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The Sovereignty of God

# THE FAMILY TREE

Isaiah prophesies that the Messiah will come in a direct line from Jesse, the father of David. Look at the genealogies given in Matthew 1 and Luke 3.

In what verses do you find Jesse named in each?

Matthew 1: \_\_\_\_

Luke 3: \_\_\_\_

Are there any surprise names in Jesus' earthly lineage?

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How many words can you find in today's text that relate to the concept of *tree*? List them below.

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In what sense do you see Jesus in any of these words?

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# AN ODD ZOO



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Isaiah 11 depicts typically antagonistic creatures coexisting in harmony. What an "odd zoo"! In each of the following "cages," list two types of people who might not get along well with one another. One answer is already filled in as an example.

What is it that could allow these "unmatched pairs" to coexist in peace and harmony? \_\_\_\_\_



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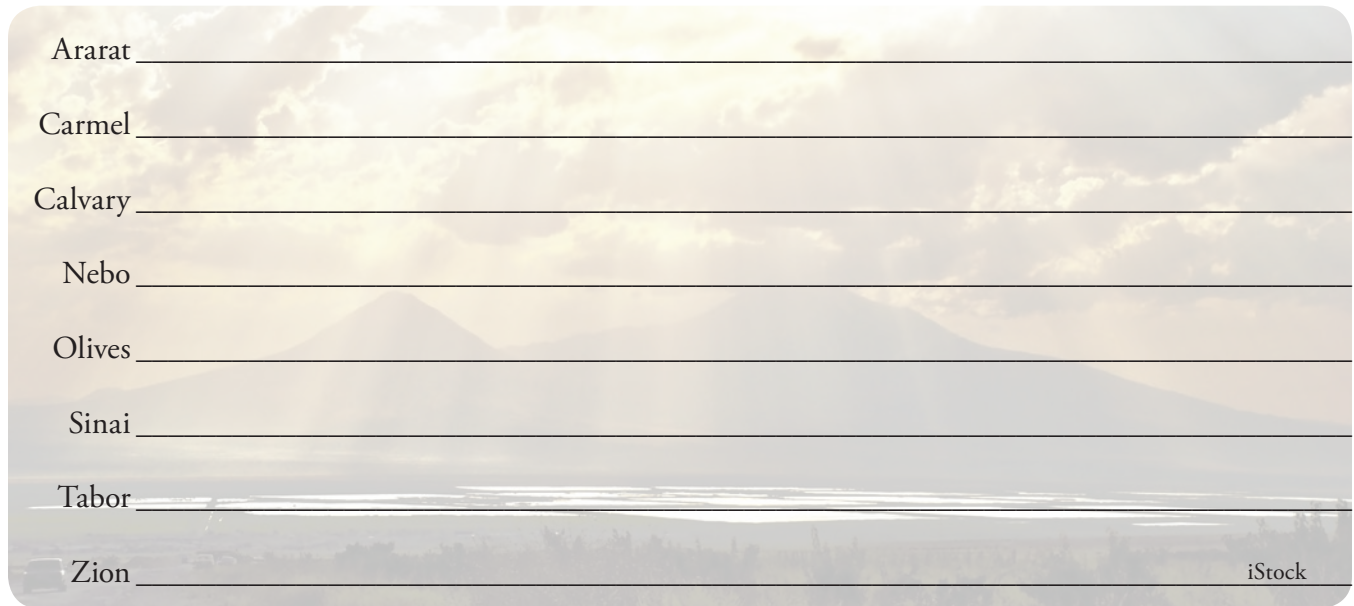
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How can you be a peacemaker?

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# GOD ON THE MOUNTAIN

What significant event occurred on each of the following biblical mountains? How did God make his presence known in each incident?



