

TIMELINE



Brisbane Sunday School

**PRODUCTION
2007**

Script : TIMELINE

Opening music Clock Song - ensemble of Sunday School Kids

Reader: Ecclesiastes 3 "a time for everything"

PowerPoint slides behind the reading with appropriate images

Scene 1 Creation

Narrator 1: Welcome to our Sunday School presentation. We would like you to sit back and enjoy our Timeline Journey of the Bible.

Narrator 2: Hey (name narrator 1) what's this?.....

Enter 5 time-flies goggles, wings and time piece boards on their front

Timeflies: Zzzzzz Hmnnnnnn Zzzzzz Hmnnnnnn

Fly around the stage in formation like aeroplanes.

Narrator 1 pulls out fly-swat and starts swatting at the air

Narrator 1: Oh just those pesky "time-flies"

Narrator 2: *(Shaking head and straightening up)* How **time-flies** when you're having fun!

Plants are sneaking onto stage at this point

Narrator 1: On with our Story...

Narrator 2: Let us begin at the Beginning.

Narrator 1: In the beginning God Created the Heavens and the Earth. God said "Let there be Light" and there was light. *(PowerPoint screen to light- white)*

Narrator 2: On the second day God separated the waters with a firmament and made the heavens. *(PowerPoint blue sky and clouds)*

Narrator 1: On Day three God gathered the waters together and made the dry land. *(PowerPoint land formations)*

Plants "grow" and stretch in position

Plants: God made the plants

Narrator 2: On the fourth day God said "Let there be lights in the firmament"

Moon and Sun step onto stage from opposite sides

Sun: God made the sun

Moon: God made the moon

Narrator 1: Then on the fifth day

Bird and fish on stage circle around (one in front of the plants and one behind)

Fish: God made great creatures to swim in the sea

Bird: God made birds to fly and walk

Narrator 2: On the sixth day

Enter animals

Animal 1: God made all the animals that creep and crawl

Animal 2: God made them big, God made them small.

Adam: Then God made Man, Adam was his name.

Eve: And God made a woman Eve, not quite the same.

Narrator 1: Then God saw everything he had made and it was very good.

"All things bright and beautiful" one verse as background music as creation scene actors leave stage

TIMELINE

Tick, the time clock comes on with stool, fishing hat and fishing line. Casts out his "timeline"

Tock comes out and sits beside quite intrigued by Tick and mimes he wants a go, winds in the line with a timepiece clock now attached to the end.

PowerPoint screen - TIMELINE

Scene 2 Noah

Narrator 3: you would think that was the end, everything was good and certainly very beautiful. Until..

Narrator 4: well Adam and Eve really, they couldn't help themselves, or us for that matter, they ate the fruit of the one tree they weren't to touch.

Narrator 3: and it was downhill from there!

Narrator 4: People multiplied on earth and so did their wickedness, to the point God was sorry he had made them. He would have destroyed the lot except for this one man.

Spotlight on Noah on stage

Noah: That's got the lions in, *rubbing his hands on his legs and wiping his brow.*

Mrs. Noah: *Carrying a hen and a rooster onto stage.* Noah I have the chickens here, where do you want me to put them?

Noah: With the other birds I guess, So many animals let me check the list we seem to be done now. 2 Zebras

Mrs. Noah: Check

Noah: Two Elephants

Mrs. Noah: Check

Shem: I have the kangaroos, was that ever a rough ride *wiping down trousers walks on a bit saddle sore*

Noah: Seven Sheep

Mrs. Noah: Check

Mrs. Shem: I found these monkeys swinging from the side of the ark will I put them in with the other apes?

Noah: A good idea, now, (checking his list again) Two armadillos
(on come two armadillos making grunting scuffling noises.)

Mrs. Noah: That's a Check, (*looking up at the boat*) I'm still not sure how we are going to get the boat to the water Noah, are you sure this is the right place?

Noah: Don't worry I followed the instructions to the letter 50 cubits wide, 300 cubits long and three levels high for all the animals. Yep exactly. There is going to be a lot of water here, look at the colour the sky is turning. Quickly now gather the children it is time.

Narrator 3: And God sent rain and it rained and rained for forty days and forty nights so that water covered the whole earth, but Noah was safe inside the ark which he had built. Safe with his family and the animals

Music:

SLAVES TO TIME

Three time slaves being whipped along by slave master.

