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God Creates –Days One and Two

Genesis 1: 1-8; Colossians 1: 15-16

Memory verse: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
Genesis 1:1

(The first book of the Bible is Genesis. Genesis means beginning.)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form (shape) and void (empty), and darkness was over the face of the deep (ocean). And the Spirit of God was hovering over (gliding or flying over) the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be an expanse (space of air, atmosphere) in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse (on the earth) from the waters that were above the expanse (in the sky). And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven (sky). And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

According to the Bible, Creation was about 6,000 years ago. God made everything by speaking. Then He looked at what He had created, and He saw that it was perfect or good. The Bible also says that Jesus and the Holy Spirit were there with the Father. Colossians 1: 15-16 says about Jesus, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions (governments) or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

When God made day and night, that was the beginning of time. God has always existed, and doesn’t think of time like we do. But from this first day (evening and morning) there was time—days, then weeks, months, and years.

God made water very important to us and to all living things. Our bodies have to have water to work. We need water to grow crops for food, to keep animals for food, provide power, and many other things. So, He

made the clouds and water on the earth to make a cycle which always gives us water.

Lessons to learn: God can make things out of nothing. This proves that He is God because man cannot do that.

Everything that God made was good. (perfect)

The Creation- everything God made- shows how much God loves us.

True or False:

_____ 1. In the beginning the earth looked different than it looks now.

_____ 2. Jesus was created, too.

_____ 3. God spoke and what He said was created.

_____ 4. These days were not days like we have 24 hour days.

_____ 5. The Holy Spirit was at the Creation, too.

Short Answer:

6. What does "Genesis" mean? _____

7. On the first day, God separated _____ from _____.

8. God named the light and dark times. What did He call them?

9. What does "expanse" mean? _____

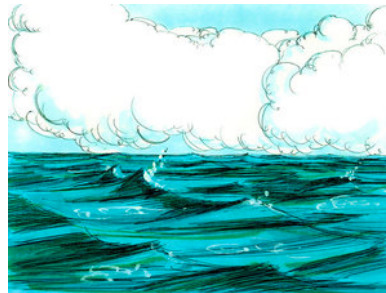
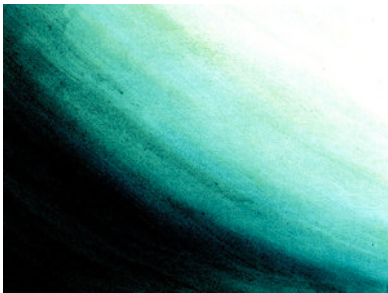
10. God the Father spoke, and who created everything? _____

Remember this:

11. People who don't believe the Bible say that the world is billions of years old. About how old is the world according to what the bible says?

12. What words tell us that these days are regular 24 hour days? "There was _____ and there was _____."
13. When God looked at each thing He made, it was _____
14. In the Bible light stands for good and darkness stands for evil. Read I John 1: 5 and fill in the blanks.

"This is the message we have heard from _____ and announce to you, that _____ is _____, and in Him there is no _____ at all."
15. Write down some things we need light for and some things we need water for. See how much God loved us that He prepared the world with all that we need.



2

Creation Day Three

Genesis 1

Memory verse: “For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.” Psalms 33:9

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation (all kinds of plants), plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

God made all plants to make seeds for more grass, flowers, bushes, and trees. Every plant seed would grow the same kind of plant as the seed first came from. An apple seed would never grow into a fig tree; it would make an apple tree every time. One little seed can grow into a plant which produces a great amount of fruit and more seeds. God saw that this was good, too.

The land is very important because that was where man would live and plants would grow. Plants are very important because plants give us food, clothes, homes, furniture, and medicine. Plants give us oxygen to breathe and help clean our air. Plants give animals food and homes, too. And plants are beautiful and have beautiful flowers. God cares for us and gives us the things we need to live as well as many beautiful things. He knows just what is best for us.

We should be thankful to God for all of the things he created for us. Do you remember to tell Him thank you when you pray? Do you think about God’s care when you see the things He has made?

Lessons to learn: God can make things out of nothing. This proves that He is God.

Everything that God made was good.
The Creation shows how much God loves us.
God has given us all that we need and even more because He created a beautiful world for us.

True or False:

- _____ 1. All the water on the earth was gathered into one place.
- _____ 2. Men gave names to everything God made.
- _____ 3. Plants have many important uses for people.
- _____ 4. God gave the world beauty as well as usefulness.
- _____ 5. It took God a long time to create the things in this lesson. It could have been years.

Short Answer:

6. What did God do first on day three? _____

7. What did God call the land, and what did He call the water? _____

8. All the plants were to bring forth fruit (and seeds) according to its
_____. What does that mean? _____

9. Why is land important to people? _____

10. List what God created in order by the day.

Day one _____

Day two _____

Day three _____

Remember this:

11. Plants bear fruit after their own kind. Jesus even uses this fact to teach a lesson. Read Matthew 7: 16 and fill in the blanks.

“ _____ are not gathered from _____
bushes nor _____ from _____, are they?”

12. Each time that God spoke and the Bible says, “And _____
_____.”

13. List some of the many things God has provided us by giving us plants.

14. Read Matthew 6: 28-29 and fill in the blanks to see what Jesus said about the beauty of some plants.

“And why are you anxious about _____?”

Consider the _____ of the field, how they grow: they
neither toil (work) nor spin (make clothes) , yet I tell you, even
_____ in all his _____ was not
_____ (dressed) like one of these.”

3

God Creates Lights For Day and Night

Genesis 1

Memory verse: “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.” Psalm 19: 1

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

God made two great lights. The greater light was to shine in the day. We call it the sun. The smaller light was to shine in the night. We call it the moon. And God also made the stars for the night. God saw that these lights were good. This evening and morning were the fourth day.

The sun is a star that gives us light for the day and heat, too. God placed the sun at exactly the right distance from the earth. If it were farther away, we would be too cold; and if the sun were closer, we would burn up. The sun helps plants grow so we have them for food, medicine, homes and many other things. We can tell what season of the year it is by the where the sun is in the sky. Aren't you glad that God gave us sunshine for our days?

The moon gives us light in the night by reflecting the light from the sun. The part that we can see also changes over time, so people used to use it to know what time of month it was. You have probably seen when the only part of the moon that we can see well is small like a smile or crescent. Other times we can see half a moon or more. Then, finally, we can see a bright full circle of the moon. Just like God gave us days and nights, He gave us the changing moon to tell time and seasons, too.

God also made the stars in many different sizes and colors. Stars are beautiful and some of them make shapes (constellations); so people have given them names like the Great Bear, the Big Dipper, The Dragon, and

Orion the Hunter. Stars provide some light and show us directions, too.
There are so many stars that we cannot count them.

God's Creation is awesome! Whenever you look around, you see that there is a God who is powerful and who loves you.

Lessons to learn: God can make things out of nothing. This proves that He is a powerful God.

Everything that God made was good.

We can see God in the things he made.

The creation shows how much God loves us.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The greatest light was for the daytime.
- _____ 2. There was no light until the fourth day.
- _____ 3. The moon reflects the light of the sun so that there is some light at night.
- _____ 4. The lights were created to be for signs, seasons, months, and years.
- _____ 5. Scientists know how many stars there are (can count them).

