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**The Story:** Creation (Gen 1)

This series is based on the Big Picture Bible, and the story of the whole Bible. The Bible story starts with 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.' He made all things by speaking powerful words. In the beginning God's people were in God's place, living under God's perfect rule. Everything was good! Above and below are pictures of some of the major events in God's story. Put an arrow on where we are at in the story at the moment.

**The Activities to Do:**

**1** Around the dinner table or over afternoon tea let each family member answer the question 'If you could be an animal what would you be and why?' When each person has shared discuss the 'God's good creation' questions.

**2** Play a game of animal charades. Whisper the name of an animal into one person's ear. They then have to act out that animal. Everyone else has to guess which animal they are acting out. When you've finished discuss the 'God's Big Picture' questions.

**God's Good Creation**  
 What was it like before God created the world? Who/what was there?  
 How did God create everything?  
 What did God think about his creation?  
 If God made us how should we treat him?

**God's Big Picture**  
 Make a list of all the Bible stories & characters you know.  
 Write a summary of the Bible story in 5 sentences or less.  
 Stick these both on your fridge and add to them throughout the series.

**The Things to Pray About:**

- Thank God for his word and that we know him through it.
- Thank him for creating us and loving us
- Say sorry for the times we don't treat him as the boss
- Pray that we would obey him in all we do



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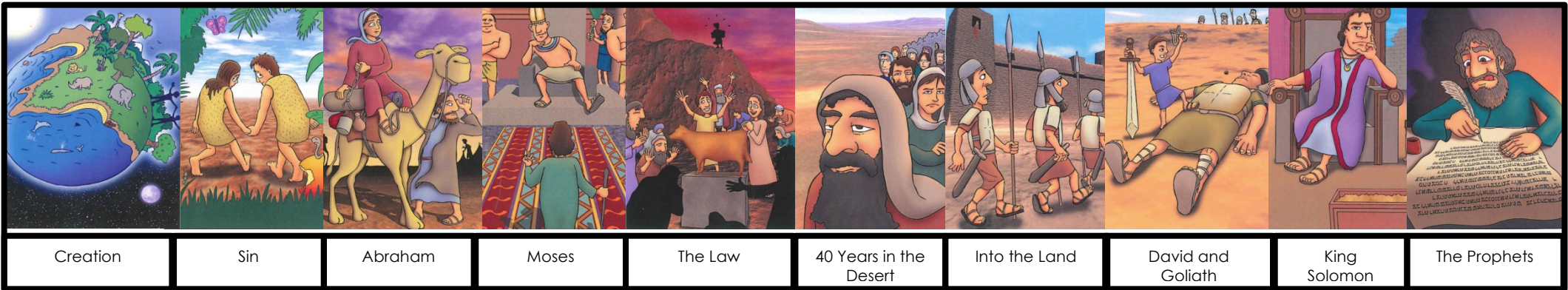
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**The Activities to Do:**

**The Story: Sin (Gen 3)**

In beginning God made everything. God's people were in God's place, living under God's perfect rule. Everything was good! But Adam and Eve disobeyed God's good rule. They chose to doubt God's goodness and ate from the tree God had told them not to eat from. Because of their sin God cursed the snake, Adam and Eve. They had to leave the garden. Now life was hard and one day they would die. But God promised that one day a forever king would come and crush Satan's head making everything right again. Put an arrow where we are up to on the Bible timeline.

**1** As a family draw a picture of some of the ways that you don't treat God as the boss (some of the ways you sin). When you've finished, discuss the 'Sin' questions. N.B. This will take courage to share your sin together as a family.

**Sin**

What is sin? Where can we see sin at work in our world?

Why is sin such a big problem for us?

What did God promise Adam and Eve?

Who is the forever king and how does he fix our sin problem?

**Very Sad Day**  
 How did God feel when Adam and Eve sinned?  
 How did Adam and Eve felt when they were kicked out of the garden?  
 What are the consequences of sin?  
 What has God done about our sin?  
 How does that make you feel?

