

Answers for Kids

BIBLE CURRICULUM

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Lesson 10

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“The Seven C’s of History” (Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, Consummation) help us remember the big events which have affected—and will affect—the history of the universe.

“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3–4).

The First Adam

Our first “parent,” Adam, did not lead the perfect life he should have. He disobeyed his Creator’s command not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Because of God’s judgment on this one act of rebellion, the entire creation, which was originally perfect (Genesis 1:31), became subject to death and corruption. Because of Adam’s sin, and because we sin personally, we all die (Romans 5:12–19).

The Last Adam

Around 4,000 years after Adam disobeyed, God sent the perfect sacrifice, in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ, to take away the sin of the world, fulfilling the promise God made in Genesis 3:15. Jesus is called the “Last Adam” in 1 Corinthians 15:45, and He came to restore the fellowship with the Creator that was broken by Adam’s sin.

Adam disobeyed God’s command not to eat the forbidden fruit; Jesus fulfilled the Creator’s purpose that He die for the sin of the world.

The First Adam brought death into the world through his disobedience; the Last Adam (Jesus Christ) brought eternal life with God through His obedience (1 Corinthians 15:21–22).

Because God is perfectly holy, He must punish sin—either the sinner himself, or a substitute to bear His wrath.

God Himself made the first sacrifice for sin by killing an animal (this was the first death in God’s creation) after Adam disobeyed (Genesis 3:21). But we should not offer animal sacrifices for sin any more. This is because the Lamb of God (John 1:29; Revelation 5:12) was sacrificed once for all (Hebrews 7:27). Jesus bore God’s wrath on our sin by dying in our place (Isaiah 53:6). So all those who believe in Him will be saved from the ultimate penalty for sin (eternal separation from God), and will live with Him forever.

But Jesus Christ, the Creator of all things (John 1:1–3; Colossians 1:15–16), was not defeated by death. He rose three days after He was crucified, showing that He has power over all things, including death, the “last enemy” (1 Corinthians 15:26)!

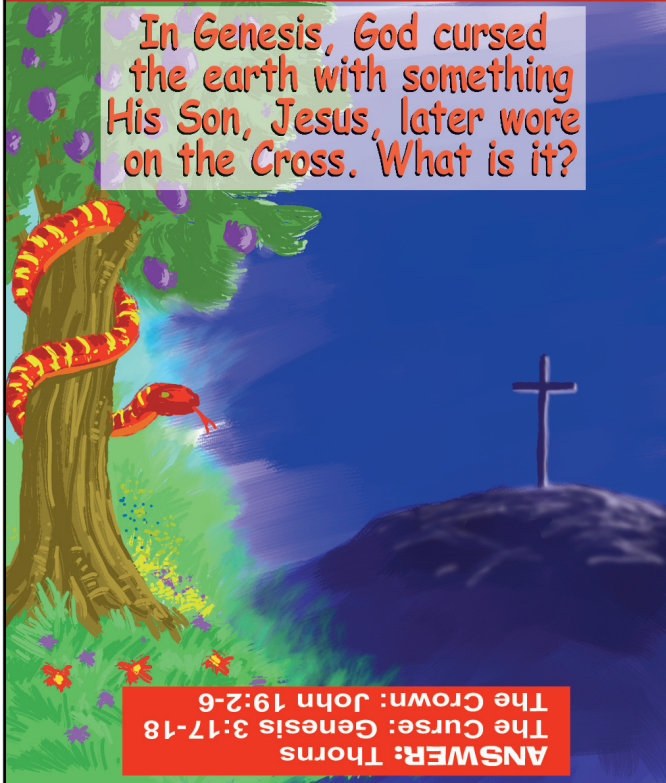
This is why the Apostle Paul says, “O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory? . . . But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:55, 57).

When we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and understand what He has done for us, we are passed from death into life (John 5:24). The names of those who receive Him are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life (Revelation 13:8; 17:8)—when they die, they will go to be with Him forever (John 3:16)!



DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

In Genesis, God cursed the earth with something His Son, Jesus, later wore on the Cross. What is it?



ANSWER: Thorns
The Curse: Genesis 3:17-18
The Crown: John 19:2-6

LET THERE BE FUN!

See if you can find the 12 hidden words in the Cross word find. Look up, down, forward and backward.

ADAM
DISOBEY

J E B B J B A D A M H
K V N H E V V F D V A
J I H J S G V B I N R

JESUS
CROSS
NAILS

H C I M G L H J U K K T S E A S L L I
E X T V N A I L S E R T O V U I O M B
L F O V B N E V A E H B B I D X C F V
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SIN
FORGIVEN
DEAD
TOMB

E J U H Y G R F R O E
B D I S O B A U V F F
L C D S R E I N A E D
E J H O U Y S N D D L
H K J R H B E A C V A
C A R C I N D R A R U

RAISED
ALIVE
HEAVEN

Up from the grave He arose!

There are those who do not believe the historical accounts that Jesus really died and rose again. They have made up many stories to try to explain why the tomb where Jesus was buried is now empty.

- Some say Jesus just fainted while on the Cross, later revived in the cool tomb and then left. But . . . Jesus would have had to unwrap Himself from the grave clothes, push aside the stone (which was too heavy to be moved by a single man) across the entrance to the tomb, and then walk past the soldiers outside. He would have been too weak to do this, and the guards would have stopped Him. Further, the Roman soldier pierced Him with a spear while He was still on the Cross, and the blood and water that flowed from this wound showed that He was truly dead.
- Others believe the disciples stole Jesus' body and then lied, saying He arose. But . . . the disciples would not have made it past the tomb guards without the guards noticing them. Most of the disciples later died for their belief that Jesus arose—they would not have died for something they knew to be a lie.
- Some suggest the Romans or Jews removed Jesus' body from the tomb. But . . . these two groups of people had no reason to do so—in fact, they would have wanted a body in the tomb to stop any stories that Jesus had risen. And when the followers of Christ began saying that they had seen Him alive, the Jews or Romans had only to produce the body showing the Christians' claims to be false—yet they didn't.

Still others say the story that Jesus rose from the dead is just a myth or legend. But . . . the gospels were written between 25 and 65 years after the crucifixion of Christ—far too little time for a myth to develop because eyewitnesses to the events were still around at that time to answer any questions. Further, many of those who saw Jesus after His Resurrection did not like Him. They would have certainly corrected the reports that claimed they had seen Him.