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G2R God's Promises

**AMAZING AHA! MOMENTS DISCOVERING
GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE**



- Explores God's unfolding covenant promises to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David and their fulfillment in Jesus Christ
- Focuses on the why and how of God's unfolding covenant of grace
- Traces the gospel from the promised Seed in Genesis to Jesus, the Promised Messiah in the New Testament
- Emphasizes interactive discovery using the Bible as the primary source
- Encourages time alone in the Word using Aha! devotional booklet

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NEW TESTAMENT (4 STUDIES)



New Testament Leader's Guides

ESSENTIAL FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH Your students will ...

- Discover the unity of the Bible as they learn that covenant is an overarching theme of Scripture and shows God’s faithfulness, goodness, love, and grace
- Be directed to Jesus Christ as the One who fulfills all the requirements of the covenant
- Be better equipped as they grow in trusting and obeying God, serving him and others out of gratitude for his great salvation
- Be challenged to claim God’s promises for themselves



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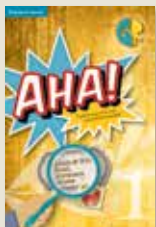
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Sessions at a Glance

G2R God's Promises:
Genesis–Exodus

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SESSION		AHA! <i>I will be your God, and you will be my people.</i>	SCRIPTURE
1	God Has Spoken	God has spoken, clearly revealing himself, and has not left his people to figure out life on their own.	Hebrews 1:1–2, Genesis 1:1, John 1:1, and various passages
2	Fast Forward through the Old Testament	The Old Testament records the historical unfolding of God's plan from Adam through Malachi, pointing to the promised Savior.	Genesis 3:15; Exodus 1–2 Isaiah 1, 53; Psalm 110
3	Fast Forward through the New Testament	The New Testament records the Promised Seed of the woman defeating the seed of the serpent, fulfilling God's covenant promise.	Genesis 3:15; Matthew 1:18–25; 4:1–11; Mark 15:21–39; and selected passages
4	A Biblical Covenant	A biblical covenant is a relationship God establishes with his people summed up in his promise: "I will be your God, and you will be my people."	Genesis 17:7; Exodus 6:7, 34:6; Leviticus 11:45, 26:12; and selected passages
5	The Covenant with Adam	God promised to send a Redeemer who would defeat Satan and win salvation for his people.	Genesis 1–3 Selected passages
6	The Covenant with Noah	God made a covenant with Noah never again to destroy the whole world and its inhabitants by a flood. God gave the covenant sign of a rainbow.	Genesis 4–11 Selected passages
7	The Covenant with Abraham, Part 1	Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous. God can be trusted to keep his promises because they are based on his faithful character and not on anything we do or fail to do.	Genesis 12–15
8	The Covenant with Abraham, Part 2	God emphasized his faithful character in various ways to reassure Abraham that all the divine promises would be fulfilled.	Genesis 16–21
9	God Provided a Sacrifice	Abraham's declaration that "God will provide for himself the lamb" pointed forward to Jesus, "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."	Genesis 22:1–19 Selected passages
10	God Confirmed His Covenant to Isaac and Jacob	God confirmed his covenant to Abraham's son Isaac and grandson Jacob. God chose Jacob, Isaac's younger son, to receive his covenant blessings and continue his plan to redeem his people, changing Jacob's character in the process.	Genesis 25–35 Selected passages
11	God Used Joseph to Preserve His Covenant People	God was always with Joseph, even when he suffered separation from his family, slavery, and prison. God used these events to preserve his covenant people.	Genesis 12, 37–50 Selected passages
12	God Chose Moses	God called and equipped Moses to lead his people and deliver them from slavery. Moses' weaknesses showed God's great power to fulfill his covenant promises.	Exodus 1–11 Selected passages
13	God Rescued the Israelites from Egypt	God made a distinction between the Egyptians and the Israelites by accepting a lamb—with its blood applied to the doorframe—as a substitute for the death of his covenant people's firstborn sons.	Exodus 12–15 Selected passages

1 God Has Spoken

- God has spoken to us in his Word, the Bible.
- The Bible is a covenant story—God's covenant of grace through Jesus Christ.

2 Fast Forward through the Old Testament *Overview of Old Testament*

3 Fast Forward through the New Testament *Overview of New Testament*

4 A Biblical Covenant

God is the One who

- initiates,
- establishes, and
- sustains

a covenant relationship with his people.

5 The Covenant with Adam

Covenant of Works (also called the Covenant of Life)

- [GOD SAID] You can eat of every tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In the day you eat of it you will die.

Covenant of Grace

- God will send a Redeemer who will defeat Satan and win salvation for his people.

6 The Covenant with Noah

- God was faithful to his promise and at work to save his people in the midst of great wickedness in the world.
- This salvation preserved the seed of the woman and judged the offspring of Satan.

7 The Covenant with Abraham, Part 1

God promised to give Abraham a land and many descendants, and to make him into a great nation and a blessing to all peoples.

- God sealed his covenant by passing through the cut pieces of animals, thereby guaranteeing that he would keep his promise.
- One of Abraham's descendants would be the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ, who would die on the cross to pay for our sin.