**2** For afternoon tea make 'sad faces' using different size and shape fruits and biscuits (e.g. a corn thin for a head, banana pieces for eyes, sultanas for a nose, etc.). As you eat discuss the 'Very Sad Day' questions.

**The Things to Pray About:**

- Thank God for sending Jesus to pay for our sin
- Say sorry for the times we don't treat him as the boss
  - Ask God to show us our sin & help us to say 'no' to temptation
- Pray that we would obey him in all we do



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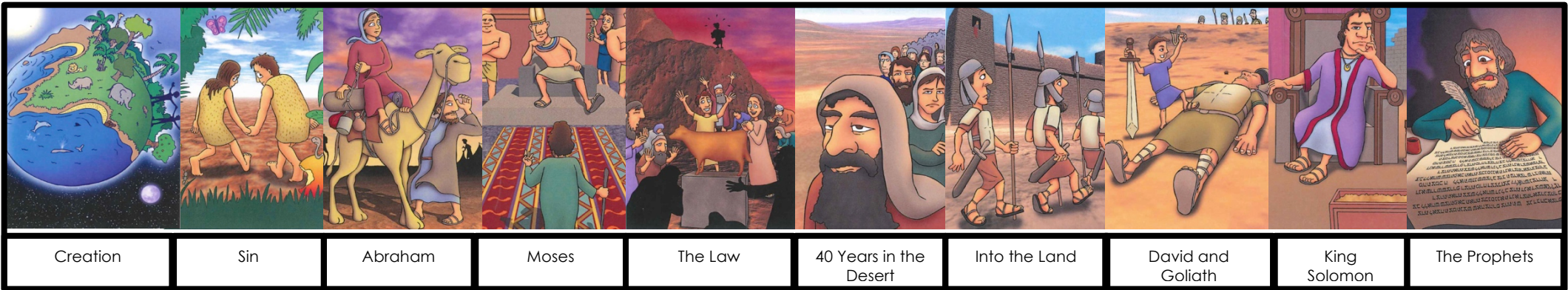
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**The Activities to Do:**

1 Around the dinner table or over afternoon tea let each family member share which of the following promises they would find hardest to keep. When you've finished discuss the 'Promises' questions.

1. I promise to eat all my vegetables
2. I promise to never watch TV again
3. I promise to share ALL my toys with my sibling/s.

**Promises**

What did God promise Abraham?  
How did Abraham respond?

Did God keep his promises to Abraham? How?

What does this tell us about God?

**Promises for us**

How do these promises make you feel?

How do we know that God will keep his promises?

How can we encourage each other to keep trusting the promises of God?

