



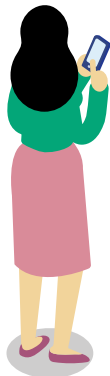
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Lesson 3: God Communicates With Us

Ways People Communicate



Learning Intentions

In this lesson you will be learning:



- God has communicated with people throughout human history.
- One of the ways in which God communicates with us is through the Bible.
- God wants us to know that he loves us.
- Jesus, the Son of God, came on earth as a human being to show us what the love of God is like.
- God continues to speak to us through people and events in our lives.

God Communicates With Us...

GOD



**Adam and Eve – Noah
Abraham – Moses – Prophets**

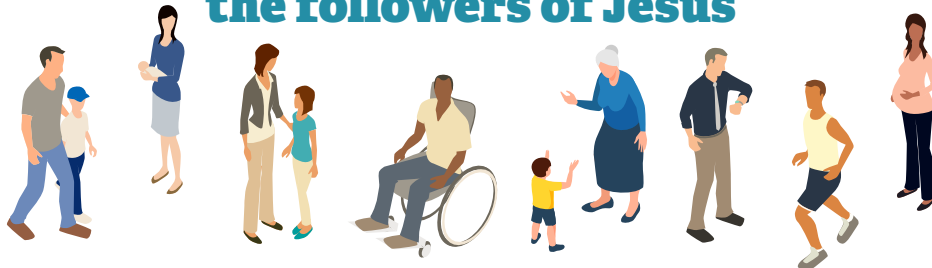


Jesus



CHRISTIANS

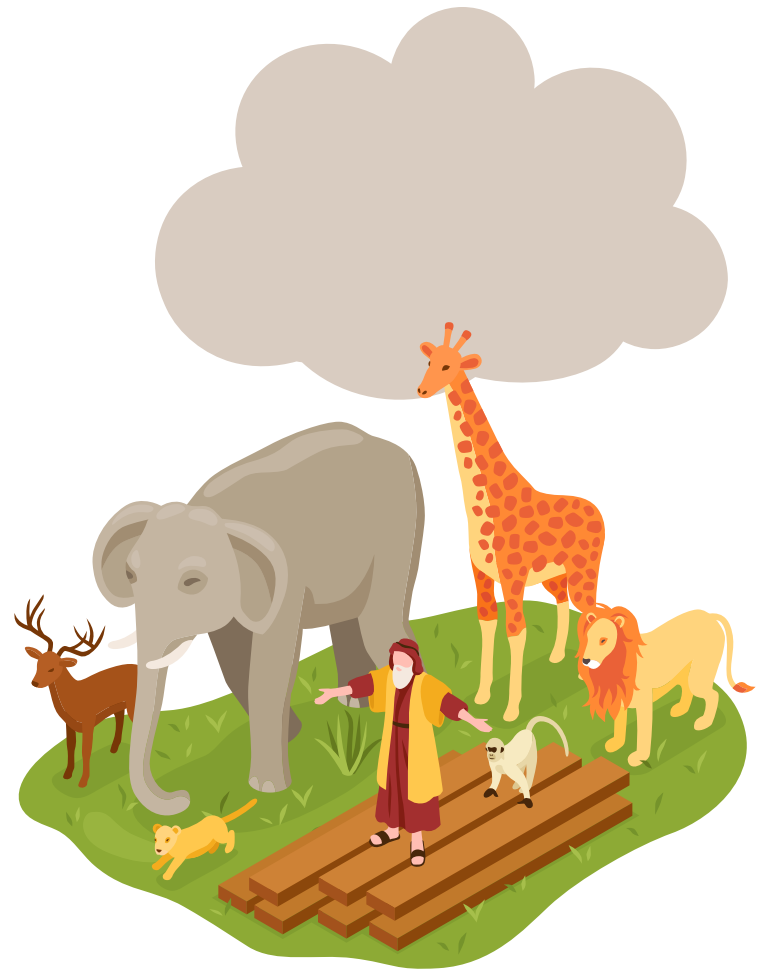
the followers of Jesus



- From the beginning of time, God has communicated with human beings.
- As God is not limited like a human being is, God is able to speak directly into the hearts of people.

God Communicates With Us...

- One of the ways in which God communicates with us is through the **Bible**. The Bible is God's Word. It is the sacred text for all Christians.
- We have all heard stories from the Bible about how God communicated with Adam and Eve, our first parents; with Noah, who saved the people and animals from the Great Flood; and with Abraham, whom God invited to become the leader of a great nation of people called the **Israelites**, or God's **Chosen People**.



God Communicates With Us...



- We have also heard about how God inspired other great leaders such as Moses and the **prophets** to remind the people of how God wanted them to live.
- While some people listened to these and other stories about God and responded with love and courage to how God was calling them to live, others ignored God's message and continued to live selfish lives.

Jesus, the Son of God

- As well as inspiring the writers of the sacred books of the Bible and the prophets to communicate his message, God also communicated with his people through his Son, Jesus.
- God sent Jesus to live among us as a human being.
- The purpose of Jesus' life, death and resurrection was to teach us about who God is and that God loves us. God wanted people to understand and follow the way of life that Jesus showed them.



Jesus, the Son of God

- The very first followers, or disciples, of Jesus were the twelve **apostles**. Out of their preaching the early Church developed, and the followers of Jesus eventually become known as **Christians**.
- There are over two billion Christians in the world today.



Mary, Mother of Jesus, Mother of God

God chose Mary, a young girl from Galilee, to be the mother of Jesus. The baby Jesus (God made flesh) was born in a humble stable in Bethlehem and raised by his mother Mary and his foster-father Joseph.



The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, 'Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!'

Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, 'Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end!'



The Annunciation



Mary said to the angel, 'I am a virgin. How, then, can this be?'

The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God. Remember your relative Elizabeth. It is said that she cannot have children, but she herself is now six months pregnant, even though she is very old. For there is nothing that God cannot do.'

'I am the Lord's servant,' said Mary; 'may it happen to me as you have said.' And the angel left her.

God Calls Us Too ...

Just as God called Mary, God calls us, too, to live in the way Jesus showed us.

We can share God's love with others through our words and actions.

Pope Francis offers us this advice:

'Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord.'



A time to pray

Sign of the Cross

Teacher

The angel of the Lord declared unto
Mary ...

All

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary ...

Teacher

Behold the handmaid of the Lord ...

All

Be it done unto me according to thy
Word.
Hail Mary ...

Teacher

And the Word was made flesh ...

All

And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary ...

Teacher

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God ...

All

That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

Teacher

Lord, fill our hearts with your love,
and as you revealed to us by an angel
the coming of your Son as man,
so lead us through his suffering and
death
to the glory of his resurrection,
for he lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