PowerPoint screen - SLAVES TO TIME

Scene 3 Abraham

Camel Trader: Camels! Camels for sale! Camels! (*talking on the side to audience*) Trade is good these days. All these nomads packing up their things moving out of Ur, they say real estate in UR is too expensive, me, I say business is good! Why I have sold 10 camels this week, 3 donkeys and a dozen horses besides. Hey see that guy over there, I just sold him a couple of camels - good deal, he was after the best. Mind you he was a little eccentric that one, pretty vague about where he was going somewhere over by the sea, in for the "Sea change" I guess - beats the desert I suppose. Let's see, he said it was a place called (*scratches his head*) ... Canaan

I think, yeh that's what he said, haven't heard of it myself, no need for me to go anywhere, business is good. Camels! Come try before you buy, Camels!!

Abraham: God has told me to leave Ur, I must trust that Sarah, he knows all our needs, he has never let us down. He said there is a land out there flowing with milk and honey a land for our future.

Sarah: You know I will go wherever you lead Abraham, I know God will care for us. I just wish I could give you a son.

Abraham: Oh Sarah, God will provide and I love you just as you are.

Narrator 5: God sent Abraham to a new land and promised that his descendants would be as many as the stars in the sky and they would inherit all the land of Canaan. Sarah did have a son when she was 90 years old and called him Isaac. God made the same promise to Isaac and his son Jacob. Jacob's name was changed to Israel and he had 12 sons.

Narrator 1: Remember that Joseph, Jacob's favourite son? He was sold into slavery so he could save his family from drought and famine. Then the whole family moved to Egypt.

TIME MANAGEMENT

6 Time clowns come out in business suits and glasses and laptop bags or brief cases. Stand in a line onstage put down briefcases take notes on phones and pick up brief cases and walk off stage in a hurried stride.

PowerPoint screen - TIME MANAGEMENT

Scene 4 Egyptian court

Narrator 2: Some 400 years after Joseph brought his family to Egypt another important event was about to unfold

Egyptian Court official: You come to see Pharaoh? Do you have an appointment, I must check, must check, your names? Names?

Aaron: I am Aaron and this is my Brother Moses, we are Israelites from Goshen.

Egyptian: Goshen, Goshen always trouble with Goshen, trouble, trouble. oh the trouble makers, hmmm, hmmm, no names here no names here... will ask, will ask, don't touch, don't touch anything.

Egyptian: Yes, yes he will see you, see you. Just two, just two. This way, this way.

Pharaoh: I am ready for some amusement; these Israelites are always good for some light amusement. We shall have some entertainment! (*flurry of hand*)

Aaron: We come with a message from our God, Let our people go to the desert that they might worship the one true God.

Pharaoh: Oh don't be silly! They are my workers, they have a pyramid to build, we certainly can not have them dancing off into the desert. The work must be finished.

Aaron: God says he has heard the cries of his people and he says Let my People go!

Pharaoh: NO! grrr do you hear what you are saying.

Moses: God will punish you and your people.

Aaron and Moses turn and leave

Music:

Narrator 2 : and God did punish Pharaoh and the Egyptians with 10 plagues and then he did let the Israelites go. They left Egypt for the land of Canaan, the Land promised to Abraham.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Time clown comes in with construction hat on. Starts putting up signs, stop sign, give way, wrong way go back, workmen ahead, this way, keep left...

PowerPoint screen - SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Scene 5 King David

Narrator 3: We could tell you now of Moses leading the people through dessert to the 'promised land'.

Narrator 4: Or of Joshua entering the land and battling the giants and taking the city of Jericho.

Narrator 3: Or I like the story of Samson, Gideon or Deborah the judges who ruled the Israelites.

Narrator 4: Oh but we just have to tell you of David King of Israel.

Enter King David

King David sitting on the throne obviously deep in thought - possibly playing a harp (background music to support) Nathan standing nearby but discretely to the side.

David's attendant: Your majesty, Nathan the prophet is here to see you shall I show him in?

David: Yes that would be great, I have a matter I want to speak to him on.

David: See I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant OF the Lord is under tent curtains.

Nathan: Do all that is in your heart for God is with you

Harpist: Shall I play something for your majesty?