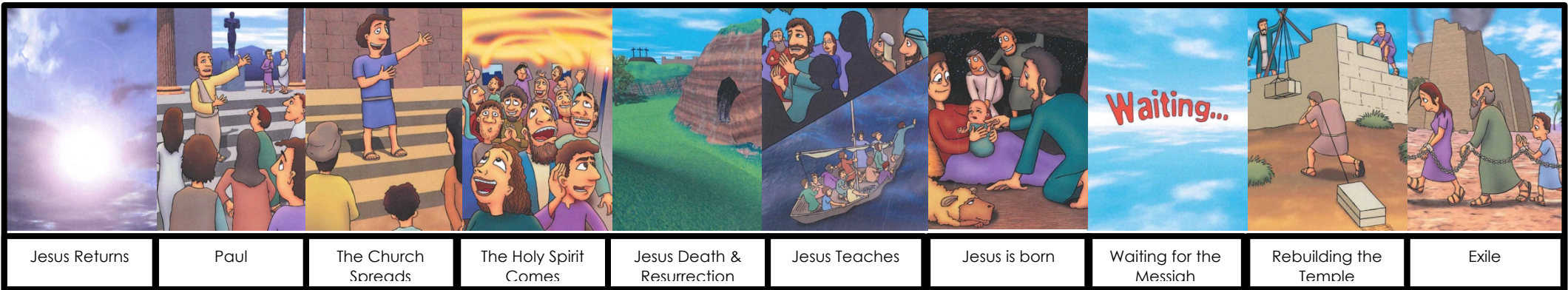
**The Story: Abraham (Gen 12)**

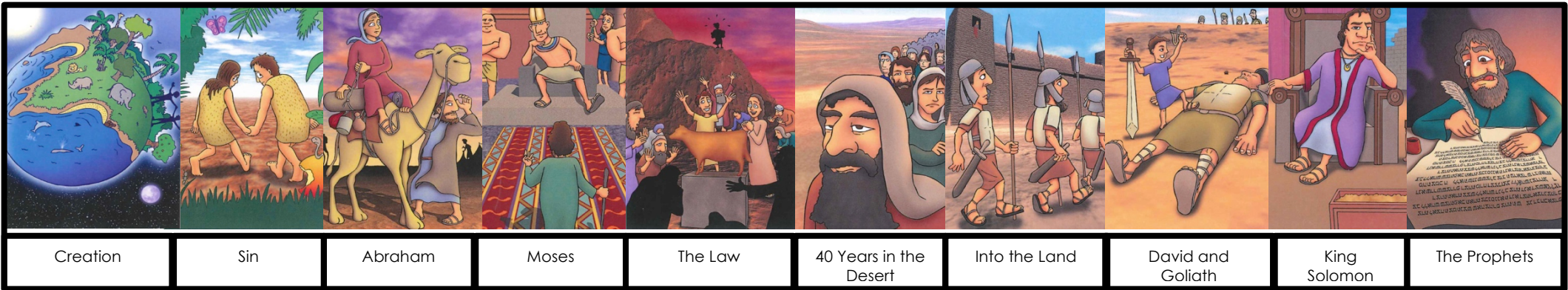
Many years after Adam and Eve were sent out of the garden God chose a man named Abraham to begin his plan to save the world from sin. God made great promises to Abraham. He promised Abraham that he would have a huge family, his own special land and that God would bless the whole world through him. Abraham believed God even though God's promises seemed unbelievable! And God kept his promise to Abraham. Through Jesus we can be part of Abraham's family and those promises are for us too!

2 Draw some pictures of the promises that God has made to us. When you finish discuss the 'Promises for us' questions.  
(Check out Romans 8:1-2, 1 Cor 10:13, Luke 11:9-13, Matt 6:31-33, James 1:5, Rev 2:7)

**The Things to Pray About:**

- Praise God because he always keeps his promises.
- Ask God to help us to trust his promises always.
- Pray that these promises would shape the way that we live





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**The Activities to Do:**

**1** Around the dinner table, together as a family, make a list of your top 10 favourite things in the world. When you've finished discuss the 'Idols' questions.

**Idols**

What was Solomon's big mistake?

What happened to Israel because their king followed other gods?

What are some of the 'other gods' we follow in our life? What things do we love more than God?

**Forever King**

Solomon followed other gods. Solomon sinned.  
**Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.** How is Jesus different to Solomon?  
 Jesus always followed God's way! Jesus is God's forever king.  
 What has God done for us through Jesus?  
 How can we help each other to follow Jesus?

