

Table Talk 2021



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Week 15

Monday: Praise God!

Today we are looking at Psalm 104 which is all about God creating the world we live in! Here's verses 10-14, but if you have time you can read the whole Psalm:

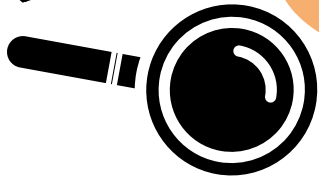
10 You make springs pour into the ravines.
They flow between the mountains.
11 They water all the wild animals.
The wild donkeys come there to drink.
12 Wild birds make nests by the water.
They sing among the tree branches.
13 You water the mountains from above.
The earth is full of the things you made.
14 You make the grass for cattle
and vegetables for the use of man.
You make food grow from the earth."

What do these verses teach you about God?

Can you see the different ways God cares for the animals in creation? Isn't it amazing that God is powerful enough to make our world, but loves us so much that he made a world that has everything we need in it and more stuff for us to enjoy?!

I want to praise God because
He...

Tuesday Fun Facts!



Let's learn some fun facts about the Bible!

True or False:
Trees are mentioned more than any other living thing (except God and people) in the Bible?

True False

What seed is like the Kingdom of God? Mark 4:30-32

Sunflower seed
Mustard seed
Poppy seed

What type of tree did Zacchaeus climb? Luke 19

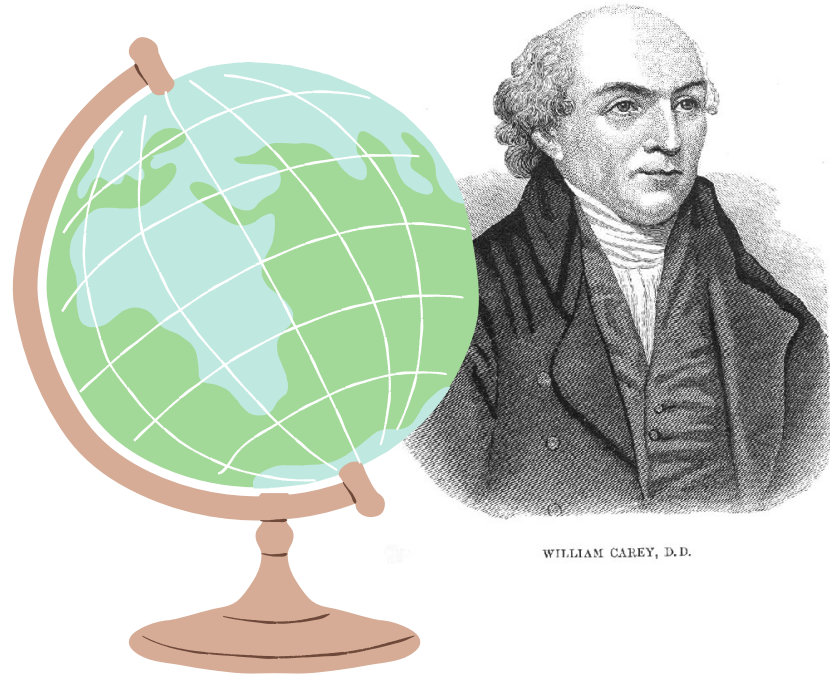
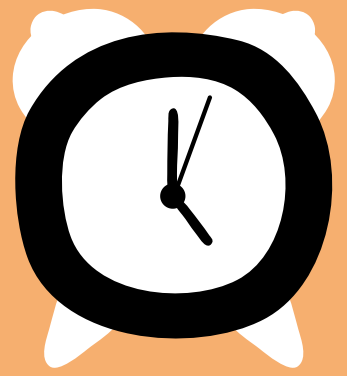
Fig tree
Oak tree
Sycamore tree

What does the person produce if they remain in Jesus, and Jesus in them, in John 15:5?

Much vegetable
Much fruit

Answers: True, Mustard seed, Sycamore tree, Much fruit.

Wednesday - Church History



229 years today a man called William Carey published his first book. William's book was all about how Christians need to tell people all over the world about Jesus – especially in countries where there are no Christians!

William was born in 1761 and grew up going to church with his family. William loved nature and learning as much as he could about the world – especially plants. But he also had a talent for learning languages and taught himself Latin and Greek!

