

# Introduction

Hello! Welcome. (or local greeting.) What you are about to hear are some of the most important words you will ever hear. It is good news for everyone. Look at the picture book and listen as I tell you this good news. When you hear this sound, (bridge music, beep, etc.) it is time to look at the next picture. You can stop the recording at any time to think about the things you hear. Start now at the first picture.

## Picture 1: In the Beginning

*Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 90:2*

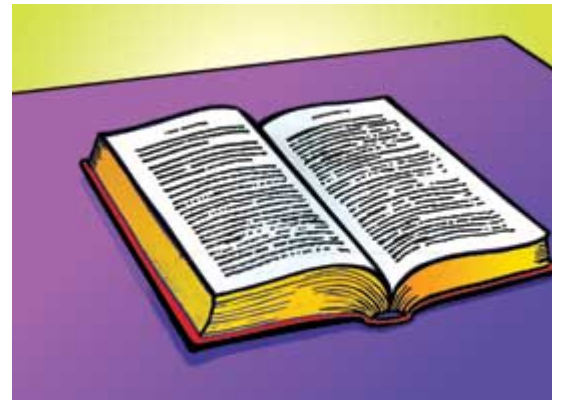
In the beginning of time, only God existed. Then God created the heavens and the earth. The world had no form, so God made the earth and He commanded the light to shine. He made the sun and the moon and all the stars. God is good, and He rules over everything. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 2: The Word of God

*Isaiah 45:18-19; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 19:7-10*

The Book in this picture is a Bible. It is the Word of God and it tells us about God and His ways. God loves all people. What I want to tell you is from the Bible. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 3: Creation

*Genesis 1:1-25*

God created everything. He said, "Let it be!", and it was as He said. He made the sky. He made the sea. He spoke, and land was formed. Then He created all living things: the fish in the water, the birds in the air, and all the animals. In this way God created everything. God was pleased with all that He made. Everything that God made was very good! (Bridge music.)

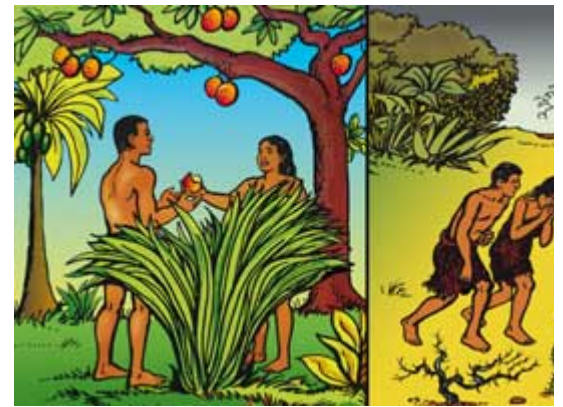


## Picture 4: Adam and Eve

*Genesis 1:26-31, 2:7 - 3:24*

God made the first man and the first woman. He called

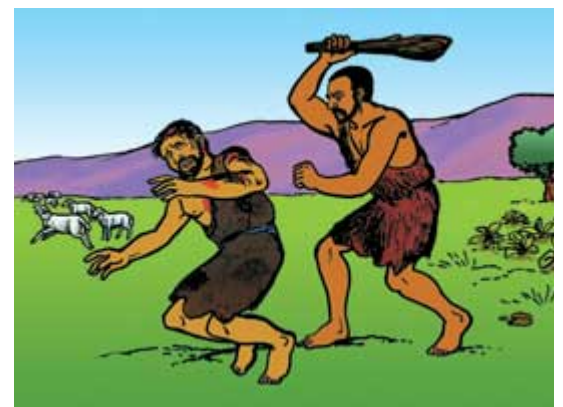
everything He had made. God made a special garden for them to live in. There God walked with them and spoke with them. They were God's friends. God gave them permission to eat fruit from all the trees in the garden except one. An enemy named Satan came to them in the garden. He persuaded Adam and Eve to disobey God, and they ate the forbidden fruit. They sinned against God, and they broke their friendship with Him. God sent Adam and Eve out of the beautiful garden. Since that time all people have sinned against God and are separated from Him. This is why experience pain, sickness and death. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 5: Cain and Abel

*Genesis 4:1-16; Romans 3:23*

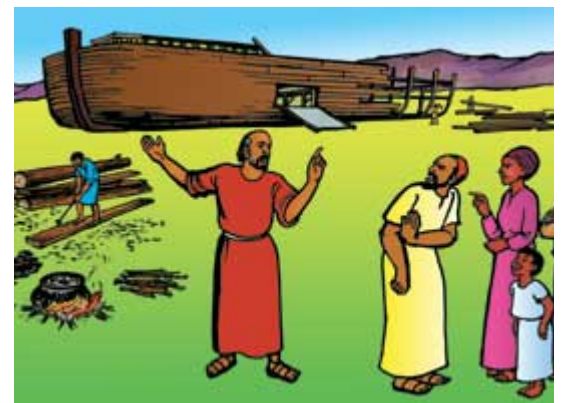
Adam and Eve had two sons. Their names were Cain and Abel. Abel pleased God but Cain did not. Cain became jealous of Abel, and one day he killed him. God punished Cain for doing this terrible thing. God is angry when people sin. God wanted to have close fellowship with people but sin completely separated everyone from God. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 6: Noah's Ark