8 The Covenant with Abraham, Part 2

God promised to give Abraham a land and many descendants, and to make him into a great nation and a blessing to all peoples.

- God kept his promise to give Abraham a son in his old age, Isaac.
- God confirmed his covenant by giving Abraham the sign of circumcision.
- One of Abraham's and Isaac's descendants would be the promised Messiah, Jesus.

9 God Provided a Sacrifice

- God confirmed his covenant promises to Abraham to give him a land, many offspring, and make him a blessing to all the nations.
- Just as God provided a ram substitute for the sacrifice of Isaac, God provided Jesus as the substitute for us. He sacrificed his life to pay the penalty for our sin through death on the cross.
- God demonstrated his love for us by fulfilling his promise to send the Savior.

10 God Confirmed His Covenant to Isaac and Jacob

- God repeated—and continued to fulfill—the covenant promises he had made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, starting with possession of land in Canaan.
- God gave Jacob many descendants: 12 sons and a daughter.
- The blessing of the covenant (God's presence among his people) would arrive in the person of Jesus, from the line of Judah, one of Jacob's sons.

11 God Used Joseph to Preserve His Covenant People

- God intervenes in history to save his people by fulfilling his covenant promises.
- Joseph foreshadowed the Lord Jesus Christ, who came as a servant, perfectly obeyed his Father, suffered greatly, and gave his life to save his people from their sin. We see how Jesus fulfilled God's covenant promises to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and preserved his people through Joseph.

12 God Chose Moses

- God revealed to Abraham that his descendants would be slaves for 400 years but that God would rescue them and punish their captors.
- Even though we may become impatient as time passes, God always keeps his covenant promises in his time and in his way.

13 God Rescued the Israelites from Egypt

- God delivered Abraham's descendants from slavery and punished his enemy and theirs, keeping his covenant promise he had made centuries before.
- The Passover lamb pointed ahead to Jesus, the Lamb of God, whose blood covered our sins and decisively defeated his and our enemy, Satan.

Sessions at a Glance

G2R God's Promises:
Exodus–Joshua



SESSION		AHA! <i>I will be your God, and you will be my people.</i>	MAIN SCRIPTURE
1	God's Treasured People	God chose and redeemed his covenant people, calling them his treasured possession, a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. They were to obey his voice and keep his covenant.	Exodus 19 Exodus 20:1–2
2	The Covenant with Moses and God's People	The Ten Commandments reveal God's holy character and his will for his redeemed covenant people. They are to be obeyed for his glory and our good.	Exodus 20–23 Exodus 24:1–8
3	Moses: The Man in the Middle	God showed Israel mercy through Moses' mediation after they sinned by worshipping the golden calf.	Exodus 20:18–24 Exodus 32
4	The Tabernacle: God's Tent of Meeting	The tabernacle was a further unfolding of God's covenant of grace, in which he promised to be Israel's God and to dwell with them.	Exodus 25:8–9; 29:43–46 Exodus 33:1–17; 34:5–10 Exodus 40
5	The Great Day of Atonement	The Day of Atonement pictured the way God would remove the barrier of sin that separates people from him: the sacrifice of a perfect substitute.	Leviticus 16:11–22
6	God's Faithfulness to Grumbling Israel	The Israelites did not trust God, his promises, or his abundant provision for their every need, but instead rebelled against him.	Numbers 11
7	Two Believing and Ten Unbelieving Spies	Israel didn't trust God's promise that he would enable them to defeat the Canaanites and take the land. They rebelled against God and experienced his punishment.	Numbers 13–14
8	Korah's Rebellion	God punished rebels who opposed Moses and Aaron as God's chosen leaders.	Numbers 16–17
9	The Bronze Snake	God punished his grumbling, unbelieving people but showed mercy by curing those who looked up in faith at the bronze serpent.	Numbers 21:4–9
10	Joshua: Israel's New Leader	To prepare the Israelites for their new life, land, and Joshua as leader, God restated his central covenant promise: "I will not leave you or forsake you."	Deuteronomy 29:29; 30:8–20 Joshua 1:1–9; 3:9–4:9
11	Jericho: It's God's Battle!	When the Israelites trusted their almighty God and did exactly what he commanded, Jericho fell just as he had promised.	Joshua 2, 5–6
12	The Impact of Achan's Sin	Achan's covenant breaking angered God; God withheld covenant blessing until this sin was dealt with.	Joshua 7–8
13	Israel's Renewed Commitment to God	In his farewell address, Joshua called Israel to renew their covenant commitment to God.	Joshua 24:1–27

1 God's Treasured People

God prepared his people to receive his covenant with Moses:

- God set his people apart and told them to cleanse themselves.
- God is holy, and he calls his people to be holy.
- God initiates, establishes, and keeps his covenant promises.
- His covenant people have the privileges of God's covenant of grace as well as responsibilities to be faithful to him, obey his commands, and keep his covenant.

2 The Covenant with Moses and God's People

At Mount Sinai, God established his covenant with Israel, making them a nation and declaring Moses as the mediator of the covenant.

3 Moses: The Man in the Middle

Moses points us to Christ, the perfect Mediator, who is the ultimate fulfillment of God's covenant promise to deliver and be with his people.