Ararat \_\_\_\_\_

Carmel \_\_\_\_\_

Calvary \_\_\_\_\_

Nebo \_\_\_\_\_

Olives \_\_\_\_\_

Sinai \_\_\_\_\_

Tabor \_\_\_\_\_

Zion \_\_\_\_\_

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Is there a mountain in your life experience where you have felt the presence of God? Recall that occasion to a friend.



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## SOUND FAMILIAR?

Find the following references. Then match them to verses and ideas in today's text, Isaiah 25:6-10a.

Scripture Reference	Matching Verse from Isaiah 25	Idea
1. Psalm 9:14		
2. Luke 14:15		
3. 1 Corinthians 15:54		
4. Revelation 7:17		
5. Revelation 21:4		

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## WHY ARE YOU COMPLAINING?

Considering how Isaiah’s audience complained (Isaiah 40:27), how likely are you to complain in the following life situations? Rate yourself on a scale from 10 (“almost always”) to 1 (“never”).

\_\_\_\_\_ When I feel as small and as insignificant as a grasshopper

\_\_\_\_\_ When I look down in despair rather than up in hope

\_\_\_\_\_ When petty and evil government leaders get too much authority and attention

\_\_\_\_\_ When I sense my physical strength and endurance lagging

\_\_\_\_\_ When I forget or ignore what I know about a loving God

\_\_\_\_\_ When I deny that God will see to ultimate justice

Add up your numbers and divide by 6. Do you need to work on not complaining?

## WHAT GOD DOES

To discourage the faulty attributes demonstrated by God’s people, Isaiah simply reminds the people of who God is and what he does. Look at today’s text, Isaiah 40:21-31, and make a list of what God does. To the right, note the implication each has for you.



VERSE	ACTIONS BY GOD	IMPLICATIONS FOR ME
1. 22a		
2. 22b		
3. 22c		
4. 23a		
5. 23b		
6. 24		
7. 26a		
8. 26b		
9. 26c		
10. 29a		
11. 29b		

# PROMISES FULFILLED

Match the following promises from Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 with specific New Testament Scriptures revealing how these promises have been fulfilled for those who follow Jesus.

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| 1. ___ Is the anointed one                     | A. Revelation 3:18         |
| 2. ___ Preaches good news (gospel) to the poor | B. Acts 10:38              |
| 3. ___ Gives freedom                           | C. Revelation 2:10         |
| 4. ___ Brings vengeance (punishment)           | D. Matthew 11:5            |
| 5. ___ Comforts those who mourn                | E. Luke 4:19               |
| 6. ___ Gives a crown                           | F. John 8:36               |
| 7. ___ Gives new garments (clothes, raiment)   | G. 2 Thessalonians 1:7b, 8 |
| 8. ___ Hates religious robbers (thieves)       | H. Matthew 21:13           |
| 9. ___ Makes an everlasting (eternal) covenant | I. Matthew 5:4             |
| 10. ___ Proclaims the year of the Lord         | J. Hebrews 13:20           |



## PRAISE EXPRESSED

Read over the above promises. What has Jesus done for you in at least two of these areas? Write a prayer thanking him for specific ways he has blessed your life.

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## IDENTITY OF JESUS

Find these words and phrases in the puzzle. They may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal.

ANOINTED  
FOREVER  
GLORY OF GOD  
HEIR  
LOVED  
MAJESTY  
RIGHT HAND  
RIGHTEOUSNESS  
SON  
THRONE

F R T R V T D Z A N F Z S A Y  
H N I P E W E J W U M S C N D  
X E L G Q N V U N L E I Y O X  
H J W S H J O Q E N S E D I A  
K N Y J A T L R S R S U E N Q  
Y V Y W X F H U H H I I X T P  
P W H O Q K O A C T C H T E D  
W O R N R E Q A N X M P G D H  
J A B W T V D K D D F M Z P I  
U B Z H X C W I T O F E B Z P  
C H G N N G L O R Y O F G O D  
T I S O N H U E Y T S E J A M  
R Z W J J D V A O J S P Y T A  
R G X W K E G O C I Z B X N V  
M W B Z R O Y Y F M V Y S W L

## AT THE KING'S THRONE

Was there ever a time when you experienced the same doubts as did those to whom Hebrews was first written? Is there an area of your life in which you still struggle to let Jesus act as king? Read Matthew 6:9-15, and then write your own prayer of worship, submission, and repentance below.

