!



Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden.
Genesis 2:8

DAY 3

Add leaves and fruit to the trees.



In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:9