4 The Tabernacle: God's Tent of Meeting

The tabernacle pointed forward to Jesus, who dwelt among his people when he came to earth, and the Holy Spirit, who dwells within believers now.

5 The Great Day of Atonement

The Day of Atonement foreshadowed the perfect atonement for sin that Jesus Christ would make on the cross as part of God's covenant of grace.

6 God's Faithfulness to Grumbling Israel

We have a covenant responsibility to thank God for providing for us—past, present, and future—and to remember his goodness to us every day.

7 Two Believing and Ten Unbelieving Spies

- Moses in his role as intercessor prefigured the final Priest, Jesus.
- Jesus faithfully represents us before his Father, knowing full well what temptations and challenges face us.
- The Father faithfully forgives those who confess their faithlessness.
- Even though we receive forgiveness when we repent, we do sometimes experience the consequences of our sin.

8 Korah's Rebellion

God leads his covenant people through the ministry of the officers and institutions he has established in his Word.

9 The Bronze Snake

In God's covenant of grace, those who look in faith to Jesus, who was lifted up on the cross to die for our sins, are saved.

10 Joshua: Israel's New Leader

- God continually reminds us of his covenant promises throughout the Bible.
- The heart of the covenant is the personal relationship the believer enjoys with God through Christ.

11 Jericho: It's God's Battle!

God gave Israel the Promised Land, just as he had promised in his covenant with Abraham.

12 The Impact of Achan's Sin

God's covenant of grace is corporate as well as individual. Therefore, the sin of one covenant member affects the whole community.

13 Israel's Renewed Commitment to God

God renews his covenant with his people in worship in order to encourage them to trust and serve their covenant-keeping God.

Sessions at a Glance

God's Promises:
Judges–1 Kings

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SESSION		AHA! <i>I will be your God, and you will be my people.</i>	MAIN SCRIPTURE
1	Remember God's Covenant Promises	God's covenant of grace was promised to Adam and Eve, extended to Noah, pledged to Abraham, and expanded to Moses. Little by little, God unfolded his plan to redeem his people.	Genesis 3, 6–9, 12–17 Exodus 20, 32, 34 Joshua 1, 4
2	God Sent Judges to Rescue His People	God repeatedly sent judges to rescue his unfaithful people when they cried out for help because he is merciful and faithful to his covenant.	Judges 1–2
3	Deborah and Barak Went to Battle	When the Israelites cried out to God in their fear, he emboldened Deborah and Barak to trust him and defeat their enemy.	Judges 4–5
4	Gideon: God's Warrior	God empowered a weak person, Gideon, to do his will.	Judges 6–7
5	God's Faithfulness in Spite of Samson's Sinfulness	God used a morally weak but physically strong man—Samson—to do his will.	Judges 13–16
6	Ruth's Kinsman-Redeemer	God demonstrated the extent of his covenant love by uniting the foreigner Ruth with his covenant people and blessing all nations through her descendants.	Book of Ruth
7	Samuel: The Last Judge	As the last judge, Samuel delivered Israel through the spiritual power of repentance and prayer in obedience to God's covenant.	1 Samuel 1–7
8	Israel Demanded a King	As the last judge and the first prophet, Samuel insisted that Israel's kings were representatives under God's authority.	1 Samuel 8–12
9	King Saul	God rejected Saul as king because he rejected God's covenant and chose to pursue his own ideas rather than to obey God's commands.	1 Samuel 13–15
10	David's Early Years	David suffered persecution while he waited in faith for God to make him king.	1 Samuel 16–23, 24, 26
11	God's Covenant with David	David wanted to build a physical house for God, but God promised to build an everlasting kingdom for David.	2 Samuel 7
12	David's Sin and Repentance	Even though God forgave David and preserved his covenant with him, David had to endure the consequences of his sin.	2 Samuel 12, 15–18, 23–24
13	God Confirmed His Covenant with Solomon	God confirmed his covenant with David's son Solomon even though he and succeeding kings failed to keep God's covenant.	1 Kings 4–11

<p>1 Remember God's Covenant Promises God revealed his character of steadfast love to his covenant people through his promises and gracious acts of redemption, mercy, provision, judgment, and discipline.</p>	<p>8 Israel Demanded a King God was preparing his people for the coming of the perfect Covenant Keeper and King through the kings he chose to rule Israel.</p>
<p>2 God Sent Judges to Rescue His People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God promises, "I will never break my covenant with you." • God is faithful even when his people are faithless and disobedient. • His discipline intends to move us to repentance and restored covenant fellowship. 	<p>9 King Saul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After Saul, God would raise up another king, one after his own heart, to establish Israel's throne. • Being in covenant relationship with God means that we enjoy his covenant love and desire to serve our merciful King.
<p>3 Deborah and Barak Went to Battle God displayed his covenant commitment to be with his people in fearful times as well as good.</p>	<p>10 David's Early Years God always keeps his covenant promises. We are to wait on his timing and trust his ways.</p>
<p>4 Gideon: God's Warrior God calls and equips all his covenant people, in spite of their weaknesses, to serve him in some capacity by the power of his Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>11 God's Covenant with David God's covenant promise to David had both an immediate fulfillment and a future one. It contained three promises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>God would establish a house—a kingdom or dynasty—for David.</i> • <i>One of David's sons would be the next king.</i> • <i>David's kingdom would last forever.</i>
<p>5 God's Faithfulness in Spite of Samson's Sinfulness No ordinary man, not even one with Samson's spectacular gifts, could fulfill God's covenant promise to decisively and permanently save his people.</p>	<p>12 David's Sin and Repentance God's covenant promises are fulfilled despite the sins of his covenant people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By God's grace, David moved the Israelites forward by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>acquiring more of the Promised Land,</i> > <i>organizing the tribes into a nation, and</i> > <i>making preparations for the temple.</i> • David's greater Son, Jesus, would successfully fulfill his calling as the Final Temple.
<p>6 Ruth's Kinsman-Redeemer In the story of Ruth, God confirmed that he would bless all the nations through his covenant promises to Abraham.</p>	<p>13 God Confirmed His Covenant with Solomon Jesus is the descendant of David and Solomon God promised to send. He is the perfect King who kept the Law for us and died to bear the penalty for our sin.</p>