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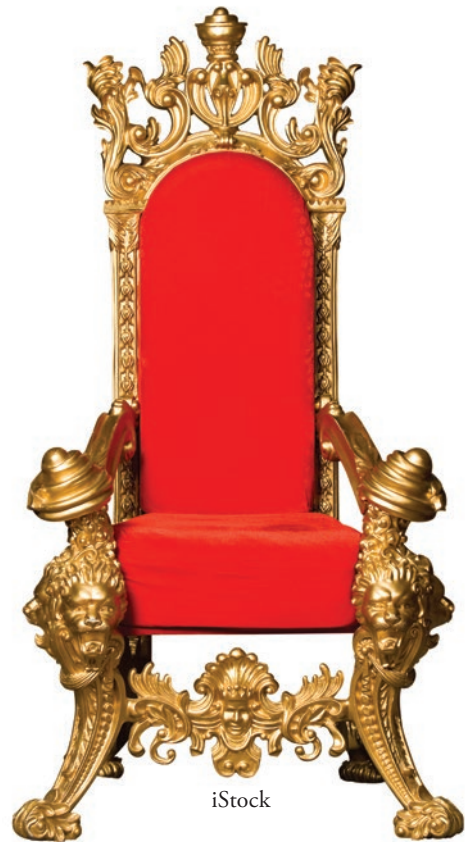
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# JESUS IS GREATER THAN . . .

The writer of Hebrews makes the point that Jesus and the Christian religion are greater than anyone or anything else, including the Jewish religion. Match the Hebrews text below with the person or area Jesus is greater than.

Hebrews Text	What Jesus Is Greater Than
___ A. 1:1-3	1. Aaron's priesthood
___ B. 1:4, 7, 8	2. Abraham
___ C. 1:10-12	3. Angels
___ D. 3:3	4. Blood of bulls and goats
___ E. 7:1, 2a, 4-7	5. Creation
___ F. 7:26-28	6. Holy places/Sanctuary
___ G. 8:6	7. Moses
___ H. 9:12-14	8. Old covenant
___ I. 9:24	9. Prophets



## MASTER BUILDER, MASTER TEACHER

How could Jesus help the following people make repairs to their households (families)? If you were each person's friend, what words of Jesus could you use to guide them?



**TONY:** "I never told my wife that I was married briefly years ago. Now we're supposed to go to a family reunion, and I'm afraid someone will bring it up. I'm thinking about making up an excuse so we don't have to go."

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**AMY:** "When I was growing up, our family never went to church. My husband's family were Christmas and Easter only churchgoers. But now that we have kids, I want them to have good moral values, so I send them on the church bus every week."



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**MIGUEL:** "My wife and I cut back on our giving to church because we have so much debt. But things just aren't getting any better. I'm wondering if we should just stop all giving for a while."

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW?



Read through the following statements about the Aaronic priesthood, and identify them as either true or false.

- \_\_\_ 1. The very first high priest was Aaron, Moses' older brother.
- \_\_\_ 2. High priests had to be of the tribe of Levi, but not necessarily descended from Aaron.
- \_\_\_ 3. Only on the Day of Atonement was the high priest allowed to enter the most holy place in the temple.
- \_\_\_ 4. Because the high priest was such a holy person, he didn't have to offer sacrifices for himself.
- \_\_\_ 5. When a high priest died, another priest could apply for the office.
- \_\_\_ 6. The high priest presided over worship in the temple.
- \_\_\_ 7. No goats were acceptable as a sacrifice to the Lord.
- \_\_\_ 8. By Jesus' day there were no longer any high priests serving in the temple.

