SESSION 3

Jesus Reveals God to Us

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Unit 1, Session 3.

God promised Abraham that he would always be his God and that his descendants would be his people. Because of this Covenant, the Chosen People were set apart to have a special relationship with God.

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God chose Abraham to become the father of a great nation. God revealed himself through his covenants with the Israelites, his Chosen People.

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The Gospel of Matthew begins with Jesus' genealogy. God worked through Jesus' ancestors to prepare them for the Salvation that Jesus would bring.

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God gave Moses the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. These rules sum up God's Law and show us what is required to love God and our neighbor.

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God's Covenant with Abraham spans 42 generations, including Abraham's son Isaac and Isaac's son Jacob. Jacob's 12 sons became the 12 tribes of Israel. God gave his Law, the Ten Commandments, to Moses. King David was the greatest king. King Solomon built a Temple in Jerusalem. The genealogy ends with Joseph.

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Jesus fulfills the Revelation of God found in the Old Testament. Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises made to Moses.

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Revelation is God's communication of himself over many centuries. PAGE 22

At the Last Supper, Jesus explained to the Apostles that he was the New Covenant. His blood would be shed for us.

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When Adam and Eve lost their battle with temptation and ate the fruit, they broke their agreement with God. This resulted in all their descendants being born with Original Sin.

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In Jesus we see that God's family is for all people. Jesus' forgiveness of those who had a conversion of heart demonstrates the mystery of God's infinite love for us.

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