Short Answer:

- 6. God said, "Let there be lights...to separate the _____ from the _____."
- 7. The _____ was created to rule the day and the _____ to rule the night.
- 8. How do we know that this was one 24 hour day? _____
- 9. Could the earth and the sun just happen to turn up in the right place for people to live on the earth? _____

10. People use the changes or phases of the moon to tell the time of the

_____.

Remember this:

11. Could the stars just accidentally make pictures/shapes (constellations) in the sky? _____

12. The Bible says God made the constellations. Read Job 9:9 and fill in the blanks.

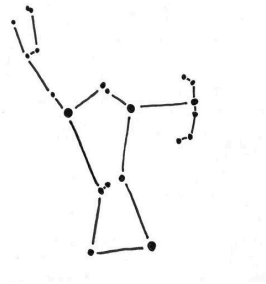
“God... Who made the _____ and _____, the _____ and the chambers (constellations) of the south.”

13. Men cannot count the stars, but read Psalm 147:4 and fill in the blanks to learn more about God and the stars.

‘He determines the _____ of the stars; He gives to all of them their _____.’

14. What does the sun give us besides light? _____

15. At one important time, the day turned dark from noon to three p.m. Do you remember when that was? Mark 15: 32-33



4

God Creates Birds and Water Creatures

Genesis 1

Memory verse: “By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God.” Hebrews 11:3

And God said, “Let the waters swarm (be filled) with swarms (large numbers) of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

On the fifth day, God made all the birds that fly in the sky and all the creatures that live in the water. God made all the birds from the littlest sparrow to the large eagles. He made birds of many different colors with many different jobs to do. Each bird has baby birds of its own kind just as God said. Besides people using some birds for food, people receive other benefits from birds. We get eggs for food. Birds also eat insects so we don't have too many insects around us eating our food or giving us diseases. Some birds even eat dead animals so we don't have a dirty, stinky earth. Birds pollinate plants and spread seeds to help plants grow. All these things show God's wisdom and love for us.

God also created every living thing in the waters from the very little things we can't even see with our eyes to the crabs, fish, sharks, and even the great blue whales. And God made each of these creatures to have babies of their own kind. A crab will never have a baby shark. It only has baby crabs.

Many animals of the waters are food for us. All of the animals have jobs that God gave them to do. We make medicine and vitamins from some ocean animals, and we have learned about making glowing objects from some of the deep ocean animals.

God saw that all the things He made were good, and He blessed the birds and the water creatures and told them to have babies and fill the earth. This was the fifth day.

Lessons to learn: God created things out of nothing. This proves that He is a powerful God.
Everything that God made was good.
We can see God in the things he made.
The creation shows how much God loves us.

True or False:

- _____ 1. On the fifth day, God created birds and fish only.
- _____ 2. Birds and water animals are just good for food for people.
- _____ 3. “Be fruitful and multiply” means God wanted the animals to have babies and fill the earth.
- _____ 4. On every day of Creation, God saw that His Creation was good.
- _____ 5. God wanted the sky to be filled with birds and the water to be filled with water animals.

Short Answer:

6. What does “let the waters swarm” (with living creatures) mean?

7. God created birds to _____ above the earth across the _____ of the _____.

8. Besides fish, what other animals would be part of the sea creatures?

9. The “worlds were prepared by _____”
Hebrews 11:3

10. Like the plants, all the animals created on the fifth day would have babies after their own _____.

Remember this:

11. Why should we be thankful for the birds and sea creatures? Circle all the correct answers.

Food

Medicines

Pets

Vitamins

Fish Oil

**Cleaner oceans, lakes,
And rivers**

**Fewer insects, mice, and rats
(so more food for us)**

12. List the things created in the correct order. Try to do this from memory.

Day one _____

Day two _____

Day three _____

Day four _____

Day five _____

13. See if you remember the birds in the Bible stories you have learned.

A. _____ brought Elijah food. I Kings 17: 6-8

B. God sent _____ to feed the Israelites. Exodus 16: 13

C. Noah sent a _____ out of the ark (Genesis 8:7) and
then he sent a _____ out three times. (Genesis 8: 8-12)

D. A _____ crowed after Peter denied knowing
Christ. Matthew 26: 74

5

God Creates Land Animals and Man

Genesis 1:24 -2:1-3

Memory verse: “So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
Genesis 1: 27

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock (farm animals) and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion (control or rule) over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it (have control over it), and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that He had made and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them (sun, moon, and stars). And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested (stopped all His work) on the seventh day from all his work that He had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in Creation.

Lessons to learn: Every thing that God created was good.
God made the things in the world for man to use wisely.
Creeping things could be insects, reptiles, snails, moles, mice, and any small animal that moves quickly.
We are made in the image of God. Man is special.
God said, "Let US make man in OUR image" because the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit were at Creation.
Rested" means that God stopped His work. It doesn't mean that God was tired or that He needed to sleep or nap.
God stopped and did no work on the seventh day.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The last thing that God created was man and woman.
- _____ 2. God created animals on the earth before He created animals in the sea.
- _____ 3. Men and animals ate meat in the beginning.
- _____ 4. God created the world in seven days.
- _____ 5. Livestock are wild animals.

Short Answer:

- 6. All the animals were created according to their _____.
- 7. How was man different from the other created things? _____

- 8. To whom did God give control over all the animals? _____
- 9. Does that mean that men can do whatever they want to the animals?
How do you know? _____
- 10. What did God give the land animals, the birds, and people to eat at this time? _____

Remember this:

11. What did God see about everything He had made?

12. What does it mean that God rested on the seventh day?

13. Read Genesis 2: 3 and fill in the blanks.

“So God blessed the _____ day and made it _____,
because on it God _____ from all His _____ that
He had done in _____.”

14. What did the Israelites call the seventh day? Exodus 20:8, 11

15. What part of God’s creation was to rule over, control, or take care of the
rest of God’s creation? _____



6

Adam and Eve in the Garden

Genesis 2

Memory verse: “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.”
Genesis 2: 7

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon....The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib

that the Lord God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

(Think of how wonderful it must have been in the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve had everything they needed. And God had made Eve as the perfect helper for Adam. God also gave Adam and Eve rules to live by. Today we know what God wants us to do by reading the Bible.)

Lessons to learn: God made Adam and Eve to live together.
God gave man the job of taking care of the garden.
God told Adam and Eve what they could do and what they could not do in the garden.
If we love God, we will do what he tells us to do.

True or False:

- _____ 1. At this time there was not rain to water the earth.
- _____ 2. God created man and woman out of the dust of the ground.
- _____ 3. God gave every living creature a name.
- _____ 4. The woman was called "Woman" because she was taken out of Man.
- _____ 5. Everything in the garden was good for Adam and Eve to eat.

