

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline
(using materials by Mark Hart or Jeff Cavins)
Making the Timeline “personal” by studying key Biblical figures
and applying it to our lives today

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Abraham – Faith

Abraham lived at a time when people did not believe in the one true God. They believed in many gods and the powers of nature (idols). The one true God began to reveal Himself to Abraham and gave him the gift of faith. Abraham is called the Father of Faith because he believed in God and followed God’s call. Abraham obeyed what God asked of him even though he did not know where God was leading him or how far away it was.

- 10-minute video clip with an application handout entitled “The faith of Abraham and my own faith”

Abraham – The Sacrifice of Isaac

God promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. Abraham was 100 years old before Sarah gave birth to Isaac. God tested Abraham to see if he would be faithful by trusting Him, and to see if he loved Him above everything, asking Abraham to sacrifice his only son. The people at the time of Abraham were sacrificing babies to their gods, so this was not totally foreign to Abraham. However, we see how difficult this was for him, especially because he had waited 100 years for a son. And now God asks Abraham to sacrifice his only son. The book of Hebrews tells us how much Abraham trusted God and was obedient to what God asked of him. This we call the “obedience of faith.” Because of this obedience, God made a Covenant with him and it is through Abraham’s descendants that the Savior will come.

- 20-minute video clip with two application handouts entitled “The Promise and the Covenants” and “Comparisons between Isaac and Jesus”

Joseph and Forgiveness

This is the beautiful, true story of a young man who forgave his ten brothers. This wasn’t a matter of a simple, “I forgive you” but an intense forgiveness from the depths of his heart. Through Joseph’s forgiveness God’s Plan of salvation to bring us back into communion with Him could continue.

- 14-minute video clip and two application handouts entitled “The Forgiveness by Joseph and the forgiveness of our sins by Jesus Christ” and “Comparisons between Joseph and Jesus”

Moses – Coming to know God in prayer and learning to trust Him

Moses struggled with believing that God really spoke to him in the Burning Bush. It was difficult for Moses to trust God's call to go back to Egypt to lead the people out of slavery. Jethro and Moses' wife encouraged Moses to trust in God.

- 12-minute video on the Burning Bush and two application handouts entitled "The Supernatural Gift of Hope" and "Family Relationships."

Moses – Obedience to God

The people of Israel had been in Egypt for 400 years. The Israelites had long been in slavery, being treated as animals, being worked to death for the Pharaoh. God called Moses to return to Egypt to lead His people out of slavery and to the Promised Land. We continue to see God's faithfulness and glory in two incredible miracles which protect and preserve the lives of the Chosen People. God formed Moses to be the mediator between Him and the Israelites.

- 22-minute video of Passover, which prefigures the Holy Eucharist, and Crossing the Red Sea which strengthens the trust of the Israelites for God, with two application handouts entitled the "Comparison between Passover and the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' suffering, Death, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven" and "Comparisons between Crossing the Red Sea and the Sacrament of Baptism."

Moses and the Golden Calf

The Israelites, our ancestors, were on their way to the Promised Land and committed a gravely serious sin in the worship of the Golden Calf. The people struggled with sin in their 40 year wandering in the desert. They had taken on the worship of the gods of Egypt in their heart. Just after having ratified the Covenant with God, the people say "All the words which the Lord has spoken, we will do. We will be obedient." However, the people rejected their faith in the one true God and worshiped the Golden Calf. They made an Egyptian god to lead them out of the desert, as they thought that Moses was dead.

- 20-minute video of Moses on Mt. Sinai and the building of the Golden Calf with 2 application handouts entitled "The Golden Calf: worship of the creature over worship of God" and "Comparisons between Moses and Jesus."

David's anointing as King and his sin against God

David was anointed king by the prophet Samuel. Nathan the prophet came and told a story to David for him to make a judgment. It is actually a story that is a comparison to the sin David had committed. David repented of his sin, which is expressed in Psalm 51.

- 10-minute video clip of Samuel anointing David, and the Prophet Nathan leading David to face up to his sin of adultery with 2 application handouts entitled “Comparisons between David and Jesus” and Psalm 51 – A Prayer of Repentance.”

The Prophet Jeremiah – God’s Way

The people received a message from God through the Prophet Jeremiah: “repent and face the consequences of your sins.” The Israelites experienced worse and worse sufferings as a result of their life of sin through their idol worship of money, power, lust. Through these sufferings the people were called upon to see and acknowledge the reality of sin - to call sin evil - and to acknowledge their need for God alone. In this way the Lord was gradually preparing His people to acknowledge their spiritual need for a Savior.

- 19-minute video about the Prophet Jeremiah and 3 application handouts entitled “Sin, its effects and consequences” and “The Prophet Isaiah” and “Prophecies of the Redeemer.”