Sessions at a Glance

God's Promises:
1 Kings–Malachi

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SESSION		AHA! <i>I will be your God, and you will be my people.</i>	MAIN SCRIPTURE
1	The Kingdom Divided	God punished Jeroboam for his covenant breaking and showed grace to Rehoboam, ensuring that his promise to David would be fulfilled.	1 Kings 11–14
2	Prophet Elijah vs. King Ahab	God sent Elijah the prophet to demonstrate that God is the true and living God who is all-powerful and faithful to his covenant promises.	1 Kings 17–19
3	Elisha: Prophet of Mercy	Elisha was God's representative to speak his powerful word and demonstrate his mercy.	2 Kings 2:19–22; 4; 6:1–7
4	King Jehu in Israel	Although Jehu obeyed God by destroying Ahab's dynasty, he was not careful to keep God's covenant with all his heart.	2 Kings 9–10, 17
5	King Joash in Judah	King Joash served the Lord, but when priest Jehoiada died, Joash turned to idols.	2 Chronicles 22:10–24:25 2 Kings 11:17
6	Immanuel: God with Us	God revealed specifics about the Messiah's birth through his prophets: a son, born of a virgin, in the town of Bethlehem, Immanuel his name, meaning "God with us."	Isaiah 7:1–14, 17 Micah 5:2
7	Isaiah Prophesied the Messiah's Coming	Isaiah prophesied the birth of a child who would be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.	Isaiah 9:1–7
8	Hezekiah's Prayer	Hezekiah turned to the Lord in his distress, and God answered his prayer because he remembered his covenant with David.	Isaiah 36–37 2 Kings 18:1–8
9	The Suffering Servant	The prophet Isaiah described the coming Messiah as One who would be wounded for our transgressions.	Isaiah 52:13–53:12
10	God's Sovereignty in Daniel's Life	God demonstrated his sovereignty over Daniel, people, and history.	Book of Daniel
11	Daniel's Prayer	Daniel confessed the sins of his people and prayed for mercy. God heard Daniel's prayer and reassured him of his great love.	Daniel 9
12	God Returned His People to the Promised Land	God kept his promise to return a remnant of his people to the Promised Land.	Ezra 1
13	The New Covenant	Jeremiah and Ezekiel prophesied that God would make a new covenant with his people, put his Spirit within them, and give them a new heart.	Jeremiah 31:31–34 Ezekiel 36:24–29a

1 The Kingdom Divided

Dividing the kingdom was God's punishment for sin, but sparing Judah ensured that his covenant with David would be fulfilled.

2 Prophet Elijah vs. King Ahab

Through his mighty word and deeds, God judges sin and turns the hearts of his people back to himself, fulfilling his covenant promises.

3 Elisha: Prophet of Mercy

Elisha's miracles of mercy demonstrated God's power over disease, nature, sin, and Satan—all of which culminated in the ministry of the Messiah promised in Genesis 3:15.

4 King Jehu in Israel

- God's covenant involves blessing for those who keep his covenant and judgment for those who do not.
- Jesus kept the covenant for those who put their trust in him. He died to forgive their sin, and they will not suffer God's eternal punishment.

5 King Joash in Judah

God defeated Satan's plans by keeping his covenant promise that a descendant of David would always be on the throne.

6 Immanuel: God with Us

Immanuel means "God with us," fulfilling the promise to Abraham that "I will be your God, and you will be my people."

7 Isaiah Prophesied the Messiah's Coming

God promised that the everlasting King would be one of David's descendants, and would rule his kingdom forever with justice and righteousness.

8 Hezekiah's Prayer

- God answers the prayers of his people because he remembers his covenant with them.
- He is all-powerful and answers our prayers in his own time and way—for our good and his glory.

9 The Suffering Servant

- God was unfolding more details about the Messiah's suffering to pay for our sin and defeat Satan, just as he had promised in Genesis 3:15.
- Jesus fulfilled all that was prophesied.

10 God's Sovereignty in Daniel's Life

God's sovereignty is at the heart of God's covenant of grace and his promises. He does all his will on heaven and earth.

11 Daniel's Prayer

Daniel understood God's special relationship to his people, so he prayed to the Lord with absolute confidence, trusting in his covenant-keeping God.

