

TIMELINE SUNDAY – 13 ERA OVERVIEW

CREATION – *hands up and wide arch out*

- MAIN PERSON: Adam
- SUMMARY: Creation – Fall – Flood
- VISUAL: Flashlight
- TEACHING POINT: Our perfect and holy God created Adam, Eve and the whole world. However, Adam and Eve chose to sin and so were separated from God. This didn't surprise God and He started His plan in motion to save the whole world.



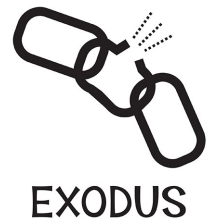
PATRIARCH – *stroking your beard*

- MAIN PERSON: Abraham
- SUMMARY: God makes promises
- Visual: beard
- TEACHING POINT: God chose a man named Abraham to start a very special family He'd use in His great rescue plan. Abraham's family grew and grew and eventually moved to a country called Egypt.



EXODUS – *marching*

- MAIN PERSON: Moses
- SUMMARY: Delivered from slavery & given the law
- VISUAL: map
- TEACHING POINT: While in Egypt the Israelites became slaves. God used Moses to lead the people out of Egypt and into the wilderness. Also, because God loved them so much, He gave them the law that showed them how they could live holy lives. One day a Messiah will come to fulfill the law and be the perfect sacrifice for our sins.



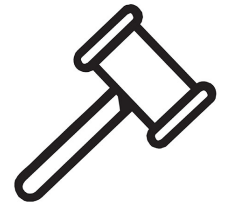
CONQUEST – *fists up ready to fight*

- MAIN PERSON: Joshua
- SUMMARY: Conquer Canaan & have a new home
- VISUAL: sword
- TEACHING POINT: God led Israel into the land He promised them but people already lived there. Joshua led them as they fought for their land and God gave them miraculous victories. Eventually Israelites made their home in the Promised Land.



JUDGES – fist like gavel in your hand

- MAIN PERSON: Gideon
- SUMMARY: Cycles of sin, discipline, repentance, deliverance
- VISUAL: gavel
- TEACHING POINT: God used judges like Gideon to rule over the people for 400 years. The people sinned so God disciplined them because He loved them. They repented and God delivered them... seven times. Instead of letting God be their true and perfect king, Israel rebelled and decided they wanted to be like everyone else and asked God for human king.



JUDGES

KINGDOM – crown on your head

- MAIN PERSON: David
- SUMMARY: Israel gets a king but the country divides
- VISUAL: crown
- TEACHING POINT: God set up a kingdom and the best king Israel ever had was King David. God promised David that some day, someone from his family would rule forever and rescue His people. After David, the people fought with each other and Israel divided into two kingdoms, Judah and Israel.



KINGDOM

EXILE – hands behind your back

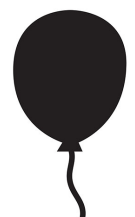
- MAIN PERSON: Daniel
- SUMMARY: Israel is conquered
- VISUAL: suitcase
- TEACHING POINT: Despite God's faithfulness, Israel chose to turn away from Him. Just like your parents give you consequences when you disobey, Israel's consequence for sinning against God was being conquered and sent away from home.



EXILE

RETURN – waving hands, celebrating

- MAIN PERSON: Nehemiah
- SUMMARY: Return to Jerusalem & rebuild
- VISUAL: tools
- TEACHING POINT: God allowed Israel to return to their land and He used people like Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple where they worshipped God. However, they would not get to be a kingdom again but would still be ruled by other countries.



RETURN

SILENCE – *shushing*

- MAIN PERSON: Pharisees
- SUMMARY: Greeks & Romans rule Israel
- VISUAL: book
- TEACHING POINT: We have no books of the bible from this time because God did not talk to His people thru prophets for 400 years. During this time the people hoped for a Messiah/hero who would come and rescue them. Their hero would come, but not in the way they expected.



SILENCE

GOSPELS – *forearms in shape of a cross*

- MAIN PERSON: Jesus
- SUMMARY: Jesus fulfills the OT, is crucified, buried and resurrected
- TEACHING POINT: Jesus came to fulfill all of God's promises as savior of the world. He performed many miracles, preached about the kingdom of God and offered forgiveness from sins. Some followed Him but others rejected Him. He was crucified and buried but came to life again the 3rd day... just like God promised from the very beginning!



GOSPELS

CHURCH – *arms form steeple in front of chest*

- MAIN PERSON: Peter
- SUMMARY: Holy Spirit comes & the church is born
- TEACHING POINT: After Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit came to all the believers and gave them courage and ability to spread the Good News of Jesus to others. God used Peter to lead and grow the new church in Jerusalem and throughout Israel.



CHURCH

MISSIONS – *big circle over your head*

- MAIN PERSON: Paul
- SUMMARY: Gospel preached throughout the world
- TEACHING POINT: God chose Paul to take the Gospel to the Gentiles throughout the Roman Empire. Although the believers were persecuted for following Jesus, they continued to spread the message of salvation to the whole world. It came all the way to us!



MISSIONS

FUTURE – *looking into the distance*

- MAIN PERSON: God
- SUMMARY: Jesus will return, judge, rule, and make all things new
- TEACHING POINT: One day Jesus will return to judge the world and rule as king. Those who do not put their faith in Him will be separated from Him forever. Those who followed Him will get to be with God forever in the new heaven and new earth He will create. All God's promises will come true and He will make everything right and new!



FUTURE