Short Answer:

- 6. How was the earth being watered in the beginning? _____

- 7. Where was the garden? _____

8. In the garden, God made every tree that is _____ to the
_____ and good for _____.

9. God put man in the garden to _____

10. Why did God bring the animals to Adam? _____

11. How did God make man? _____

12. How did God make woman? _____

Remember this:

13. What two special trees are named in Genesis 2? _____

14. What one rule did God give to the man and woman in the garden? Fill
in the blanks.

**“You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of
the _____
you shall not _____, for in the _____ that you eat of it
you shall surely_____.”**

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15. God started or established marriage when he brought the woman to the man. Fill in the blanks.

“Therefore a _____ shall leave his _____ and his _____ and hold fast to his _____, and they shall become one flesh.”

16. Today we still have two rivers named the Tigris and the Euphrates, but we don't know if they are in the same area as they were in the beginning. Some people think that the Garden of Eden was somewhere near where the two rivers are in the Mideast. (Iraq) Find the two rivers on the map.



7

Adam and Eve Disobey God

Genesis 3

Memory verse: “When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and ...a delight to the eyes, and... to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate,” Genesis 3: 6

Now the serpent (Satan using a snake body) was more crafty (tricky, sneaky) than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths (cloth wrapped around the hips).

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

cursed are you above all livestock (farm animals) and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity (hatred, bad feeling) between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your offspring (children) and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

To the woman He said, “I will surely multiply (increase) your pain in childbearing (having children); in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

And to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face (hard work) you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground (die), for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the Garden of Eden he placed the cherubim (angels with wings) and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Lessons to Learn: Adam and Eve knew the law that God had given them. Satan tricked or deceived Eve, so she was tempted to eat the fruit. Eve gave fruit to Adam and he ate it even though he knew better. Adam and Eve hid from God because they knew they had done something wrong.

There were consequences for Satan, Adam, and Eve because of Adam and Eve’s sin. Sin brings sadness and trouble to the person who sins.

True or False:

_____ 1. Eve knew what God had said about the tree and was able to tell the serpent what God said.

- _____ 2. The Adam and Eve made themselves clothes of animal skins.
- _____ 3. Adam blamed Eve for giving him the fruit that he ate.
- _____ 4. It was the serpent's fault that Eve sinned.
- _____ 5. God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden so that they couldn't reach the Tree of Life.

Short Answer:

6. When Eve told the serpent what God had commanded them, he said,
“You will not surely _____ . For God knows that when you eat of it your _____ will be _____ , and you will be like _____ , knowing good and evil.”
7. After Adam and Eve ate the fruit, they knew they were _____
and they made loincloths out of _____.
8. Why did Adam say that he was afraid and hid from God? _____

9. How did God curse the serpent for tempting Eve? _____

10. How did God keep Adam and Eve from going back into the Garden of Eden?

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Remember this:

11. What was the consequence to women because of Eve's sin? _____

12. Because Adam sinned, the ground would bring forth _____

and _____, and men would have to
_____ to
eat bread.

13. Why was the woman named Eve? _____

14. "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."--- Genesis 3: 15 is the first prophecy about Christ. Satan bruised Christ's heel when Christ was crucified. Christ bruised

Satan's head when He _____ on
the third day. Luke 24: 6-7

15. The Bible tells us more about the Tree of Life in Revelation 2: 7.

Where is the Tree of Life now? _____



8

Cain and Abel

Genesis 4:1-16

Memory verse: “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door.” Genesis 4: 7

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived (became pregnant) and bore (gave birth to) Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.

In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. (God accepted Abel’s offering, but He did not accept Cain’s offering.) So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?”

He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?”

And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive (a person who has to go away, a person in hiding) and a wanderer on the earth.”

Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive (a person in hiding) and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

(Adam and Eve had more children later, but think how sad they must have been that one of their sons was dead, and the other son was punished by God. You see that Cain's sin hurt his whole family.)

Lessons to learn: We must do what God tells us to be pleasing to Him. God tells us how He wants us to worship Him. Sometimes when a person is angry, he does other bad things, too. We need to be careful to be good all the time. God punishes those people who do not obey Him.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Cain brought an offering of sheep to God.
- _____ 2. Abel brought an offering of firstborn sheep and fat portions.
- _____ 3. Cain was angry when God did not accept his offering, but He accepted Abel's offering.
- _____ 4. Cain didn't know where Abel was when God asked about him.
- _____ 5. Part of Cain's punishment was that the ground wouldn't help the plants grow or yield its strength for Cain anymore.

Short Answer:

6. What did Eve say when Cain was born? _____

7. What were Cain and Abel's jobs? _____

8. God told Cain, "If you do _____, will you not be _____
And if you do not do _____, _____ is crouching at
the door." Genesis 4: 7

9. Did God know what had happened to Able before He asked Cain where Abel was? How do you know? _____

10. Tell what two punishments God gave Cain for killing his brother.

Remember this:

11. We know from Hebrews 11: 4 that God had told Cain and Abel what kind of offering He wanted, even though we don't know the details. Read the verse and fill in the blanks.

“By _____ Abel offered to God a more _____ sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as _____, God commending him by _____ his gifts. And through his _____, though he died, he still _____.”

12. When Cain answered God's question about where Abel was, he said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” What is wrong with Cain's answer? _____

13. “Am I my brother's keeper?” means “Am I my brother's care taker?” Are we supposed to take care of or watch over other people? Are we supposed to take care of their needs?

continued

14. Circle any of the things below that are ways that we are our brother's keepers.

We are responsible for what someone else does

We need to help those who need food, clothes, and shelter

We can make other people believe God and obey Him

We can teach lost people God's word

We love each other

We selfishly think of ourselves first.

We correct people who have sinned in a loving way

We butt into other peoples' business

15. Cain was upset about his punishment, but did he say anything to show that he was sorry for his sin? _____



9

Noah Obeys God

Genesis 6: 5- 7: 3

Memory verse: “Noah was a righteous man...Noah walked with God.”
Genesis 6: 8

The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention (plan) of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him to His heart. So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Now the earth was corrupt (dishonest, disobedient) in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh (living things) had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch (something to keep the water out). This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits (450 feet long), its breadth 50 cubits (75 feet wide), and its height 30 cubits (45 feet high). You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die.

But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten,

and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them.” Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Then the Lord said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

Lessons to learn: God decided to destroy the earth because the people had become so evil.

God decided to save Noah and his family because Noah obeyed God.

Noah obeyed everything that God told him to do.

We should obey everything God tells us to do, too.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Everyone on the earth was evil all the time.
- _____ 2. God wanted to blot out (kill) man and animals and creeping things and birds.
- _____ 3. Noah was supposed to make three decks (levels) in the ark.
- _____ 4. Five people went on the ark.
- _____ 5. Noah was supposed to take just two of each animal on the ark.

Short Answer:

- 6. God was sorry that he had created men because every intention (plan) of the _____ of his _____ was only _____ continually.
- 7. Why did Noah find favor in God’s eyes? _____

8. Name Noah's sons. _____

9. What kind of wood was Noah to use to build the ark? _____

10. How many windows did the ark have? _____

11. How many doors did the ark have? _____

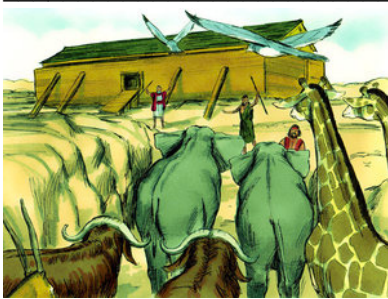
Remember this:

12. How many people were saved on the ark? _____
You can count them or read I Peter 3: 20.

13. How many of the clean animals that could be used for sacrifices and how many of the birds was Noah supposed to take on the ark?