*Genesis 6:1-22; 2 Peter 3:9*

Many generations went by and Adam and Eve had many descendants. All those people sinned and disobeyed God. The sin of the people became so great that God decided to destroy them by a great flood. There was only one man who loved and obeyed God. His name was Noah. God told Noah to build a big ship so that he could be saved from the flood. It took many years to build the ship. As Noah built it, he warned the people about God's judgment and the flood that was coming. However, the people would not believe Noah's warnings and they refused to turn from their evil ways. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 7: The Flood

*Genesis 7:1-24*

God brought animals of every kind to Noah, and Noah took them into the ship. Then Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives, also entered the ship. There were only eight people in the ship along with the



God sent very heavy rain and He brought water from under the ground. In forty days God flooded the whole earth. It was too late for anyone outside the ship to be saved. They all drowned. However Noah and his family were saved because they believed and obeyed God. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 8: Abraham, Sarah and Isaac

*Genesis 9:18-19, 17:1-8, 21:1-7; Matthew 1:1-16*

After many many years the descendants of Noah became many tribes. Abraham was one of those descendants. He was a man who loved and obeyed God. God promised Abraham that his descendants would become a great nation. Abraham and his wife Sarah did not have any children, but they still believed God's promise. Abraham had children by other women. One of those children was named Ishmael. He became the father of the Arab nations. However, when Abraham and Sarah were very old, they had the son God promised. They called him Isaac. God promised to bless all people through Isaac and his descendants. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 9: Moses and the Law of God

*Exodus 19:1-25, 34:27-32*

The descendants of Isaac also became a great nation called Israel. Moses was one of the descendants of Isaac. He believed God and obeyed Him. God called Moses to a mountain where He spoke with him. He gave Moses laws to teach the people. Moses came down from the mountain with the laws of God written on pieces of stone. God wants everyone to obey His laws. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 10: The Ten Commandments

*Exodus 20:1-17*

The laws which God gave to Moses are very good. Anyone who keeps them will receive God's blessing. These are God's laws. We must love, worship and obey only the one true God. Do not make idols or bow down to them. Do not use God's name in a disrespectful way.

Children must obey and honour their parents. Do not murder. Do not commit adultery. Do not lie and deceive others. Do not steal and do not desire the things that belong to other people. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 11: Sacrifice for Sin

*Leviticus 4:27-35; John 1:29*

In the time of Moses when a person broke God's laws, he had to sacrifice a lamb to God. The lamb died in the place of the law breaker. This reminded the people that it was wrong to sin against God by breaking His laws. The lamb was also a symbol. It pointed to a much greater sacrifice that would come later. God planned to send His Son Jesus into the world to become that sacrifice. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 12: A Saviour Promised

*Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25*

Many years later, an angel from heaven was sent to a young virgin named Mary. Mary was promised in marriage to a man named Joseph. The angel said to Mary, "You have found favour with God. You will give birth to a son and you will call Him Jesus." Mary asked, "How can this be since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, so the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God." The angel also appeared to Joseph in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you are to give Him the name Jesus."; 'Jesus' means 'Saviour'. Joseph took Mary as his wife but he did sleep with her until after the baby was born. (Bridge music)



## Picture 13: The Birth of Jesus

*Luke 2:1-20*

About that time, the king commanded all people to return to the town of their ancestors to be registered. Mary and Joseph had to travel to the town of Bethlehem. When they arrived, there was nowhere for

that Mary gave birth to the baby Jesus. The same night an angel appeared to some shepherds who were watching their sheep in a field nearby. The angel said, "I bring you good news which is for all people. Today a Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord!" Suddenly many angels appeared in the sky, singing and praising God. The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened." When they had seen Jesus, they told everyone what they had heard about Him. Everyone who heard it was amazed. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 14: Jesus the Teacher

*Luke 2:41-52; Mark 6:34*

Jesus grew up in the home of Mary and Joseph. When He was twelve years old, Mary and Joseph took Him to Jerusalem. He talked about God with the teachers and leaders of the people. He listened to them, and asked them questions. They were all surprised at His great knowledge of God. When Jesus was thirty years old, He began to teach the people about God. Many believed His teaching and followed Him. Other people did not believe and they opposed Him. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 15: Miracles of Jesus

*Mark 8:22-26; 5:35-43; 6:45-52*

Jesus had great power from God. He worked many miracles. He healed the sick and made blind people see. He spoke to dead people and they came back to life. He calmed storms and walked on water. When the people saw these miracles many believed that He had come from God. They were amazed by all that Jesus did and said. Jesus has the power to help us also. (Bridge music.)



