## DoorsOf the Bible-

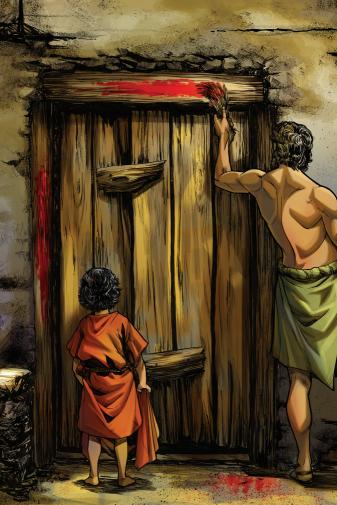
The most important message in the world is found in the Bible—it's called the gospel. This gospel, or good news, can be seen in biblical history by walking through a series of monumental doors that all point to the person and work of Jesus Christ.



## The Ark Door

"Go into the ark, you and all your household." (Genesis 7:1)

The Bible tells us that man had become exceedingly wicked—they thought of evil continually—so God planned to flood the earth and wipe them out. He told Noah to build an Ark with one door. When God shut the door, it pictured his justice and mercy. The wicked world outside of the Ark perished, but those inside were rescued. Even in judgment, God provided mercy. Jesus is the "Ark" and "Door" of salvation. "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved..." (John 10:9). Just as Noah's family went through one door to be saved, so must we go through the one Door, Jesus. Those outside of Christ will perish, but those in Christ will be rescued.



## The Passover Door

"The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you." (Exodus 12:13)

About a thousand years after the Flood, God used Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. The night before they were set free, the Lord instituted the Passover, The Israelites were told to sacrifice a lamb without blemish, and then put some of the lamb's blood on the frames around their doors. They were then spared from the tenth plague—the destruction of the firstborn, protected from God's judgment by the blood of a lamb. Today we have a perfect substitute—Jesus Christ, called the Lamb of God. Jesus is our Passover, and his sacrificial death on the Cross takes away the sin of the world.