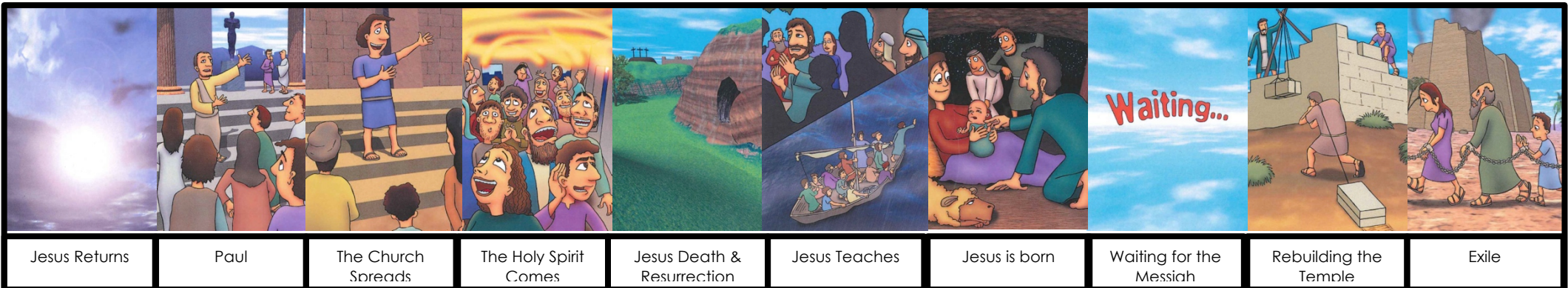
**The Things to Pray About:**

- Praise God because he always keeps his promises.
- Say sorry for loving other things more than you love God.
- Thank God for sending Jesus to save us from our sin.
- Ask God to help you to follow Jesus and love him more than everything.

**2** Cut up the timeline pictures around the edges and get your family to put them in the right order by memory. Mark where we are in the story. When you've finished, discuss the 'Forever King' questions.

**The Story: David and Solomon**

Throughout the Old Testament we see God keep many of his promises to Abraham. By the time David is king God's people have grown to a huge nation, are in the promised land and are beginning to be a blessing to others. God promises David that one of his descendants will be God's forever king that he promised to Adam and Eve. Then David's son Solomon become king. Solomon quickly turns away from God and leads God's people astray following idols (other gods). Jesus is the forever king who always follow God. We should follow Jesus!



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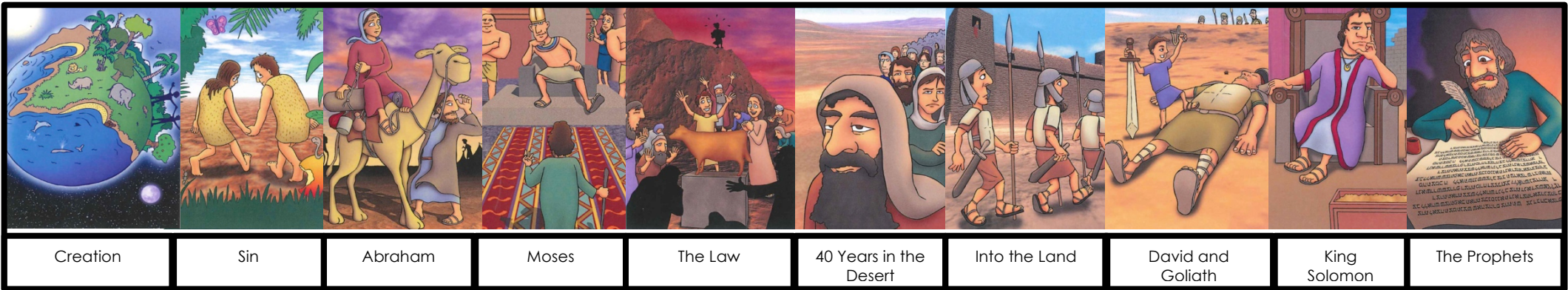
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**The Story: Jesus' Birth and Ministry**

After the prophets the Israelites waited around 400 years for God's forever king to come. When he did finally come, he came as a humble baby. When Jesus grew up he did and said many amazing things! Isaiah prophesied 'The blind will see, and the ears of the deaf will be healed. Those who were lame will leap around like deer; tongues once silent will begin to shout.' Jesus fulfilled this prophecy and many others. He was God's forever king come to bring God's kingdom.

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**The Activities to Do:**

Do one household chore (e.g. set the table, make your bed, put away toys) blindfolded. When you've finished discuss the 'blind man questions'.

**Blind Man**

How do you think it would feel to be blind since you were born?

How did Jesus heal the blind man (John 9)?

Why did Jesus heal the blind man?

How do you think the blind man felt after Jesus healed him? How does he respond to Jesus?

2

Around the dinner table get each family member to share one thing that they think it would be hard to do if they were blind. When each person has shared discuss the 'We are blind' questions.