Motions with his hand to play

Music plays _ PowerPoint of the night sky

David's attendant: It is Nathan the Prophet to see you your majesty

Nathan: This is what the Lord says "You shall not build me a temple to dwell in" For David you are a man of war.

David: Who am I O Lord god? And what is my house, that you have brought me this far?

Gad the Seer: After this David made further conquests defeating giants of Philistine, Moabites Kings of Ammon, King of Zobah, Syrians. David reigned over all Israel with justice and judgment. David made all the preparations to build a temple to God so that it was a ready for his son Solomon.

SONG ABOUT DAVID OR A PSALM IN SONG - everyone sings

Gad the Seer: Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. A man after God's own heart. And he reigned for 40 years, 7 years in Hebron and 33 years in Jerusalem. He died in a good old age full of days and riches and Solomon his son reigned in his place.

TIME AFTER TIME

A line of time clowns march on stage one at a time

PowerPoint screen - TIME AFTER TIME

INCIDENTAL MUSIC -BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON

Scene 6 Daniel

Narrator 1 and 2 set the scene and Darius Advisors come onstage while they introduce the scene.

PowerPoint kids faces with crowns on

Narrator 1: Then came a line of 40 Kings in Israel and Judah after Solomon David's son.

Narrator 5: Some kings did as the Lord required like Josiah and Hezekiah, but many did evil in the eyes of the Lord.

Narrator 1: Now after Israel and Judah had fallen away and stopped serving God as he asked them they worshipped other gods and forgot their promises to serve God.

Narrator 5: Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon overthrew the kings of Israel and Judah and took captive many from Israel, taking them back as slaves to Babylon.

Narrator 1: one of these men was a young man named Daniel.

PowerPoint of palace

Darius: Daniel, Ah Daniel there you are I have been looking you, come look at this for me, what do you think? (*go to side discussing a scroll*)

Advisor 1: See how the king favours him.

Advisor 2: Yes actively seeking out that Jew, like he is something special and we mean nothing.

Advisor 3: this cannot be tolerated it undermines our authority.

Advisor 1: we must catch him out, what is his weakness?

Advisor 2: We have watched him for days, not a foot wrong, we could find nothing to accuse him of.

Advisor 3: Then we must make something up!

Advisor 1: He is such a 'goodie goodie' he does nothing but work and pray.

Pause and all scratching their heads thinking

Advisor 2: that's it, he is so devoted to his God that is how we will catch him.

(Huddle gets closer and they talk to each other - then go over and talk to the king)

Exit stage

Re enter (dragging Daniel hidden amongst them)

Advisor 3: O King, he who must be obeyed, O King live forever!
Your majesty have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within 30 days except you, should be thrown into the lions den?

King Darius: (*off-handedly*) This thing is true. It can not be altered.

Advisor 2:

We were walking by Daniel's window and we saw him praying to his god and not to you O King. He breaks your law and shows disrespect to you your majesty.

Advisor 1: It is your decree which must be obeyed O King, (*bowing*) may you live forever.

Advisor 2: Should I call for the lion keeper your majesty.

King Darius: (*with expression very upset*) O Daniel, Daniel what have you done? Why do this thing when I would have given you anything?

Advisor 3: He must go to the lions, the law demands it!

King Darius: (*pace the floor, ringing hands, reluctantly pointing to the door*) to the lions then.

Narrator 1: So Daniel the young Jew in Exile was thrown to the lions for remaining faithful to God.

Narrator 5: But God did not abandon Daniel he sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions and kept Daniel safe. (*Daniel acts out sitting with lions*)

King: Daniel, Daniel are you there? Did your God deliver you?

Daniel: Yes O King, live forever, I am safe God has sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions, and they have not hurt me

TIME TRIALS - Time clown in judge's wig prisoner brought in before him. Lawyer pacing back and forth wagging a fist, moves to the side and the judge brings down a mallet.

PowerPoint screen - TIME TRIALS

INCIDENTAL MUSIC - JESUS' BIRTH, a CAROL perhaps

Scene 7 Birth of Jesus

Narrator 3: Now after 70 years the Israelites were allowed to return and Nehemiah, King Cyrus' cupbearer lead the people in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

Narrator 2: Now that would be a good one to show them but alas we don't have time.

Narrator 3: No they are all keen to get to the icecream at the end so we had better press on.

