

God's Plan for a Broken World

Ephesians 1:7

This week the children have learned many Bible stories, but they are really all telling one great story.

The Bible is not just a collection of disconnected stories. From Genesis to Revelation, it answers one great question:

How is God going to fix our broken world?

I. CREATION — THE WORLD WAS BROKEN BY SIN

(Genesis 1-3)

Romans 8:18

¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

God made a perfect world. There was no death, no sorrow, no pain, and no sin.

But Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sin entered the world. Since then, every person has been born a sinner, and we all live in a broken world.

We don't have to teach children how to sin. We all know naturally how to be selfish, disobedient, and unkind because sin has affected every one of us.

Main truth: Something is wrong with the world because something is wrong with us.

II. NATION — GOD PROMISED TO FIX WHAT SIN BROKE

(Genesis 12; Exodus)

Hebrews 10:23

²³ Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

After sin entered the world, God did not abandon His creation.

He called Abraham and made promises that He would bless all nations through him.

Throughout the Old Testament, God continually kept His promises.

Main truth: God can be trusted because He always keeps His Word.

III. KINGDOM — GOD PROMISED A PERFECT KING

(1 and 2 Samuel)

John 8:36

³⁶ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Human rulers fail. Every government disappoints us eventually because all people are sinners.

But God promised that one day a perfect King would come — a King who would rule in righteousness forever.

That King is Jesus Christ.

Main truth: The world does not need better people merely trying harder; it needs the King that God promised.

IV. SAVIOR — JESUS PAID THE PRICE OF REDEMPTION

(John 1; Ephesians 1:7)

This is the center of the entire Bible.

Jesus came into the world, lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose again.

The word "redemption" means a price has been paid to set someone free.

Our sin had created a debt we could never pay, but Jesus paid that price with His own blood.

Main truth: Jesus did for us what we could never do for ourselves.

The Bible is not about how good people get to heaven. It is about how a holy God provided a Savior for sinners.

V. REDEMPTION COMPLETED — GOD WILL MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

(Revelation 21-22)

Revelation 21:5

⁵ And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

The story does not end at the cross.

Jesus is coming again.

One day there will be no sin, no sorrow, no sickness, and no death. God will make all things new.

Everything that was broken in Genesis will be completely restored in Revelation.

Main truth: Because of Jesus, there is hope.

Conclusion:

So the message your children have heard this week is really this:

1. God made a perfect world.
2. Sin broke it.
3. God promised a Savior.
4. Jesus came and paid for our redemption.

5. One day Jesus will make all things new.

The question is not merely, "Did your child enjoy Vacation Bible School?"

The question is:

Have you personally trusted the Savior these children have been learning about?

Jesus Christ paid the redemption price for sinners. Forgiveness and eternal life are found in Him alone.

"Come unto me..." (Matthew 11:28)

If you have never trusted Christ as your Savior, tonight could be the night you come to Him by faith. And if you already know Him, rejoice that God's great plan of redemption is true — from Genesis to Revelation, God is fixing what sin has broken through Jesus Christ our Lord.