**We are Blind**

The Bible says we are like the blind man. In what way are we blind?

How does Jesus heal us from our blindness?

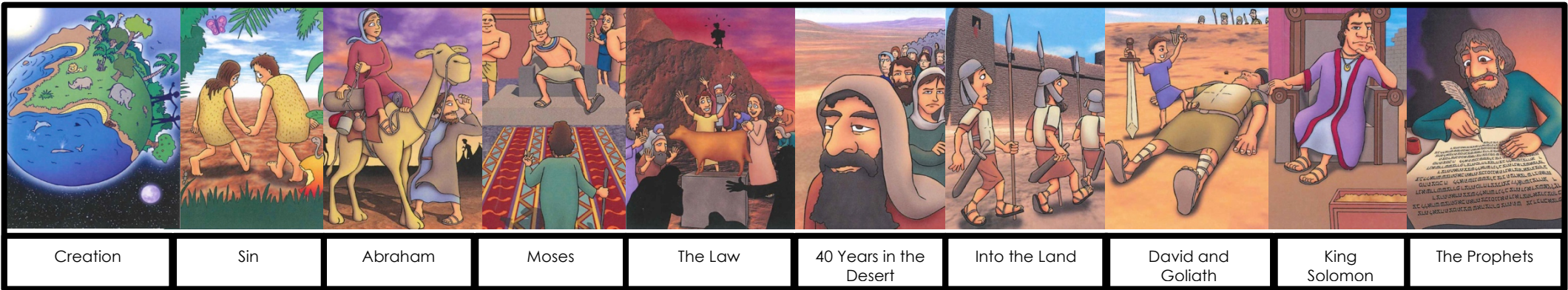
If Jesus is God's promised forever king how should we treat him?

**The Things to Pray About:**

- Praise God because he is faithful and sent Jesus as his promised forever king. Thank God that we are healed from our blindness through Jesus
- Say sorry that we don't always see or treat Jesus as the king
- Pray that we would treat Jesus as king in all our life.



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**The Activities to Do:**

Around the dinner table together as a family imagine there is someone who has never heard of Jesus at the table with you. See if you can tell the Bible story to them. What parts would you include? What parts would you leave out? When you're finished, discuss the 'Easter Gospel' questions.

**Easter Gospel**

Who is one friend or family member that you would like to share the gospel with this Easter?

What is one way you might be able to do that (e.g. invite them to Easter service, have a sleepover on Easter Sunday and read the Bible with them)?

**2** Cut up the timeline again and put it together in the correct order. Point to where we are up to in the timeline. When you're finished, discuss the 'God's Promises Kept'