14. Noah was surrounded by evil people, but he "did _____ that
the _____ had _____ him."
Genesis 6: 22; 7: 5

15 God told Noah that he was going to send rain. Do you remember how the plants had been watered before the flood? Genesis 2: 5-6



10

Noah in the Ark

Genesis 7- 8:19

Memory verse: “The windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights..” Genesis 7: 11- 12

Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep (chambers in the earth under the seas) burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up (lifted) the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed (rose) and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed (rose) so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits (22-22.5 feet) deep. And all flesh (living things) died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. He (God) blotted out (destroyed) every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and

those who were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed on (covered) the earth 150 days.

But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided (went down). The fountains of the deep (chambers in the earth and under the seas that spewed water too) and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained (stopped), and the waters receded (went down, ran off) from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated (gone down), and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. And the waters continued to abate (go down) until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent forth a raven (a large black bird). It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided (gone down) from the face of the ground. But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. Then God said to Noah, "Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

Lessons to learn: God sent a flood to destroy the earth because of the wicked people who would not obey Him.
God took care of Noah and his family because Noah obeyed God.
God will take care of us, too, if we obey Him.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Seven days after Noah went into the ark, the flood came.
- _____ 2. Only the tallest mountains were above the floodwaters.
- _____ 3. The flood killed everything that lived on dry land and breathed.
- _____ 4. Water covered the whole earth for 150 days.
- _____ 5. The ark came to rest on Mount Sinai.

Short Answer:

- 6. The waters of the flood rose so high that _____
_____ Genesis 7: 19
- 7. How many of the living things that breathed on the earth were killed by the flood?

- 8. How long did the waters cover the whole world? _____
- 9. After that time the _____ of the _____
and the _____ of the _____
were closed.
- 10. On what mountain did the ark land? _____
- 11. What bird did Noah send out first? _____ What did it
do? _____

12. What bird did Noah send out three times? _____

13. Tell what that bird did each time.

1st _____

2nd (A week later) _____

3rd (A week after the 2nd time) _____

Remember this:

14. Who told Noah when to leave the ark? _____

15. Just like at the Creation, God told Noah that all the living things were supposed to be _____ and _____ on the earth.



11

God's Promise to Noah

Genesis 8:20- 9:17

Memory verse: "I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth." Genesis 9: 13

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma (smell) , the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention (plan) of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease (end)."

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. (That means that God would require punishment for men or animals that killed a man.) Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in His own image. And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant (agreement) with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. When I bring

clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Lessons to learn: We should be thankful to God because He takes care of us.

God promised not to destroy the world with water again. God always keeps His promises.

The rainbow is a sign to remind us of God’s promise. It also reminds God of His agreement or covenant not to flood the whole world.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Noah built an altar and sacrificed ALL kinds of animals and birds.
- _____ 2. Every animal, bird, creeping thing, and fish would be afraid of people now.
- _____ 3. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed.
(The punishment for killing a man would be death of the killer.)
- _____ 4. God promised that no part of the earth would ever have a flood again.
- _____ 5. God gave a sign of the covenant between Him and all living things.

Short Answer:

6. What kind of animals and birds did Noah offer to God on his altar?

7. When God smelled the pleasing aroma of the burnt offering, what did He say? _____

8. Before this time, all living things were eating plants. (Genesis 1:29-30)

What did God give man to eat now? _____

9. God said that any man or animal that killed a man would have his blood

shed (be killed) “for God _____
_____.”

10. What is a covenant? _____

11. What is the sign of God’s covenant? _____

Remember this:

12. How many pairs of clean animals and birds did Noah take on the ark?

_____ This was so that there were plenty for sacrifices
and probably for eating, too.

13. God didn’t just make his covenant with people. With whom else did

God make the covenant not to flood the whole world? _____

14. How did God take care of His people before, during, and after the

flood? _____

15. List some ways that God takes care of you today.

12

The Unfinished Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9

Memory verse: “Its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth.” Genesis 11: 9

(After the flood, Noah’s children had children and they grew up and had more children. After a long time, there were many people on the earth again. They all spoke the same language.)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east (moved from the east to find a place to live), they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar (something to hold the bricks together). Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed (spread out) over the face of the whole earth.”

And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose (plan) to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.” So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off (stopped) building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Lessons to learn: We must do what God wants us to do.
God had told people to multiply over the earth. He didn’t want all of them to stay in one place.
The people thought they would be great if they built something great..
We should not do things just so people will think that we are great.
God mixed up the language so that the people would scatter throughout the world like he wanted them to do.

True or False:

- _____ 1. At this time all people had the same language and words.
- _____ 2. The people did not want to be spread out over the earth.
- _____ 3. God was pleased with the people working hard together.
- _____ 4. Mortar holds bricks together.
- _____ 5. The people spread out over the earth after God confused their languages.

Short Answer:

- 6. Was making brick and building something wrong by itself? _____
- 7. Why did the people want to build a city with a high tower? _____

- 8. God knew that the people would be able to do whatever they planned because they all had the same _____, so they could understand each other and live together.
- 9. Why was the place called Babel? _____

- 10. Why did God confuse the language of the people? _____

Remember this:

- 11. Were these people trying to be known for obeying God? _____

12. Because of another verse about the land of Shinar (Genesis 10:9-10, many people think that Shinar was in the area of Babylon which is not too far from where the Garden of Eden might have been. Do you remember anything about Babylon and King Nebuchadnezzar?

13. Just like at the Creation, God speaks and says, “Us.” “Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language.” What does that remind us about God? _____

14. Some people who don’t believe that God created the world think that man evolved slowly and that the first men didn’t know how to speak or do anything smart. What do we learn from this lesson? _____

15. Also, some people think the first people didn’t even build anything for many thousands of years. What is the truth according to this lesson?

There are several ruins of large ziggurats in the area where the tower of Babel may have been.



They are like pyramids with steps up the sides. Perhaps the tower looked something like this, but we will never know.

13

God Calls Abram

Genesis 12:1-9; Hebrews 11:8-10

Memory verse: “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great.” Genesis 12: 2

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred (family and relatives) and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse (punish), and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son (Abram's nephew), and all their possessions (things they owned) that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired (bought or got) in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring (children) I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb (the dry area of southern Palestine).

Hebrews 11 says, “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. (That means that God promised the land to Abram like a parent promises to give something to a child after the parent dies.) And he (Abram) went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs (people who inherit) with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.”

Lessons to Learn: God asked Abram to leave his land and his relatives to go to a place unknown to Abram.

Abram trusted God and went, even though he didn't know where he was going.

God promised Abram a land, a great nation, a great name, and blessing from God. Everyone on the earth would be blessed in Abram.

We must believe and obey God, too, even if we have to leave our home and family.

God always keeps His promises.

