In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 38
The Mystery Is Solved!

Themes:

- Jesus came to establish a new covenant between God and His sinful people.
- The new covenant promises deliverance from sin and death because of what Jesus has accomplished.
- The new covenant is everlasting and has been made official by the shed blood of Jesus.
- The new covenant is for all people who trust in Jesus alone for their salvation.

Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:21; Matthew 26:28; Romans 8:1-2

Memory Verse:

John 1:18 (and review verses 1-17)

Jesus Fulfilled These Old Testament Clues:

NEW COVENANT, COVERING FOR SIN, GOD WILL PROVIDE THE LAMB, ONE LOVED SON, HEALER, DELIVERANCE, EVERLASTING COVENANT, BLOOD OF THE COVENANT, THE BRONZE SERPENT

Home and Heart:

Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 5:21 and then Romans 6:23. Why is eternal life through Jesus a gift? Is this gift yours? How can it be yours? Read and discuss John 3:16-18.

Read John 19:36a. Recall that we read this verse in the very first lesson. According to this verse, was Jesus' death on the cross an accident? Why not? Who planned it? When did God plan Jesus' death? Was this plan made after Adam and Eve sinned in the garden? Did God say something like, *"Oh no! They sinned. Now I need to come up with a plan to save them"*? Read and discuss 2 Timothy 1:9. When is "before the ages began"? Use the illustration of a puzzle. Point out that before a puzzle is made and cut into pieces, the maker has the whole picture. Then, each piece is cut to fit perfectly into that picture. Show the child the set of clue cards. Explain that before the world was created, God already had the "picture" of Jesus on the cross perfectly planned. At just the right time, God revealed each clue and then completed His plan in Jesus. How does knowing this help you to better understand what Jesus did on the cross? Did God do it because He was forced into it? Did Jesus do it because He was forced into it? How does it make you feel when someone does something for you because he wants to do it instead of being forced to do it? Read and discuss Romans 5:6-11. What should *your* response be if you have been saved by His love? What should your response be if you are not yet trusting in what Jesus has done? Read 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 and Romans 2:4.



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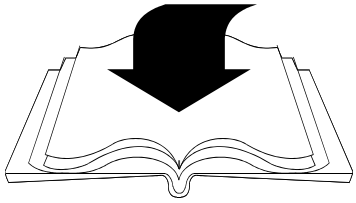


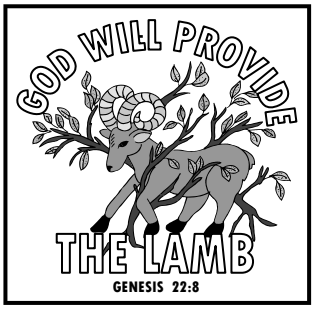
CLUE REVIEW

Jesus' death on the cross for sinners was no accident. Everything happened according to plan—God's plan. The Bible story, from the very first words in Genesis, is about this plan, and Jesus is the hero of the story. Jesus came to make a new, everlasting covenant between God and His sinful people. This is the message of the Bible. It was written down so that you might believe in Jesus and have eternal life through Him! This week, read the New Testament verses in the order listed below. Draw a line matching each verse to the Old Testament clue that was fulfilled.



Matthew 26:27-28





John 3:14-15

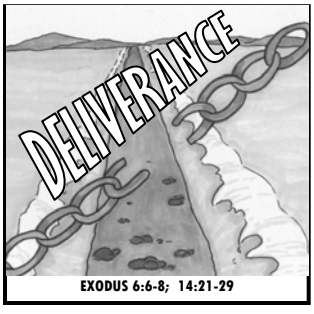




John 3:16



Colossians 1:13-14



Hebrews 9:15



Hebrews 13:20-21

1 Peter 2:24