When he grew up, William became a cobbler (do you know what a cobbler is? It's someone who makes shoes!) and married a lady called Dorothy. While he was working, William taught himself Hebrew, Italian, Dutch, and French! William also loved Jesus and spent lots of his time working in church. After a short time, he started preaching too! In 1785 he became a school master and pastor.

During his free time, William liked to read about different countries and the people who travelled to them to tell people about God. At the time, lots of people didn't understand why it was important to send missionaries to different countries – they thought it was too dangerous and difficult.

So, William wrote a book all about it! He encouraged people to become missionaries and help send missionaries, teaching his readers that every Christian should:

Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.

His book was really popular and after reading it, more missionaries than ever were being trained, equipped and sent out from the UK to live in countries all across the world where people had never heard about Jesus before!

After writing his book, William lived in India for 41 years as a missionary – but his book inspired the creation of the Baptist Mission Society (and other societies like it) that still send and help missionaries today!

Do you know about any missionaries? Let's spend some time praying for them!

Thursday: The World

“FIRST, I TELL YOU TO PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE. ASK
GOD FOR THE THINGS PEOPLE NEED, AND BE
THANKFUL TO HIM. - 1 TIMOTHY 2:1”

In lots of countries across the world, it's really dangerous to be a Christian. In the Middle East, Christians, especially those from a Muslim background, worship in secret to avoid getting into trouble.

One day, when Taher was at work he got a phone call telling him to come home immediately. Taher didn't know that the secret police had heard that his family were Christians. They'd raided his house and were waiting there to arrest him. When he got home, they tied him up, blindfolded him and took him to prison.

For many days, they interrogated Taher. They wanted to know the names of other Christians so they could arrest them too. They hurt Taher and threatened to hurt his family too. But Taher refused to betray his brothers and sisters in Christ.

Eventually, Taher was released but was told that if he was caught telling people about Jesus, he would be arrested again only next time they would kill him. But Taher took encouragement from the story of Peter in Acts 5 who was protected by God and continued to preach about Jesus even after he'd been arrested and almost killed.

So, what did Taher do when he was released? "I went back home and started ministering and evangelising again," he says.

Let's Pray:

- That all secret believers would know that they are not alone, and that God would enable them to find fellowship and discipleship
- For Christian refugees to find safety, community and hope
- That Open Doors fieldworkers would be equipped to serve secret and isolated believers in the Middle East.



Friday Craft Lesson

The next person we're going to learn about in the Hebrews Hall of Faith is Abraham!

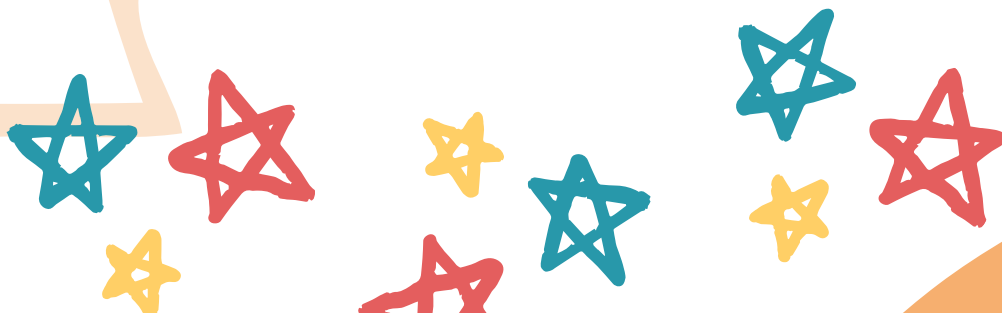
God had made lots of BIG promises to Abraham – or Abram as he was known back then. We can read them in Genesis 12:1-3!

"Then the Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives and your father's family. Go to the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you. I will make you famous. And you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you. I will place a curse on those who harm you. And all the people on earth will be blessed through you."

God promised to give Abram and his family a land of their own and to make Abram's family into a great nation that would bless the world. God promised to bless Abram and his family.

All of this must have sounded pretty close to impossible for Abram. But, he had faith in God. He had faith in God, trusted that God would keep his promises, so he did what God told him to do. Abram kept waiting for God's promises to come true and then – they did!

Can you find Hebrews 11:8-19? What different things did Abraham do that show us that he had faith in God?



Head over to YouTube to make a craft all about this!