True or False:

- _____ 1. God's promises to Abram show that He cared for Abram and would take care of him.
- _____ 2. Abram was already an old man when he left Haran.
- _____ 3. Abram didn't want to go until he knew exactly where he was going.
- _____ 4. The land that God was promising to Abram was the land of Canaan.
- _____ 5. Abram built a house in Bethel.

Short Answer:

6. God told Abram to leave his country and go to a land _____

7. Fill in the blanks to complete God's promises to Abram.

“And I will make of you a great _____, and I will _____ you and make your _____ great, so that you will be a blessing...and in you all the _____ of the earth shall be _____.”

8. How old was Abram when he left Haran? _____

9. List all the people and things that Abram took with him. _____

10. What did Abram do after God told him that He would give Abram the

land of Canaan? _____

Remember this:

11. Hebrews 11 says that Abram obeyed by _____.

12. Who else received the same promise as Abram? _____

13. The men in #12 are called patriarchs because they are the fathers of the

Israelite nation. But all these men lived in _____ and

were looking for a city built by _____.

14. Look at the map of Abram's travels on the next page.

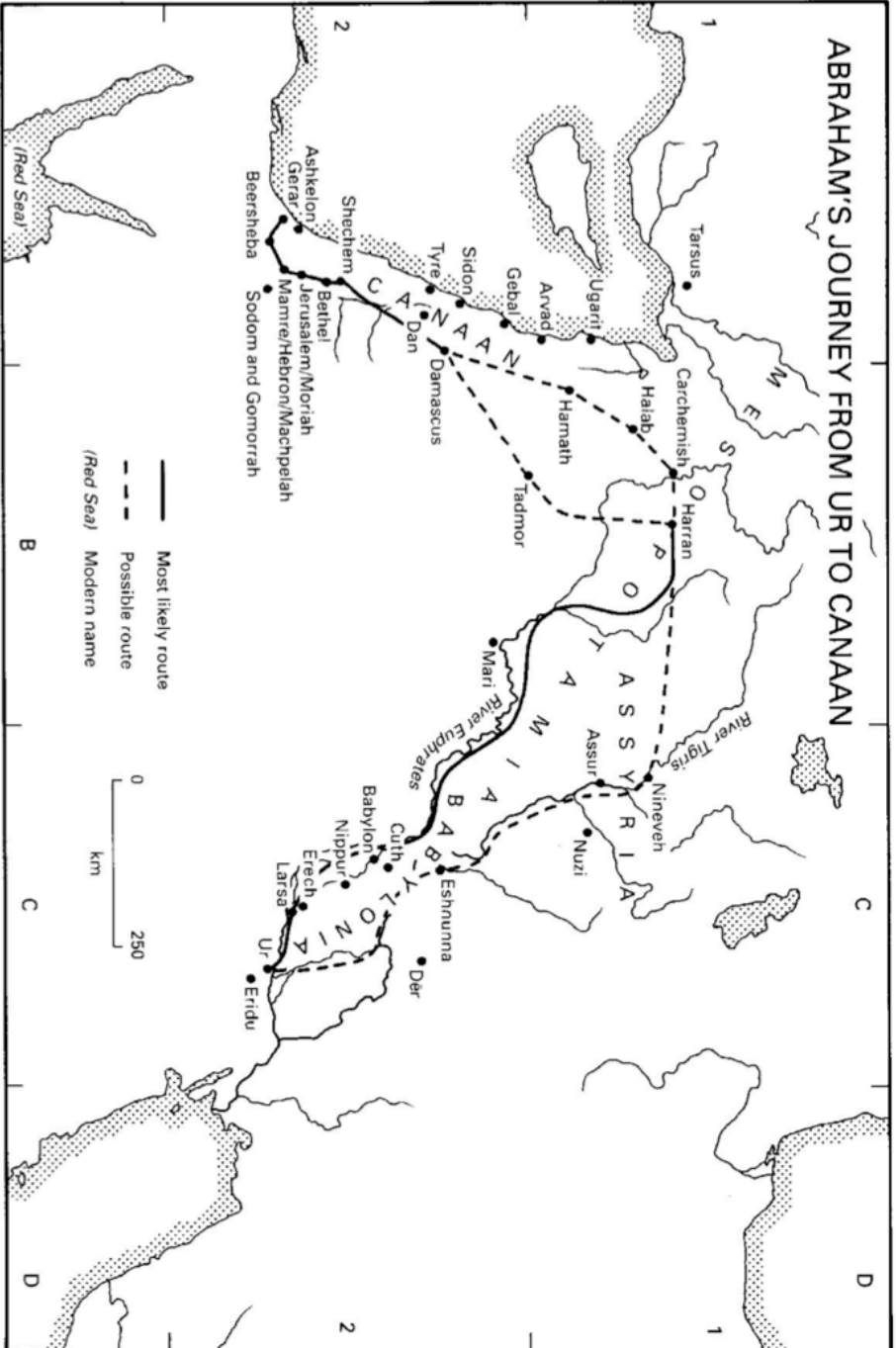
a. Color the line from Ur to Haran green. (before God called him)

b. Color the line from Haran to Shechem, Bethel, and south red (after God called him.)

c. Find the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. You can trace them in blue.

d. Underline the city of Jerusalem. It will be an important city in the Bible later.

ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY FROM UR TO CANAAN



14

Abram and Sarai in Egypt

Genesis 12:10-20

Memory Verse: “Lying lips are an abomination (something repulsive or hated) to the Lord.” Proverbs 12:22

Now there was a famine (shortage of food) in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn (stay for awhile) there, for the famine was severe (very bad) in the land. When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, “I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.” (Genesis 20:12 says that Sarah was the half sister of Abram, but they still were not telling the whole truth.)

When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman (Sarai) was very beautiful. And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. And for her sake he dealt well with Abram (treated Abram well); and he (Abram) had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

But the Lord afflicted (caused trouble or suffering to) Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. So Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go.” And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

Lessons to Learn: God commands us not to lie. That includes telling half-truths—which are lies, too.

Abram and Sarai should have trusted God to take care of them.

Pharaoh didn't know that he was doing anything wrong at first.

Somehow Pharaoh learned that God was sending the plagues on him.

Many times other people suffer because of one person's sin.

True or False:

- _____ 1. A famine is a time when there is not enough food.
- _____ 2. Abram meant to stay in Egypt for a long time.
- _____ 3. Abram was trying to save his own life by saying Sarai was his sister.
- _____ 4. If any part of what a person says is wrong (or a lie), the whole thing becomes a lie.
- _____ 5. Pharaoh had no idea of what kind of things were right to say or do.

Short Answer:

- 6. Abram went to _____ because there was a _____ in the land of Canaan.
- 7. Abram knew that Sarai was _____, and he thought the Egyptians would _____ him.
- 8. When the princes of Pharaoh told him how beautiful Sarai was, what did Pharaoh do? _____
- 9. Abram was a rich man. List the things that the Bible says Abram had.

- 10. How did God punish Pharaoh for taking Sarai into his house to make her his wife? _____
- 11. What did Pharaoh do to Abram for lying to him? _____

Remember this:

12. It seems like Abram was mostly thinking about one person when he decided to lie and asked Sarai to lie. Whom was he thinking about?