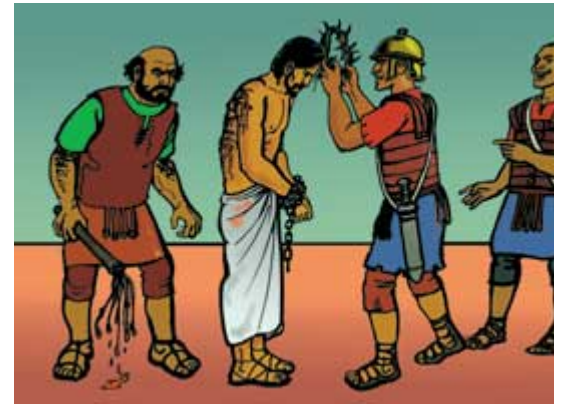
## Picture 16: Jesus Suffers

*Matthew 27:11-31*

Jesus did many wonderful things, and many people followed Him. He helped many people and taught the ways of God. Jesus came to show God's love, and to bring people back to God. However, the religious leaders were jealous of Jesus. Their hearts were hard,



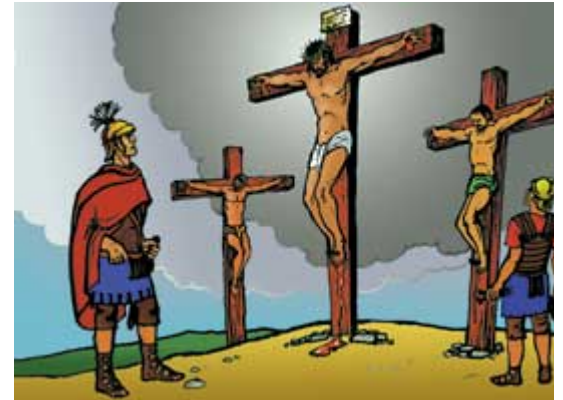
They refused to admit that they had broken God's law and that they were sinners. Those leaders told lies about Jesus and they had Him arrested. The soldiers whipped Him. They placed a crown made from thorns on His head and they mocked Him. Remember, Jesus was the Son of God. He had the power to destroy those people, but He did not resist them. He knew this was in God's plan. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 17: Jesus is Crucified

*Mark 15:22-39; 1 Peter 2:21-24*

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a wooden cross and He hung there until He died. In those days it was the custom to kill law breakers in that cruel way. Two criminals were also crucified with Jesus. However Jesus was not a criminal. He had done no wrong. Jesus was taking the punishment which we deserved. We have all sinned and we should die for our own sins. Jesus became the sacrifice to pay for the sins of all people. If we confess that we are sinful and turn from our sin, God will forgive us. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. (Bridge music.)



## Picture 18: The Resurrection

*Luke 23:50 - 24:9*

The enemies of Jesus thought that they had destroyed Him, but that was not so! After Jesus died on the cross, His friends put His dead body in a cave. They closed the entrance of the cave with a big stone. Two days passed but on the third day Jesus rose from the dead. Some women went to the cave to perform the burial customs. They found the stone rolled away and the body of Jesus had gone. Two angels appeared and told them that Jesus was alive. They said, "He is not here. He has risen!" Yes, Jesus had risen from the dead! He showed that He truly is God. Jesus is alive today and He has overcome Satan and death forever. (Bridge music.)

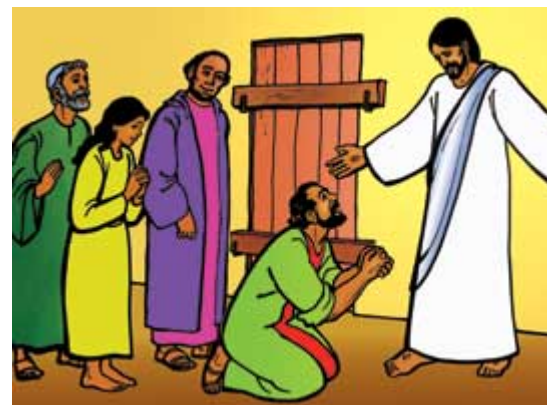


## Picture 19: Thomas Believes

*John 20:19-31*

After Jesus rose from the dead He appeared to His disciples. He talked with them and ate with them. One disciple called Thomas, was not with them. He would

I see His nail wounds and touch them, I will not believe." A week later, Jesus appeared again and this time Thomas was there, just as you see in this picture. Thomas fell down on his knees before Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God!" Thomas had no more doubts. Jesus said, "You believe because you see Me. Blessed are those who do not see Me, and yet believe." (Bridge music.)



## Picture 20: The Ascension

*Acts 1:1-11*

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to many people. They saw Him and they knew that He was alive. Forty days later the time came for Jesus to go back to Heaven. He had finished the work He came to do.

Jesus said, "Go and make disciples in all nations. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." As the disciples watched, Jesus rose up from the earth and disappeared from their sight in a cloud. Just then, two

angels appeared. They told the disciples that Jesus would return one day in the same way that they had seen Him go. Jesus is now in heaven. He is preparing a place for all those who follow Him. Will believe and follow the Lord Jesus? Will you be ready to meet Him when He returns? (Bridge music.)