Narrator 2: So we move on to a very important arrival.

Narrator 3: This one changed the world.

Narrator 2: Like no other.

Narrator 3: You may have already worked out who we are talking about...

stage light on Mary and Joseph walking along (Mary on a donkey?)

Joseph: We have traveled far and my wife needs a bed for the night.

Inn Keeper: I am very sorry we don't have any room in the Inn every bed is filled. (*looks at Mary and Joseph*) But there is always the stable; you are welcome to shelter there.

Joseph: Oh even that will do we are very weary and my wife needs to rest, the baby is due soon.

Narrator 2: so Joseph and Mary stayed in the stable along with the donkeys, sheep and other animals. That night a special baby was born. Mary called him Jesus.

MUSIC - Joy to the world

Angel: (talking to shepherds) Do not be afraid for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

RUNNING BEHIND TIME

TIME CLOWNS IN SHORTS, T-SHIRTS AND SNEAKERS (LOOKING ATHLETIC) COME RUNNING ON STAGE "Time" is in the lead the others are running behind. Run in a loop around the stage and off again.

PowerPoint screen - RUNNING BEHIND TIME

Scene 8 Paul and the shipwreck

Narrator 4: Jesus grew in favour with God and man

Narrator 5: And at 30 years of age he started a special 3 year ministry teaching and helping the people to see what God's kingdom was about.

Narrator 4: It was about a way to live and not a set of rules to be imposed on people. Jesus was the ultimate example of how God wants us to live our lives first for him and then for each other.

Narrator 5: But did the Pharisees like that?

Narrator 4: No, it threatened their power and authority over the people and even their livelihood. So they set about find a way to get rid of Jesus.

Narrator 5: So they brought about his crucifixion.

Narrator 4: But death could not hold Christ, he had not sinned and God raised him to life again. God had given his only son as a sacrifice that we might be able to have life, that we would be able to come to God even though we are sinners.

Narrator 5: So Christ's apostles set about telling the world about Christ his life and works

Narrator 4: Sometimes at peril to their own lives.

Sailor 1: Captain, the main sail has torn!

Captain: lower the sail and batten down we are at risk of breaking up. You there, start tossing the extra weight over. Where is my first mate?

First mate: Captain we are starting to break up it has been days and its not letting up.

Captain: Start lightening the load or we will all be lost. Better the cargo than us.

Paul: Men you should have listened to me, and not sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss. Now I urge you take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you but only the ship.

An angel appeared to me and told me I must appear before Caesar and God has granted me all those who sail with you.

Therefore take heart men for I believe God that it will be just as I was told.

Sailor 2: are you sure?

Captain: I hope you're right, for this is a treacherous sea.

Roman Centurion: This time I hope you're right again. Pray to your God for us all.

Sailor 3: I feel sick!

Waves crashing and lightening on PowerPoint slides

Paul: Today is the 14th day I urge you men to take some food. You haven't eaten in so long take some nourishment for your survival, not a hair will fall from the head of any of you,

Paul prays they all eat something

Captain: Now throw the rest overboard we must lighten this load

Sailor 3: Land ahoy

Sailor 2: Do you recognise it?

Sailor 1: Not at all but it's the first good things for 2 weeks.

Soldier (to the centurion) Maximus should I deal with the prisoners so the can't swim for freedom and escape?

Paul: No the prisoners won't escape you have my word we can all get safely to shore

Centurion: We will trust this man of God leave the prisoners, cut their ropes and we will round them up on shore.

Captain: Let go of the anchors,
loosen the rudder,
hoist the mainsail and make for shore!

Narrator 4: Paul was the apostle to the gentiles.

Narrator 5: twice shipwrecked and stoned within an inch of his life more than once.

Narrator 4: Paul preached to the people about the hope of the gospel - the good news for all men

Narrator 5: Good news about the kingdom of God.

TIME'S UP

TIME CLOWN STANDING ON A STEP LADDER OR CHAIR - OTHER CLOWNS GATHER AROUND AND LOOK UP

PowerPoint screen - TIME'S UP

Narrator 1: Our Bible timeline draws to an end, but it all points to the time when Christ will set up a kingdom here on earth,

Narrator 2: this is our hope when Christ will rule the earth in peace.

MUSIC: "Seek Ye First"