13. The real problem that started the lying was that Abram and Sarai did not have trust in God. What had God promised Abram that should have reminded him to trust God? _____

14. Pharaoh didn't know he was doing anything wrong at first, but God still punished him. Does this mean that we have to be very careful to know what is right and wrong and try to always do the right thing?

15. Circle any things Abram and Sarai could have done rather than lying.

Trust God to bless them

Tell the truth

**Pray to God to
watch over them**

**Not say anything unless
they had to say something**

**Remember all God's promises
To Abram**



15

Abram Stops a Fight

Genesis 13

Memory verse: “Let there be no strife (arguing) between you and me, ...
for we are kinsmen.” Genesis 13: 8

So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb (southern Canaan). Now Abram was very rich in livestock (farm animals), in silver, and in gold. And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the Lord. And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, so that the land could not support both of them dwelling (living) together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, and there was strife (arguing, quarreling) between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land.

Then Abram said to Lot, “Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen (relatives). Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left.”

And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord.

The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring (children) forever. I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the

land, for I will give it to you.” So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.

(Abraham had found a way to stop the fighting between the herdsmen. This was a good thing. When you hear a quarrel or fight, perhaps you can think of a way to stop it. Remember that God wants us to treat other people as we would like to be treated. This means we will not fight to have more, more, more; we should be nice and offer the best to other people. God says we should think other people are better than ourselves.)

Lesson to learn: Abraham found a way to stop the fighting. He let Lot chose what he wanted first.

We should try to get along with our friends and family without fighting.

We should treat other people like we would want to be treated.

God was still caring for Abraham and keeping his promise of giving him the land of Canaan.

True or False:

- _____ 1. There wasn't enough food and water for both Abram and Lot's herds to be in the same place.
- _____ 2. Lot let Abram pick land first because Abram was the older man.
- _____ 3. The people of Sodom were very wicked.
- _____ 4. Lot and Abram were the one quarreling or arguing.
- _____ 5. God was giving Abram all the land that he could see in every direction.

Short Answer:

6. Abraham was rich in _____

7. Why did Abram and Lot's herdsmen argue with each other?

8. Who got to pick the land that he wanted first? _____
9. Which part of the land did Lot pick? _____
10. What city did Lot settle by? _____
11. How many offspring (children) would Abram have? _____
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Remember this:

12. Who was selfish in this lesson? Why? _____
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13. The land looked good to Lot, but the cities near where Lot lived were _____
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14. What two cities would God destroy later because of their wickedness? _____
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15. What words does the Bible use to show that Abram worshipped and prayed to God when he got back to the place where he had built an altar?

**“And there Abram _____ upon the _____ of
the _____.”**

16. Read Romans 12:18 and fill in the blanks.

**“If possible, so far as it _____ on _____,
live _____ with _____.”**

16

God's Covenant With Abram

Genesis 15

Memory verse: “And he believed the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness.” Genesis 15: 6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house (the one who will receive my belongings when I die) is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”

And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.”

But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?”

He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses (bodies), Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners (people who only live in a place for a while) in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted (troubled) for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity (sin) of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord

made a covenant (agreement) with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

Lessons to Learn: God was still taking care of Abram and keeping His promise to give Abram many children.

God told Abram that the Israelites would live in a foreign land (Egypt) for four hundred years.

Abram believed God, so God considered him to be righteous.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Abram had no children at this time.
- _____ 2. Birds of prey ate the animals that Abram cut up.
- _____ 3. Abraham’s children would live in the land of Canaan forever.
- _____ 4. There were many nations living in the land of Canaan already.
- _____ 5. Abraham would live to a good old age.

Short Answer:

6. Fill in the blanks to show what God told Abram.

“ _____ **not, Abram, I am your** _____ ;
your _____ **shall be very** _____ .”

7. Who was Abram’s heir since he had no children? _____

8. To what did God compare the number of Abram’s future children?

9. What animals did Abram offer up? _____

10. What happened when the sun was going down? _____

Remember this:

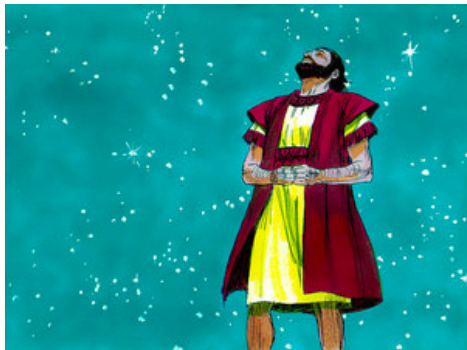
11. Hundreds of years before it happened, God told Abram that his children would spend some time in a foreign country and then return to Canaan. This was when the Israelites were in Egypt. How many years were they there?

12. How did God bring judgment on Egypt? Remember how God convinced Pharaoh to let His people go.

13. What did Abram do that showed that he was righteous? _____

14. Romans 4: 18-22 says

“In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ **He did not weaken in faith** when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. **No unbelief** made him waver concerning the



promise of God, **but he grew strong in his faith** as he gave glory to God, **fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised**. That is why his faith was ‘counted to him as righteousness.’”

17

Sarai Tries to Do Things Her Way

Genesis 16:1-16

Memory verse: “You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has listened to your affliction.” Genesis 16:11

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said to Abram, “Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived (became pregnant). And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt (disrespect, scorn) on her mistress.

And Sarai said to Abram, “May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!”

But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please.” Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled (ran away) from her.

The angel of the Lord found her (Hagar) by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, “Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?”

She said, “I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai.”

The angel of the Lord said to her, “Return to your mistress and submit to her (obey her).” The angel of the Lord also said to her, “I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude.” And the angel of the Lord said to her, “Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has listened to your affliction (trouble). He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him (He will fight with everyone, and everyone will fight with him), and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen.”

So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen Him who looks after me.” Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi;...

And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

Lessons to Learn: God keeps his promises. Sarai got tired of waiting for God to fulfill His promise and tried to help the promise in her own way.

Because this whole thing wasn't God's doing, Ishmael was not the son of promise.

When Sarai did what she thought was good, it caused problems with Hagar and with Abram.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Sarai thought that she could have children through Hagar, her servant.
- _____ 2. Hagar and Sarai got along well after Hagar became pregnant.
- _____ 3. The angel told Hagar to return to Sarai.
- _____ 4. Ishmael would fight with everyone, and everyone will fight with him.
- _____ 5. The boy's name would be called Ishmeal because Hagar said, “You are a God of seeing.”

Short Answer:

6. How did Sarai plan to get some children since she had none of her own?

7. How did Hagar treat Sarai after Hagar became pregnant?

8. How did Sarai treat Hagar in return? _____
9. When the angel of the Lord found Hagar, he told her to _____
and _____ Sarai.
10. What blessing did the angel give Hagar? (Hint: It is like Abram's blessing.)

Remember this:

11. First, Sarai tried to do things her own way to get children. Then, she
blamed _____ for the way _____
was disrespecting her.
12. Fill in the blanks to find out what kind of man Ishmael would be.
“He shall be a wild _____ of a man, his hand against
_____ and _____ hand against
him (He will fight with everyone, and everyone will fight with him), and he
shall _____ (live) over against all his _____.
(He would live near his relatives, the sons of Abraham.)”
13. What did Hagar call God who talked to her through the angel? Why?