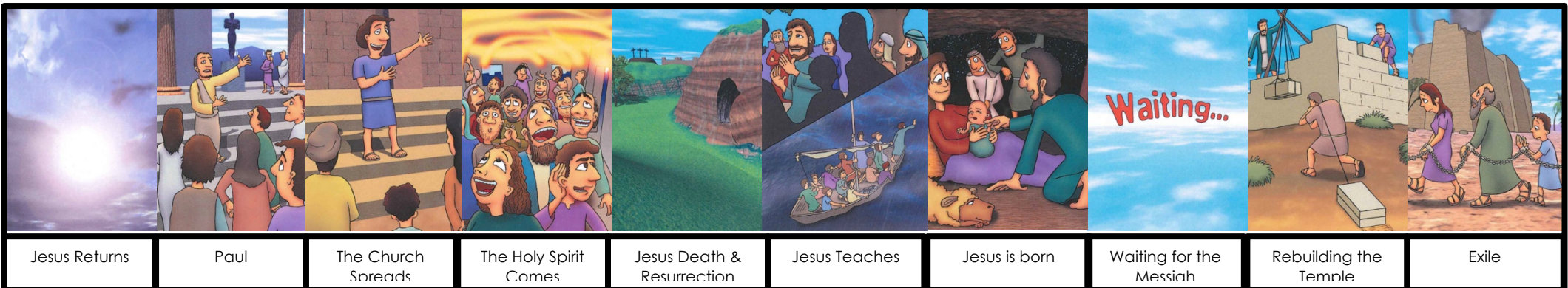
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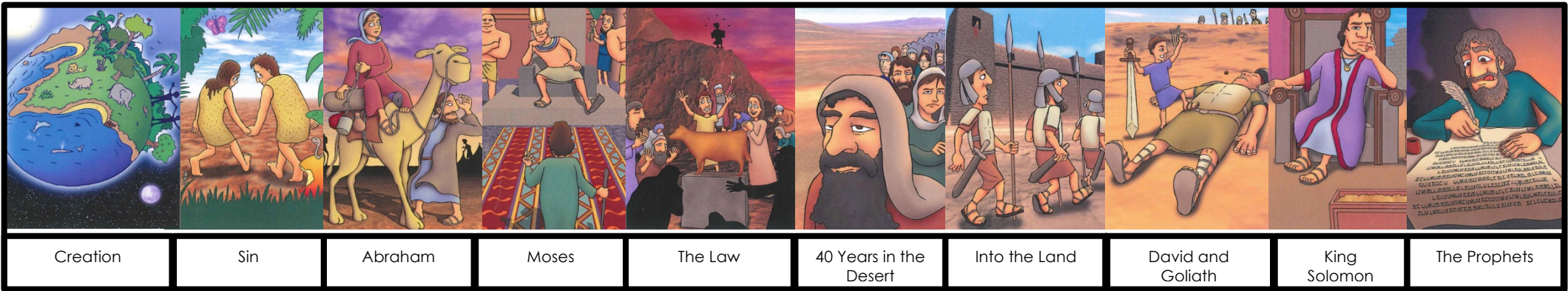
What were God's promises to Abraham?  
How are they kept in Jesus?  
What were God's promises to David?  
How are they kept in Jesus?

What does this teach us about God?

**The Things to Pray About:**

- Praise God because he is faithful and sent Jesus as his promised forever king. Thank Jesus for dying on the cross in our place
- Pray that we would be bold this Easter and share the great message of Jesus with those who don't know him.





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**The Story:** The Ascension and Gospel spreads

After Jesus rose from the dead he appeared to many people. He taught his disciples all about how the Old Testament pointed to him coming to save people from sin. He really is God's forever king! After 40 days Jesus returned to be with his Father in heaven. The Gospel spread quickly throughout the earth. Even we in Australia have now heard the good news! If we trust in Jesus, then we are looking forward to him coming back. Now we must share this good news with everyone so they too may know Jesus!

**The Activities to Do:**

**1** Around the dinner table together as a family play a few rounds of Chinese whispers. When you're finished discuss the 'Gospel Spreads' questions.

**OR** Get each family member to share a time when they had really good news. What was it? Who did they want to tell?

**Gospel Spreads**

Why were the first Christians busting to tell everyone the gospel?  
Why should we be busting to tell everyone the gospel?

Who is one person that you could share the gospel with this week?

**2** Attached to this email are prayers letters from some of our link missionaries. Read through their prayer letter, discuss the 'Ends of the Earth' questions and then pray for them.

**Ends of the Earth**

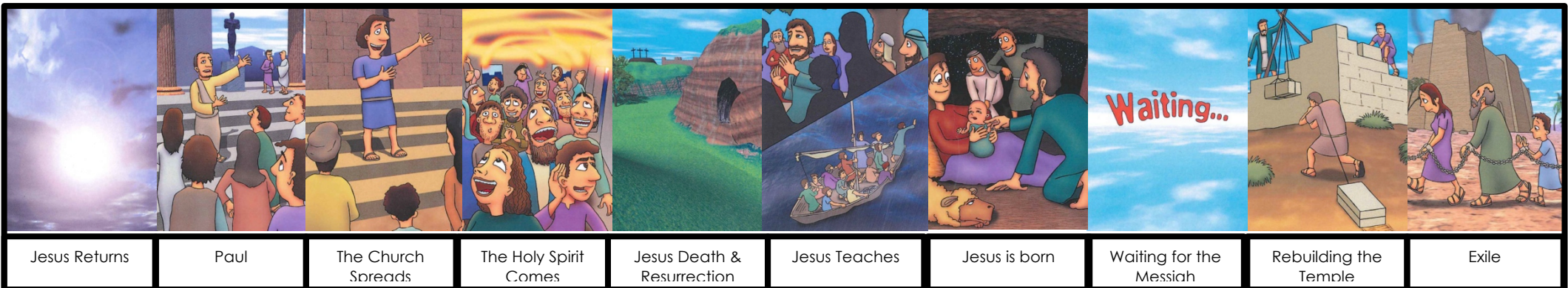
What are some of the good/hard things about sharing the gospel for our missionaries?