## WHOM DO YOU TELL?

Most of us have several people to talk to when we are going through tough times. In the following situations, underline the person you are most likely to talk to.



- 1. You are not feeling well, and you are afraid there may be something seriously wrong with you.  
A. Your doctor      B. Your spouse      C. Your best friend      D. Jesus
- 2. You have given in to temptation, and you're really feeling guilty about it.  
A. Your counselor      B. Your preacher      C. Your Bible study group      D. Jesus
- 3. You don't have enough money to pay your bills each month and are getting deeper and deeper in debt.  
A. Your parents      B. Your financial counselor      C. A close neighbor      D. Jesus
- 4. You are afraid you might lose your job and won't be able to support your family.  
A. A friendly coworker      B. Your boss      C. Your spouse      D. Jesus

If Jesus wasn't the first one you would talk to about your troubles, why not?

How does what you know about him as a "great high priest" make him a great person to talk things over with?



# HOW DO THEY COMPARE?

Look at the following matchups and indicate if the first one is greater than, equal to, or less than the second one by circling the appropriate symbol. Then underneath each one, give the reason for your answer. Today's text from Hebrews 7:1-3, 18-28 will assist you in your answers.



1. ABRAHAM

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AARON

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

2. MELCHIZEDEK

> / = / <

ABRAHAM

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

3. OLD COVENANT

> / = / <

NEW COVENANT

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

4. JESUS' PRIESTHOOD

> / = / <

AARON'S PRIESTHOOD

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

# WHAT WOULD JESUS SAY?



The writer of Hebrews tells us that Jesus “always lives to intercede” for us with God. In what way might Jesus intercede for us with the Father in the following situations?

1. A mother, feeling tired and frazzled, takes out her frustrations on her children by screaming at them for a minor infraction. She then asks the children and God for forgiveness.

2. A man on a business trip pays to watch a pornographic movie in his hotel room. He later regrets it and confesses his weakness and determination not to repeat the mistake.

3. An elderly person in great pain with a chronic illness curses and complains about her lot in life. She prays to the Lord for relief from her suffering.



# THE UNREADY RUNNER

**Chris:** I'm Chris Combs reporting for station WRUN. We're here at the starting line of a 5k race to raise money for our local food cupboard. Looks like everyone's come ready to race with their T-shirts and shorts and running shoes. But wait—what's this? One runner doesn't look quite like the others. Let's talk to that person. Excuse me, are you planning to run in this race?

**Runner:** Oh, yes. I think it's a good cause, so I came out to support it.

**Chris:** Yes, well, your running outfit is a little unusual. Could you describe it for our listeners at home?

**Runner:** Certainly. I'm wearing my sweatshirt, jeans, and baseball cap. Of course, I have my jacket in case I get cold.

**Chris:** Don't you think all those clothes are going to slow you down?

**Runner:** I'm just here to have fun, and I wanted to be sure I was comfortable. And I am wearing my favorite sneakers.

**Chris:** Yes, but they don't really look like running shoes—and they're untied!

**Runner:** Oh, so they are. Well, I'm not going to let that worry me.

**Chris:** Your pockets seem pretty full. What do you have in there?

**Runner:** [pulling items out] I've got a banana in case I get hungry, my iPod to listen to music, tissues, cell phone, wallet—and of course, bottles of water. No dehydration for me!

**Chris:** Yes, but they'll give you water along the course if you need it.

**Runner:** But who knows what it will taste like? I'd rather have my own.

**Chris:** So have you completed many of these races in the past?

**Runner:** I've certainly started a lot of them. But then I get tired or discouraged, so I drop out.

**Chris:** So . . . how do you think you're going to do today?

**Runner:** My coach thinks I have a good chance.

**Chris:** You have a coach? How many races has your coach completed?

**Runner:** One—which is one more than I have.

**Chris:** I wish you well. Hope to see you at the finish line.

**Runner:** I hope you do too!

**Chris:** This is Chris Combs reporting for WRUN. Back to you, Roger.



## RUNNER'S CHECKLIST

In completing a race, preparation and the right mental attitude can be an important part in one's success. Complete the following checklist to evaluate how ready you are to run the race of life. For each one that you can't check off, write something you could do to be better prepared.