12 God Returned His People to the Promised Land

God always remembers and fulfills his covenant promises even if his people don't remember him.

13 The New Covenant

Jesus fulfilled God's promise to make a new covenant with his people.

Sessions at a Glance

God's Promises Fulfilled:
Matthew

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SESSION		AHA! <i>I will be your God, and you will be my people.</i>	SCRIPTURE
1	Immanuel: The Heart of the Covenant	Jesus' birth fulfilled God's promise to send the Messiah to save us from our sin.	Matthew 1
2	Birthplace of the Messiah	Matthew cited Old Testament passages in his account of Jesus' early life to show that Jesus is the promised Messiah.	Matthew 2
3	John the Baptist Prepared the Way	As prophesied, God sent John the Baptist to call sinners to repent.	Matthew 3
4	The Son of Man Passed the Test	By quoting God's Word, Jesus resisted temptation, proving that he is the obedient Son of God.	Matthew 4
5	The Beatitudes	The Beatitudes describe the blessings, character, and lifestyle of those who follow Christ.	Matthew 5:1-17
6	Jesus Fulfilled the Law	In describing the true character and lifestyle of the citizens of his kingdom, Jesus taught that obeying God goes deeper than outward actions; it is a matter of the heart as well.	Matthew 5:17-48
7	Practical Covenant Living	Jesus instructed his covenant people that Christian living in his kingdom stems from love.	Matthew 6-7
8	Jesus Is the Promised Messiah	Jesus demonstrated he is the promised Messiah through his miracles that fulfilled prophecies and promises of the Old Testament.	Matthew 8-12
9	The Parables of Jesus	Jesus surprised his disciples and others by using parables to describe the kingdom of heaven.	Matthew 13:1-52
10	Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus	Jesus foretold his death and resurrection several times while on his journey from Galilee to Jerusalem.	Matthew 14-26
11	Jesus, Our Passover Lamb	After Jesus had foretold his death many times, he prepared to give his life as the perfect Passover Lamb.	Matthew 21, 26
12	Jesus' Crucifixion	Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures foretelling his punishment for our sin.	Matthew 26-27
13	Jesus' Resurrection	Jesus rose from the dead, just as he promised. Jesus has commissioned us to tell others the good news and has promised to always be with us.	Matthew 27-28

1 Immanuel: The Heart of the Covenant

- God's covenant of grace to redeem his people was fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
- Jesus Christ, our Prophet, Priest, and King, serves as the mediator between God and man.

2 Birthplace of the Messiah
Jesus is the Christ, the Savior the Jews had been longing for.

3 John the Baptist Prepared the Way

- John the Baptist was the last Old Testament prophet.
- Although sinless, Jesus was baptized to identify with his people. God gave his seal of approval when he said Jesus is his beloved Son.
- John proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven was at hand because God's king—promised long ago to David—had arrived.

4 The Son of Man Passed the Test

- Jesus demonstrated that he was the perfect Covenant Keeper by resisting temptation and obeying his Father.
- Through Jesus, God kept his promise to Abraham to bless all the nations.

5 The Beatitudes

- Jesus fulfilled the Law and the Prophets, the Scriptures of the Old Testament, by coming as the promised Messiah-King as God had promised.
- Jesus established the New Covenant in the kingdom of God and taught how its citizens should live.

6 Jesus Fulfilled the Law
In the covenant of grace, God promised Adam, Abraham, Moses, and David that he would send the Deliverer, Jesus, and

- bless all nations through him,
- give his covenant people instructions on holy living, and
- rule over his people as the perfect Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 Practical Covenant Living

- God's people continually failed to obey God's commands from the beginning.
- Nevertheless, throughout the Law and Prophets—the Old Testament—God promised to send the Deliverer for his covenant people.
- In God's covenant of grace, Jesus bore the penalty for covenant breakers, conquered death, and sent his Spirit to enable his redeemed people to serve him.

8 Jesus Is the Promised Messiah

- Jesus referred to Isaiah's prophecy when he told parables to describe the kingdom of heaven.
- Responses to Jesus' message were similar to the responses of the people to Isaiah's message. Some would see, hear, and understand, and others would reject him and his kingdom.

9 The Parables of Jesus

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10 Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

- Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah promised in the Old Testament.
- Jesus revealed what must happen to him so that he could bear the sin of covenant breakers.
- As promised in the covenant with Abraham, the Gentiles were beginning to experience the blessings of Abraham.
- Those who follow Christ must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him.

11 Jesus, Our Passover Lamb
The Passover in Exodus foreshadowed Christ's sacrifice on the cross for covenant breakers.

12 Jesus' Crucifixion

- Jesus fulfilled the very first promise of God to defeat the seed of the serpent, Satan.
- As covenant breakers, we deserve death. Jesus, as the perfect covenant keeper, bore the penalty we deserved.
- Jesus is our perfect Prophet, Priest, and King.

13 Jesus' Resurrection

- Matthew gave convincing proof that Jesus is the Messiah God promised.
- God's promise to Abraham to bless all the nations continues to be fulfilled today as we tell the good news to the world.

