

Genesis to Jesus



Christmas Game



Purpose:

This activity may be used to prepare students for Advent/Christmas, while learning how the Old Testament foreshadows the New Testament, and how the New Testament fulfils the Old. This game provides a Biblical perspective on the hope and true meaning of Christmas, and reveals the prophecies and promises that were spoken about throughout the Old Testament about the coming of Jesus Christ.

Instructions to teachers:

- Print and cut out the cards.
- You may like to laminate the cards, so they stay durable.
- Considering the difficult pronunciation of some words, this activity might be best suited for year 4 and above.

How to play:

- There are 30 cards in the pack.
- The starting card is "I am Genesis" and the last card is Philippians 3:20.
- Each student gets 1 or 2 cards depending on the size of the class, and each student has a turn saying their card following on with the order.
- The person reading their card must read all that is on the card.
- Students must pay attention to what card they have so they can follow on from the previous person.
- Please note for this activity to be successful, every card must be used.
- If necessary, the game may be adapted to encourage entertainment and engagement.

I am Genesis

A reading from the Old Testament

In the beginning God created the sky and the earth.

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from John 1 verse 1?

John 1:1

A reading from the New Testament

Before the world began, there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Does anyone have a reading from Genesis 3 verse 15?

Genesis 3:15

A reading from the Old Testament

I will make you and the woman enemies to each other. Your descendants and her descendants will be enemies. Her child will crush your head. And you will bite his heel."

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from Luke 2 verse 34?

Luke 2:34

A reading from the New Testament

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, "Many in Israel will fall and many will rise because of this child. He will be a sign from God that many people will not accept."

Does anyone have a reading from Genesis 22 verse 17?

Genesis 22:17

A reading from the Old Testament

God said to Abraham: *“I will surely bless you and give you many descendants. They will be as many as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. And they will capture the cities of their enemies.”*

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from Matthew 1 verse 1?

Matthew 1:1

A reading from the New Testament

This is the family history of Jesus Christ. He came from the family of David. David came from the family of Abraham.

Does anyone have a reading from Numbers 24 verse 17?

Numbers 24:17

A reading from the Old Testament

I see someone who will come some day. I see someone who will come, but not soon. A star will come from Jacob.

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from Luke 1 verse 33?

Luke 1:33

A reading from the New Testament

He will rule over the people of Jacob forever. His kingdom will never end.”

Does anyone have a reading from Isaiah 9 verse 6

Isaiah 9:6

A reading from the Old Testament

A child will be born to us. God will give a son to us. He will be responsible for leading the people. His name will be Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace.

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from Luke 1 verse 32?

Luke 1:32

A reading from the New Testament

He will be great, and people will call him the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of King David, his ancestor.

Does anyone have a reading from Isaiah 7 verse 14?

Isaiah 7:14

A reading from the Old Testament

But the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be pregnant. She will have a son, and she will name him Immanuel.

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from Matthew 2 verse 21?

Matthew 2:21

A reading from the New Testament

She will give birth to a son. You will name the son Jesus. Give him that name because he will save his people from their sins."

Does anyone have a reading from Micah 5 verse 2?

Micah 5:2

A reading from the Old Testament

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, are one of the smallest towns in Judah. But from you will come one who will rule Israel for me. He comes from very old times, from days long ago.”

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from Luke 2 verse 6?

Luke 2:6

A reading from the New Testament

While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby.

Does anyone have a reading from 2 Samuel 6 verse 15?

2 Samuel 6:15

A reading from the Old Testament

David and all the Israelites shouted with joy. They blew the trumpets as they brought the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord to the city

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from Luke 1 verse 41?

Luke 1:41

A reading from the New Testament

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the unborn baby inside Elizabeth jumped. Then Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Does anyone have a reading from 2 Samuel 6 verse 9?

2 Samuel 6:9

A reading from the Old Testament

David was afraid of the Lord that day. He said, "How can the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord come to me now?"

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from Luke 1 verse 43?

Luke 1:43

A reading from the New Testament

You are the mother of my Lord, and you have come to me! Why has something so good happened to me?

Does anyone have a reading from Ezekiel 9 verse 3?

Ezekiel 9:3

A reading from the Old Testament

Then the glory of the God of Israel went up. It had been above the creatures with wings. It moved to the place in the Temple where the door opened.

Does anyone have a reading from Ezekiel 10 verse 18?

Ezekiel 10:18

Then the glory of the Lord left the door of the Temple and stood over the living creatures.

Does anyone have a reading from Ezekiel 10:19?

Ezekiel 10:19

The living creatures spread their wings. And they flew up from the ground while I watched.

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from Luke 2 verse 9?

Luke 2:9

A reading from the New Testament

An angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them, and suddenly they became very frightened.

Does anyone have a reading from Isaiah 60 verse 5?

Isaiah: 60:5

A reading from the Old Testament

When you see them, you will shine with happiness. You will be excited and full of joy. The wealth of the nations across the seas will be given to you. The riches of the nations will come to you.

Does anyone have a reading from Isaiah 60 verse 6?

Isaiah 60:6

Herds of camels will cover your land. Young camels will come from Midian and Ephah. People will come from Sheba bringing gold and incense. And they will sing praises to the Lord.

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from Matthew 2 verse 11?

Matthew 2:11

A reading from the New Testament

They went to the house where the child was and saw him with his mother, Mary. They bowed down and worshiped the child. They opened the gifts they brought for him. They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Does anyone have a reading from Isaiah 11 verse 10

Isaiah 11:10

A reading from the Old Testament

At that time the new king from the family of Jesse will stand as a banner for the people. The nations will come together around him. And the place where he lives will be filled with glory.

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from Acts 13 verse 22 to 23?

Acts 13:22-23

A reading from the New Testament

'I have found David son of Jesse. He is the kind of man I want. He will do all that I want him to do.' So God has brought one of David's descendants to Israel to be their Savior. That descendant is Jesus. And God promised to do this.

Does anyone have a reading from Jeremiah 23 verse 5

Jeremiah 23:5

A reading from the Old Testament

"The days are coming," says the Lord, "when I will raise up a good descendant in David's family. This descendant will be a king who will rule in a wise way. And he will do what is fair and right in the land."

Thousands of years then passed.

Does anyone have a reading from Romans 1 verse 3?

Romans 1:3

A reading from the New Testament

*The Good News is about God's Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. As a man,
he was born from the family of
David.*

**Does anyone have a reading
from Philipians 3 verse 20?**

Philipians 3:20

A reading from the New Testament

*But our homeland is in heaven,
and we are waiting for our Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ, to come
from heaven.*

And Heaven, here we come!