- \_\_\_1. I have laid aside every weight and sin that could slow me down. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_2. I am determined to run the race to the end. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_3. I keep my eyes on Jesus and use his example to inspire me. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_4. I accept God's chastening, knowing it shows he loves me. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_5. I remind myself of God's promise to bring good out of evil. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_6. When I start to get discouraged, I lift up my hands to God. \_\_\_\_\_

# OLD BECOMES NEW

Today's text in Revelation 21 is all about God making everything new. Use the clues below to change the word *OLD* into the word *NEW*, changing only one letter from the line just above it.

O	L	D	
__	__	__	Spanish exclamation for "Hurray!"
__	__	__	What mineral miners seek
__	__	__	What ants eat at a picnic
__	__	__	A cereal grain
__	__	__	What baseball hitters need
__	__	__	A gamble
__	__	__	Take-home pay
N	E	W	

Be certain: God can make everything new as easily as you can do this puzzle!

# SOMETHING NEW

All of the following texts speak of *something new*. For each, write the new thing. Decide whether the new thing is good or bad.

		GOOD	BAD
Exodus 1:8	_____	_____	_____
Psalms 33:3	_____	_____	_____
Ezekiel 11:19	_____	_____	_____
Mark 14:24	_____	_____	_____
Acts 17:19	_____	_____	_____
Acts 17:21	_____	_____	_____
2 Corinthians 5:17	_____	_____	_____
Revelation 2:17	_____	_____	_____

Which of these texts means the most to you? Express your thanks to God for that "new thing."

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## WRITE!

In today's text John is simply told to "Write." All he sees and hears is noteworthy! Write five key truths from what you see and hear from Revelation 21, truths you can share with a friend or acquaintance this week

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

# OLD JERUSALEM

The city that came to be called Jerusalem and still exists in the modern nation of Israel is well-known and recognized. Use your Bible and other resources to decide whether each of the following statements is true or false.



- \_\_\_ 1. Ancient Jerusalem, in Jesus' times, was only a mile or two square.
- \_\_\_ 2. The temples built by Solomon, Ezra, and Herod were the focal point of the city.
- \_\_\_ 3. Until David chose the site as his capital, Mount Zion had been a sheep-grazing, wine-growing hillside.
- \_\_\_ 4. Jerusalem was traditionally a walled city, for the purpose of defense.
- \_\_\_ 5. From early centuries Jerusalem was one of the most heavily populated cities.
- \_\_\_ 6. From the earliest times, Jerusalem was a holy city dedicated to the worship of God.

# NEW JERUSALEM



Look at the image of an artist's depiction of a scene from today's text. What do you see that "looks right"? What was the artist unable to capture?

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## THERE IS A RIVER

Rivers are critical to earthly life. The picture of life in Heaven is also one of dependence on a river.

What river is indicated in each of the following texts? How does each play a role in God’s overall plan of redemption?

SCRIPTURE	RIVER INDICATED	ROLE IN GOD’S PLAN
Genesis 2:8-15		
Exodus 7:19, 20		
2 Kings 5:9-14		
Psalms 137:1-4		
Ezekiel 1:1-3		
Matthew 3:13-17		
John 7:37-39		
Acts 16:11-15		
Revelation 22:1, 2		

## JUST THE OPPOSITE

The earth has innumerable worn and noxious, even deadly, elements. The new earth and heavens have just the opposite. What do you find in today’s text in Revelation 22 that is—in some sense—“just the opposite” of each of the following earth elements?