Sessions at a Glance

God's Promises Fulfilled:
Luke

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SESSION		AHA! <i>I will be your God, and you will be my people.</i>	SCRIPTURE
1	The Births of John the Baptist and Jesus Foretold	Mary and Zechariah praised God for fulfilling his promises to send the Savior.	Luke 1
2	Jesus Is Both Human and Divine	Jesus is both human and divine. Born in Bethlehem, he grew up as a normal Jewish boy. Witnesses testified that Jesus is also divine, the Savior God promised throughout the Old Testament.	Luke 2–3
3	Jesus Began His Ministry	Jesus came to call sinners to repentance and to proclaim good news to the poor, the captives, the blind, and the oppressed.	Luke 4–5
4	Responding with Faith	Jesus' actions reassured John the Baptist's doubts about him as the Messiah. Jesus pointed to the importance of repentance and faith with everyone he encountered.	Luke 7–8
5	The Cost of Following Jesus	Jesus foretold his death and resurrection, revealed his glory, and told us to take up our cross daily and follow him.	Luke 9
6	Loving, Living, and Listening	Jesus teaches us to love God, show mercy, rejoice in our salvation, and prioritize listening to him in his Word.	Luke 10
7	Praying Like Jesus	By teaching us to address God as "our Father," Jesus assures us of God's loving care for us.	Luke 11
8	Seeking the Lost	Three of Jesus' parables teach key lessons about our loving heavenly Father who seeks, saves, and forgives the lost.	Luke 15
9	Money Matters	Jesus taught about covenant living by exhorting his followers to be honest and generous with money, forgive others, obey God, and thank him wholeheartedly.	Luke 16–17
10	All for Jesus	Jesus, the Son of Man, came to seek and save the lost.	Luke 18–19
11	Jesus Confirmed the New Covenant	Jesus crowns God's covenant of grace by establishing the New Covenant in his blood.	Luke 22
12	Jesus Suffered the Covenant Curse	Jesus endured wrongful accusations and severe torment when he headed to the cross to atone for our sins.	Luke 23
13	Jesus Our Living Savior	Luke purposed to give an accurate and orderly account of Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension in order to convince Theophilus that the things he had been taught about the Messiah were certain.	Luke 24

1 **The Births of John the Baptist and Jesus Foretold**

- Mary filled her song with references to the Psalms and other Scriptures in which God revealed his plan of redemption.
- In his prophecy, Zechariah referred to Old Testament promises to be fulfilled with the Savior's arrival and his forerunner, John, the prophet of the Most High.

2 **Jesus Is Both Human and Divine**
God sent John the Baptist as the promised messenger to prepare the way of the Lord. Jesus is the promised Savior who fulfills all the foreshadowing in the Old Testament.

3 **Jesus Began His Ministry**

- When Jesus read Isaiah 61:1–2 in the synagogue on the Sabbath, he said, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”
- Jesus himself confirmed that he is the Messiah, the Anointed One, promised in the covenant of grace as far back as Genesis 3:15.

4 **Responding with Faith**

- Jesus demonstrated that he is the One who fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy.
- Jesus brought healing, deliverance, and good news to both Jews and Gentiles to fulfill God's covenant promise to Abraham that through his offspring, all nations would be blessed.

5 **The Cost of Following Jesus**

- In the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah talked with Jesus concerning the salvation he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem.
- Moses and Elijah represented God's gracious covenant and his people's covenant breaking. Jesus would bear the covenant curse and ensure the covenant blessings.
- God spoke, confirming that Jesus is his Son, his Chosen One, and commanded us to listen to him now in his Word, the Bible.

6 **Loving, Living, and Listening**
Jesus said his disciples were blessed because they were experiencing what had been promised to—and not seen by—the Old Testament prophets and kings.

7 **Praying Like Jesus**

- God's covenant of grace promises mercy to those who repent of their sin and trust in Jesus.
- When God announced the covenant of grace, he promised that a descendent of Eve would crush the head of Satan (Gen. 3:15).
- Jesus demonstrated he is that promised Savior by casting out a demon. Jesus was beginning to attack Satan, disarm him, and overpower him.

8 **Seeking the Lost**

- God describes himself as merciful, gracious, slow to anger, and forgiving to the Israelites who broke his covenant (Ex. 34:6–7).
- Jesus' parables also reveal God's character of love, grace, and mercy and his heart to seek and save the lost.
- God sent Jesus to show God's love and compassion. He would seek the lost, die, and rise from the dead to bring them into God's kingdom.

9 **Money Matters**

- Jesus explained that the ethical commands of the Old Covenant continue into the New Covenant—in particular, how to use money.
- The Samaritan's response showed that God was fulfilling his promise to Abraham to bless all nations.

10 **All for Jesus**
All through the Old Testament God promised to send the Messiah who would save his people from their sin. Jesus stated that this is his purpose as the Messiah.

11 **Jesus Confirmed the New Covenant**

- The new covenant in Jesus' blood is God fulfilling his covenant of redemption.
- Jesus stated that he will take his place at God's right hand, the rule promised in God's covenant to King David's descendant.

12 **Jesus Suffered the Covenant Curse**

- God's promise in Genesis 3:15 meant that Satan would inflict injury on Jesus but that Jesus would deal the final blow to Satan.
- Jesus bore the covenant curse of death that his people deserved and gave them eternal life.