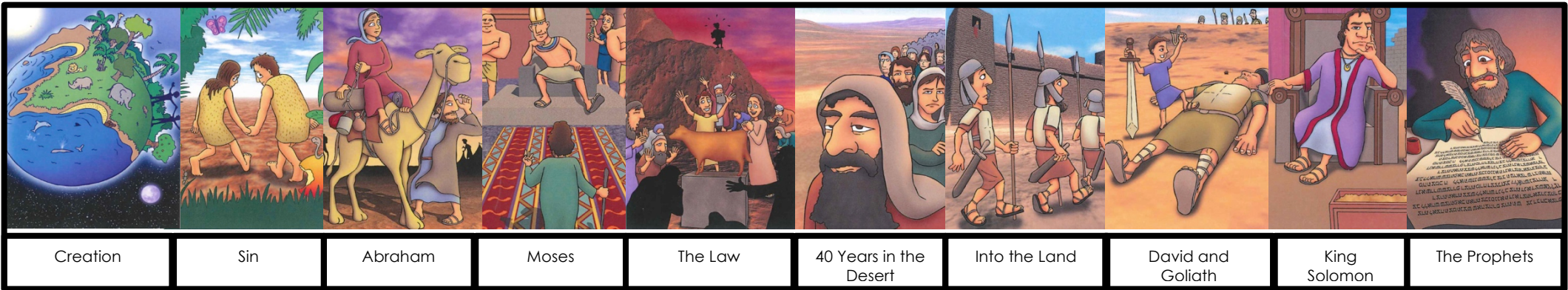
What are some of the good/hard things about sharing the gospel for us here in Australia?

Why does Jesus want us to do it? How can we help each other be bold?

**The Things to Pray About:**

- Thank God that we have heard the good news about Jesus
- Pray that we would be bold and share that news with everyone we meet!





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**The Activities to Do:**

**The Story: The Very Good Ending**

The Big Picture Bible ends with John's vision of Heaven. We see Jesus sitting on his throne ruling over everyone. God's people live with him and he will wipe away all tears and sadness and crying and pain. Sin will be gone forever. If we trust in Jesus then this is our future, a future living and reigning with Jesus forever! What a very good ending!

**1** Open a newspaper or magazine together and circle things that show the effect of sin in our world (e.g. war, famine, sadness, sickness). When you've finished, discuss the 'Very Good Ending' questions.

**Very Good Ending**  
How does the Big Picture Bible end?  
What is your favourite part of John's vision (Rev 22)?  
What are you looking forward to when Jesus comes back?

**God's People**  
How do we know that we will live forever with king Jesus?  
How can we be part of God's family?

**2** Using a person shaped cookie cutter cut out some shapes from bread. Spread with margarine and dip in sprinkles. As you eat discuss the 'God's People' questions

- Thank God for giving us his word. Thank God for showing us the future of those who trust in Jesus.
- Pray that we would trust Jesus until he comes back. Pray that he would come soon!
- Pray that we would tell our friends and family about Jesus & they would trust Jesus too!

**3** Cut up the timeline around the edge. How quickly can you put it together? When finished, discuss the 'One Big Story' questions.

**One Big Story**  
What is your favourite story from the Bible that we've looked at this term?  
Summarise the Bible in one sentence. What's it all about?

**The Things to Pray About:**



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