14. Ishmael was Abram's firstborn son, but was he born according to the
promise of God or born because of what a person thought was best?

18

Abram's Name Changed

Genesis 17

Memory verse: “Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac.” Genesis 17:19

And God said to him (Abraham), “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between Me and you and your offspring (children) after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings (temporary stay), all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!”

God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.”

Lessons to Learn: God repeats his promises to make Abraham the father of a great nation and to give Abraham's children the land of Canaan. Abraham means father of a multitude. Sarah means Princess. Ishmael was not the son with whom God planned to set up a covenant.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Some of Abraham's offspring or children would be kings.
- _____ 2. Abraham was eighty-six years old.
- _____ 3. Abraham thought that he and Sarah were too old to have a child.
- _____ 4. Abraham suggested that Ishmael could be the son through whom the promises would come. ("Oh that Ishmael might live before you!")
- _____ 5. Even though he was not the promised son, God blessed Ishmael.

Short Answer:

- 6. God said, "Your name shall be Abraham, for _____

- 7. God said, "And I will establish my covenant between Me and you and your _____ (children) after you throughout their _____ for an _____ covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.
- 8. When God said that Abraham and Sarah would have a son, what did Abraham do? _____
- 9. How old were Abraham and Sarah now? _____
- 10. What would be Abraham and Sarah's promised son be named?

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Remember this:

11. God repeated His promise that Abraham and his children would possess

_____ the land of _____.

12. Even though Ishmael was not the promised son, God blessed him, too.

Fill in the blanks to show how God said He would bless Ishmael.

“I have blessed him and will make him _____

and _____ him greatly. He shall father twelve

_____, and I will make him into a great

_____.”

13. When was Sarah going to have the baby that was promised?

14. Even though Abraham laughed when he thought about God’s promise and his age and Sarah’s age, remember what the Bible says about him. Read James 2: 23 and fill in the blanks.

“Abraham _____ God, and it was counted to

him as _____’—and he was called a

_____ of God.”

19

The Lord Appears to Abraham

Genesis 18:1-15

Memory verse: ““I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” Genesis 18: 10

And the Lord appeared to him (Abraham) by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. (We will find out that one of these “men” was the Lord and the other two apparently were angels.) When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.”

So they said, “Do as you have said.”

And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs (measures) of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf (baby cow), tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds (Thick part of milk used to make cheese) and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?”

And he said, “She is in the tent.”

The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?”

The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid.

He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

Lessons to learn: Abraham was friendly (hospitable) to the men who came to see him.

We should be friendly (hospitable) like that, too.

Sarah lied. Lying is a sin.

Sarah needed to have more faith in God's promise. She should have known that God always does what He says He will do.

God always keeps His promises. We should believe what He says.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Abraham immediately wanted to help the three men when he saw them.
- _____ 2. Abraham did the least that he could do for the men.
- _____ 3. No one helped Abraham prepare all the food for the men.
- _____ 4. The Lord knew that Sarah had laughed even though she was in the tent.
- _____ 5. Isaac would be born in about a year from this time.

Short Answer:

- 6. What was Abraham doing when the men appeared to him? _____

- 7. Why did Abraham bring water to the men? _____
- 8. Where did Abraham ask the men to rest? _____
- 9. What did Sarah make for the visitors? _____
- 10. What did a young man prepare for the visitors? _____
- 11. What else did Abraham give the men to eat? _____

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Remember this:

12. Why did Sarah laugh when the Lord said that she would have a son?

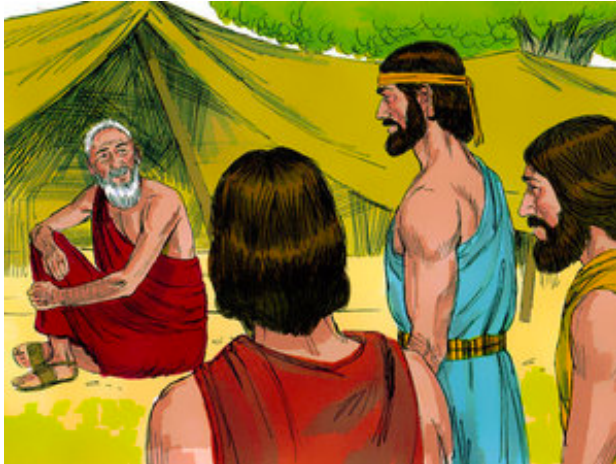
13. When Sarah laughed, the Lord asked, “Is _____ too
_____ for the _____?”

14. Read Hebrews 13:2 and fill in the blanks.

**“Do not neglect to show _____ to
_____, for thereby (in that way) some have
entertained _____ unawares (without knowing it).”**

15. God commands us to be hospitable. Read I Peter 4: 9 and fill in the blanks.

**“Be _____ to one another without
_____.”**



20

Abraham Intercedes For Sodom

(He pleads with God for the people of Sodom)

Genesis 18:16-33

Memory verse: “I have chosen him... to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice.” Genesis 18:19

Then the (three) men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave (serious), I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will You then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from You to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” (Abraham thought that it wouldn’t be right to punish the righteous with the wicked.)

And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will You destroy the whole city for lack of five?”

And He said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”

Again he spoke to Him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.”

He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.”

Then he (Abraham) said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.”

He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."

He (Abraham) said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there."

He (God) answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."

Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there."

He (God) answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the Lord went His way, when He had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Lessons to Learn: The people of Sodom and Gomorrah were very wicked, and God was going to punish them..

Abraham pleaded or begged God not to punish righteous men with the wicked.

God knew what was happening in Sodom and Gomorrah, but He was explaining to Abraham that God is just by being sure of what was going on there.

In the end, God promised not to destroy the cities if there were ten righteous people there.

Good people can intercede or plead with God in prayer for other people.

True or False:

- _____ 1. God had chosen Abraham for a special reason.
- _____ 2. God had to check on Sodom and Gomorrah or else he could not know what was going on there.
- _____ 3. Abraham thought that it would be unjust for God to punish/destroy righteous people because of wicked people.
- _____ 4. Abraham continued to intercede for righteous people even after God agree to the first thing he asked.
- _____ 5. God knew that Abraham would teach his children to worship God correctly.

Short Answer:

- 6. Finish what God said. "Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and _____"

7. Did God KNOW that the people in Sodom and Gomorrah were sinful?
How do you know? Look at what God told Abraham about them.

8. God wanted Abraham and his children to do “righteousness and justice”
so that He (God) could _____

9. First, God agreed to spare the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah if He found
_____ righteous people there.

10. In the end, God agreed to spare the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah if He
found _____ righteous people there.

Remember this:

11. Which relative of Abraham lived near Sodom and Gomorrah?
(Remember that he looked at the Jordan valley and liked the land and
chose to live there.) _____

12. God chose Abraham because He knew that Abraham would teach his
family to worship God correctly. Is that something that God expects
parents to do today? _____

13. Read Ephesians 6:4 and fill in the blanks. “_____, do
not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the
_____ and _____ of
the Lord.”