13 **Jesus Our Living Savior**
When Jesus said that gospel blessings “would be proclaimed in his name to all nations” (Luke 24:47), he was explaining how he would fulfill the covenant promise to Abraham that through a descendant of his, “all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (Gen. 12:3).

Sessions at a Glance

God's Promises Fulfilled:
Acts

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SESSION		AHA! <i>I will be your God, and you will be my people.</i>	SCRIPTURE
1	The Continuing Ministry of Jesus	Jesus told his disciples to wait for the promised Holy Spirit, who would empower them to be his witnesses.	Acts 1
2	The Promised Holy Spirit	The Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost, and over 3,000 responded to Peter's challenge to repent of their sin, trust in Jesus as Lord and Christ, and be baptized.	Acts 2:1–41
3	Jesus, the Author of Life	Just as the prophets foretold, God sent Jesus—the Author of life and God's Holy and Righteous One—to blot out the sins of those who repent and put their faith in Christ alone for salvation.	Acts 3
4	No Other Name	There is no other name except the name of Jesus by which we must be saved.	Acts 4:1–31
5	God's Great Grace and Generosity	The early church learned that God generously gives grace and makes gospel proclamation succeed. He is to be feared and his Word is unstoppable.	Acts 4:32–5:42
6	Stephen, Martyr for Christ	Because Stephen served Jesus and was filled with the Holy Spirit, he was able to speak for Jesus and face suffering as Jesus did.	Acts 6–7
7	Philip, the Ethiopian, and Saul	Philip knew how to declare the good news about Jesus from the Old Testament Scriptures. God transformed Saul from a Christ hater to a Christ lover.	Acts 8:26–9:31
8	The Gospel Goes to the Gentiles	God often used persecution to spread the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles beyond Jerusalem into Judea, Samaria, and the wider world.	Acts 10–13 (selected passages)
9	Jews and Gentiles in One Family	James quoted Amos to prove that Gentiles can enter God's kingdom. Paul reasoned from the Old Testament Scriptures to prove, explain, and proclaim that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah God had promised to send.	Acts 15 and 17 (selected passages)
10	God's Presence and Protection	God promised Paul his presence, protection, and providential care. Paul set his priorities in order to finish his ministry well.	Acts 18–20 (selected passages)
11	Paul Defended the Gospel	Paul eagerly defended himself before all accusers because it gave him opportunity to tell others about his living Savior.	Acts 21–24 (selected passages)
12	Paul on Trial	Paul's passion, even when unfairly judged and imprisoned, was to testify that Christ was the Messiah God had promised to send.	Acts 24–26 (selected passages)
13	Persevere in the Gospel	Through all his difficult circumstances, Paul trusted God and persevered in telling people about Jesus.	Acts 27–28 (selected passages)

1 **The Continuing Ministry of Jesus**

- Acts records the continuing work of Jesus through his Spirit-filled disciples.
- Acts details God's unfolding plan of redemption, linking the Old Testament promises to their fulfillment in the New.

2 **The Promised Holy Spirit**

God continued to fulfill his covenant promise to dwell among his people by sending the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to empower them to live for Christ and witness for him.

3 **Jesus, the Author of Life**

Through Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, God fulfilled his covenant promises to Abraham, Moses, and all the prophets that the Messiah would suffer to redeem his people.

4 **No Other Name**

- Peter quoted the Old Testament to connect Jesus with God's covenant promises.
- Although men rejected Christ, God made him the cornerstone and foundation of his promised redemption.

5 **God's Great Grace and Generosity**

- God continued his covenant of redemption by pouring out his grace on the young church of new believers in Jerusalem.
- God purified his church by punishing those who lied to the Holy Spirit.

6 **Stephen, Martyr for Christ**

Stephen connected Old Testament history and God's promises to their fulfillment in Jesus.

7 **Philip, the Ethiopian, and Saul**

Isaiah 53 describes the Messiah giving his life to pay for the sins of his covenant people.

8 **The Gospel Goes to the Gentiles**

The apostles and disciples referred to God's promises in the Old Testament to prove that Jesus was the promised Messiah who fulfills God's covenant of grace.

9 **Jews and Gentiles in One Family**

The apostles and elders of the early church proclaimed and explained that the Old Covenant promise to restore the house of King David involved welcoming Gentiles into the people of God in the New Covenant.

10 **God's Presence and Protection**

- Under the Old Covenant, God claimed Israel as his treasured possession bought with the blood of the Passover lamb (Ex. 19:5).
- Christ's blood established the New Covenant.
- Paul explained that the blood of Jesus purchased the Church.

11 **Paul Defended the Gospel**

- Continuing Jesus' ministry, Paul testified concerning the risen Christ and what he had done for Paul, using Old Testament promises to persuade his listeners.
- Paul wasn't teaching something new when he spoke of the resurrection. Even the Pharisees believed the Old Testament teaching of the resurrection of the dead.

12 **Paul on Trial**

- The Old Testament prophets wrote about God's resurrection of all the dead, either to judgment or everlasting life.
- Both the Old and New Covenants speak about the resurrection from the dead.
- Jesus suffered, died, and rose again; he is the promised Messiah.