A Sludge Pond

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A Dilapidated, Bug-Infested Sofa

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Ski-Masked Terrorists

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Big Ben Clock of London

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Poison Ivy

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Polluting Power Plants

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A Buckeye Tree Filled with Nuts

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A Foul-Mouthed Comedian

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# I KNOW HE'S COMING

The anticipation of God's Messiah appears throughout the Scriptures. Many, even without a full understanding, express their hope and conviction that he will come, some thinking of his first coming, others of his second. Who expresses that affirmation in each of the following texts?

Job 19:25-27 \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel 7:13, 14 \_\_\_\_\_

John 4:25 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 1:10, 11 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thessalonians 3:13 \_\_\_\_\_



*Now, if you have that same hope and conviction, write your name here:* \_\_\_\_\_



## SO BE IT!

The word *AMEN* is an expression of agreement and an appeal or prayer to bring truth to pass. Write AMEN to each of the following truths, but only if you agree and are eager to see it happen.

The Lord will reward each person according to his or her works. \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus was present at the beginning of time, Alpha; he will be present at the end, Omega. \_\_\_\_\_

Only those who obey his commandments have access to the tree of life. \_\_\_\_\_

The ones blessed by God will enter through the gates of the heavenly city. \_\_\_\_\_

Whoever accepts the Spirit's word will taste the water of life freely. \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord is coming quickly. \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson 1

*The Family Tree.* Matthew 1:5, 6; Luke 3:32.

*An Odd Zoo.* **Possible Answers:** Conficted felon and police officer; liberal and conservative; parents and wild teen; members of opposing football teams.

## Lesson 2

*God on the Mountain.* Answers may vary.

*Sound Familiar?* **Suggested Answers:** 1. Verse 9—to be glad and rejoice in God’s salvation; 2. Verse 6—the Lord’s feast; 3. Verse 8a—death is swallowed up in victory; 4. Verse 8b—God will wipe away all tears; 5. Verse 7—God will destroy the old order.

## Lesson 4

*Promises Fulfilled.* **Answers:** 1-B, 2-D, 3-F, 4-G, 5-I, 6-C, 7-A, 8-H, 9-J, 10-E.

## Lesson 5

*Identity of Jesus.*

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## Lesson 6

*Jesus Is Greater Than . . .* A-9, B-3, C-5, D-7, E-2, F-1, G-8, H-4, I-6.

## Lesson 7

*What Do You Know?* 1-True; 2-False; 3-True; 4-False; 5-False; 6-True; 7-False; 8-False.

## Lesson 8

*How Do They Compare?* (1) Abraham > Aaron; because Aaron descended from Abraham, and Abraham was greater in Israel’s history. (2) Melchizedek > Abraham; because Abraham paid tithes to and was blessed by Melchizedek, who was both a priest and king. (3) Old covenant < New covenant, because it was weak and was based on animal sacrifices and keeping the law rather than Jesus’ perfect sacrifice and God’s grace. (4) Jesus’ priesthood > Aaron’s priesthood, because Jesus is perfect and his priesthood is eternal; he always lives to make intercession for us.

## Lesson 10

*Old Becomes New.* ole, ore, ort, oat, bat, bet, net.

*Something New.* New king over Egypt; new song; new spirit in them; new covenant; new teaching; latest ideas; new creation; new name written.

## Lesson 11

*Old Jerusaelm.* 1. True; 2. True; 3. False; 4. True; 5. True; 6. True.

## Lesson 12

*There Is a River.* River Indicated: Pishon, Gihon, Tigris, Euphrates; the Nile; Jordan, Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus; rivers of Babylon; Kebar; Jordan; rivers of living water; Philippi city gate to the river; the river of the water of life. **Role in God’s Plan:** Answers may vary.

*Just the Opposite.* Pure river; leaves for healing; throne of God; Lord’s light; Holy prophets; tree of life; no night; no “curse.”

## Lesson 13

*I Know He’s Coming.* Job; Daniel; Samaritan woman; two men dressed in white to Jesus’ followers; Paul.