13 **Persevere in the Gospel**

- In the Old Covenant, God promised that his blessing on Abraham would extend to all nations. Luke records how this took place within the New Covenant.
- Paul used the Law of Moses and the Prophets to explain how Jesus fulfilled God's promises of the Messiah.

SESSION		AHA! <i>I will be your God, and you will be my people.</i>	SCRIPTURE
1	God Has Spoken, Salvation Has Come!	Jesus, God's Son, is one with the Father and reflects his awesome glory; it is through him that the Father reveals himself.	Hebrews 1
2	Jesus, the Founder of our Salvation	Jesus is in control of everything. He is our perfect Savior and elder Brother. He was tempted like we are.	Hebrews 2:1–18, 6:19
3	Jesus, Our High Priest	Jesus is our sympathetic High Priest who is willing and able to help us in our weakness.	Hebrews 4:14–5:10
4	Living in the Already and Not Yet	Even though we live in this present evil age, we already enjoy many of the salvation blessings that we will experience completely when Jesus returns in the age to come.	Hebrews 9:23–28
5	The Spirit Gives Assurance and Ability	New life in Christ includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • freedom from condemnation and the power of sin • walking according to the Spirit, not the flesh • adoption into God's family 	Romans 8:1–17 Ephesians 4:25–5:4
6	Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's loving plan for us is to make us more and more like Jesus. • In all things we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us. 	Romans 8:18–39
7	Genuine Faith Leads to Good Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are not saved by works, only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. • Genuine faith leads to good works. 	James 1:18–2:26
8	Jesus Transforms Lives	God renews our minds so that we can understand, agree with, and put into practice his will for us.	Romans 12:1–2, 9–21
9	Be Who God Made You to Be	Putting off an old garment and putting on a new one illustrates the radical break with the past that a believer has experienced. It also demonstrates that we are to repent of old, sinful habits and practice behaviors of our new life in Christ.	Ephesians 4:17–5:21
10	Running the Race of Faith	Jesus is the pioneer of our faith, for he has run the race—and set the pace—for us.	Hebrews 11:1–12:11
11	Living Daily in God's Presence	Our attitudes toward authority, choosing friendships, and generosity are rooted in God's authority over us, his grace to us in Christ, and his holiness.	Selected passages from Romans, Ephesians, and 2 Corinthians
12	Judgment Delayed—But Certain	God delays his final judgment so people may repent and trust in Jesus.	Selected passages from 2 Peter, 2 Thessalonians, and Matthew
13	Eternity with Jesus!	Both creation and believers will be renewed in the resurrection when Jesus returns. We prepare for that day by living lives that are pleasing to God.	Luke 23:42–43 and selected passages

1 **God Has Spoken, Salvation Has Come!**

- God connects the Old Covenant and New Covenant by his revelation through the prophets long ago and now through his Son, Jesus.
- Jesus, the Creator and eternal Son of God, is the promised Messiah who sacrificed himself once to redeem God's covenant people.

2 **Jesus, the Founder of Our Salvation**

Jesus suffered the penalty for covenant breakers—death—to deliver his people from the fear of death.

3 **Jesus, Our High Priest**

As the final and perfect High Priest in the New Covenant, Jesus fulfills all that the Old Covenant priesthood pointed to.

4 **Living in the Already and Not Yet**

- We are living in *the already and not yet*.
- The age to come—*the not yet*—has penetrated *the already* of this present age.
- Jesus' Second Coming will usher in the complete fulfillment of all the blessings of the covenant of grace.

5 **The Spirit Gives Assurance and Ability**

In the New Covenant, we receive assurance from the Holy Spirit that we are God's children with all the benefits of belonging to Christ.

6 **Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love**

- God's covenant plan from the beginning was to love, justify, and sanctify his people.
- One day his people will be glorified when they see Jesus face to face.

7 **Genuine Faith Leads to Good Works**

- Abraham believed God's covenant promise of a son and demonstrated his faith by obeying God's instruction to offer up his son as a sacrifice.
- Rahab believed God was with the Israelites and showed her faith by hiding the spies.

8 **Jesus Transforms Lives**

- The Old Testament sacrifices pointed forward to Christ's sacrifice for our sin.
- Our grateful response is to offer our whole selves to him as living sacrifices.

9 **Be Who God Made You to Be**

The Ten Commandments of the Old Covenant and God's commands of the New Covenant continue to guide the lives of believers.

10 **Running the Race of Faith**

- Old Testament believers trusted God to keep his promise to send a Savior. They share with us the benefits of the New Covenant.
- Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant.

11 **Living Daily in God's Presence**

- The Spirit's presence in believers magnifies the Old Covenant promise that God would be with his people.
- As God dwells with us and within us, he makes all grace overflow to us, so we will be rich in every good work.

12 **Judgment Delayed—But Certain**

- Those who reject God's mercy in the covenant of grace will suffer the curse of the covenant: eternal separation from God.
- Those who trust in God's promised Messiah, Jesus the Savior, will enjoy life in God's presence forever.

13 **Eternity with Jesus!**

God's central covenant promise to be with his people and be their God will be consummated at Jesus' return.