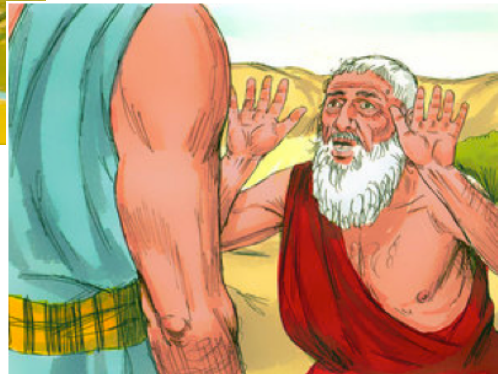
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14. For whom we can pray? Read I Timothy 2:1 and fill in the blanks.

**“First of all, then, I urge that _____,
prayers, _____, and
_____ be made for _____.”**

15. Read Philippians 4: 6 and fill in the blanks. You may remember it from our memory work.

**“Do not be _____ about anything, but in
everything by _____ and _____
with _____ let your requests be
made known to _____.”**



21

Lot is Saved

Genesis 19

Memory verse: ““Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley.” Genesis 19: 17

The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth and said, “My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way.” They said, “No; we will spend the night in the town square.” But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.” (They wanted to harm the men.) Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.”

But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came to sojourn (live here for a while), and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. But the men (angels) reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping (feeling with their hands) for the door.

Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it.” So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his

daughters, “Up! Get out of this place, for the Lord is about to destroy the city.” But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting (joking).

As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.” But he lingered (stayed/waited). So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. And as they brought them out, one said, “Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.” And Lot said to them, “Oh, no, my lords. Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me and I die....

The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur (brimstone) and fire from the Lord out of heaven. And He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. But Lot’s wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the Lord. And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace.

So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived.

Lessons to Learn: God takes care of people who obey Him. God will punish those people who are wicked/sinful. (do bad things) It was not good for Lot and his family to be near the wicked people. Lot’s wife did not obey the command to not look back, and she was punished.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Lot was hospitable or friendly toward the men (angels) who came to Sodom.
- _____ 2. The people of Sodom were also hospitable.
- _____ 3. The angels saved Lot from the people of the city.

- ____ 4. Lot left immediately when the angels told him to take his family and leave.
- ____ 5. Lot's wife looked back toward Sodom, and she became a pillar of salt.

Short Answer:

6. When Lot saw the two men or angels, what did he ask them to do?

7. Why did the men of Sodom surround Lot's house? _____

8. What did the angels do to the men who wanted to harm the angels and

Lot? _____

9. When Lot told the men who were going to marry his daughters that God

was going to destroy the city, what did they think? _____

10. When Lot lingered (didn't leave right away), how did the angels help

him and his family? _____

Remember this:

11. When the angels helped Lot and his family get out of the city of Sodom,

the Bible said it was the _____ being _____
to him. (God had sympathy or compassion for Lot and didn't want to
punish him.)

continued

12. What commands did the angels give Lot and his family when they left?

Fill in the blanks. "Escape for your life. Do not _____
_____ or _____ anywhere in the _____."

13. Did Lot have to obey God to be saved? _____

14. II Peter 2:7 says, "He (God) rescued righteous Lot, (who was) greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked." Should Lot have been living among the wicked people of Sodom? _____

15. Circle the things you should remember about sinners so you can do what God wants you to do.

Evil people could cause you to start doing wrong things.

It doesn't matter who your friends are.

God wants His people to be separate from sinners.

God wants His people to be good examples.

Our best friends should be other Christians

We have to point out sin so we can try to save sinners



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Abraham and Abimelech

Genesis 20

Memory verse: “How have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin?” Genesis 20: 9

From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the Negeb and lived between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned (lived for a while) in Gerar. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, “She is my sister.” And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, “Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife.”

Now Abimelech had not approached her. So he said, “Lord, will you kill an innocent people? Did he not himself say to me, ‘She is my sister’? And she herself said, ‘He is my brother.’ In the integrity (honesty) of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this.”

Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not let you touch her. Now then, return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, so that he will pray for you, and you shall live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.”

So Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his servants and told them all these things. And the men were very much afraid. Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, “What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done.” And Abimelech said to Abraham, “What did you see, that you did this thing?”

Abraham said, “I did it because I thought, ‘There is no fear of God at all in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.’ Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. And when God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, ‘This is the kindness you must do me: at every place to which we come, say of me, ‘He is my brother.’”

Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and returned Sarah his wife to him.

And Abimelech said, "Behold, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you." To Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. It is a sign of your innocence in the eyes of all who are with you, and before everyone you are vindicated." Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children. For the Lord had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Lessons to Learn: Abraham and Sarah lied by not telling the whole truth. They also didn't trust God to take care of them. Even though Abimelech didn't know that he had done anything wrong, God punished him and his household because he took Abraham's wife. Abraham and Sarah's sin could have caused Abimelech to sin.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Abimelech had innocently taken Sarah to be his wife.
- _____ 2. God talked to Gentiles as well as Abraham.
- _____ 3. This is the second time that Abraham and Sarah did this kind of thing.
- _____ 4. God will not punish a person who does wrong but doesn't know that he has done something wrong.
- _____ 5. Abimelech gave Abraham a thousand pieces of gold to show everyone that Sarah was innocent.

Short Answer:

- 6. God came to Abimelech in a _____ and said, "You are a _____ man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a _____."
- 7. Abimelech said, "In the _____ (honesty) of my _____ and the _____ of my hands I have done this."

8. Who did Abimelech say had brought great sin upon his kingdom and done things that should not have been done? _____
9. Was Sarah really Abraham's sister? _____
10. Why did Abraham and Sarah lie? _____

Remember this:

11. Abraham and Sarah had done this before. No one can live without sinning. What must a person do when he has sinned so that he can be right with God again?
- _____
- _____

12. Who kept Abimelech from sinning? _____

13. God said that Abraham was a _____ so he would pray for Abimelech.

14. Read Luke 17:1-2 and fill in the blanks to see what God thinks about people who cause other people to sin.

“_____ to sin are sure to come, but _____ (warning of bad things to happen) to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a _____ (huge stone for grinding grain) were hung around his _____ and he were cast into the _____ than that he should cause one of these little ones to _____.”

23

Birth of Isaac

Genesis 21

Memory verse: “The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised.” Genesis 21:1

The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. And Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me.” And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

And the child grew and was weaned (started eating food instead of just milk). And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian (Ishmael), whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac.” And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son.

But God said to Abraham, “Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Let me not look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.

And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Up! Lift up the boy, and

hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation.” Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. And God was with the boy, and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Lessons to Learn: God kept His promise to Sarah. God always keeps His promises.

Isaac was the promised son, but God was going to bless Ishmael, too, because he was Abraham’s son.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Sarah had a son at the time that God had told her that she would have a son.
- _____ 2. At the feast for Isaac, Ishmael was laughing in a bad way because Sarah did not like it.
- _____ 3. God told Abraham not to send Hagar away.
- _____ 4. When she ran out of water, Hagar thought that Ishmael would die.
- _____ 5. God was only with Isaac, the promised son.

Short Answer:

6. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? _____

7. What does it mean that Isaac was weaned? _____

8. Why did Sarah want to send Hagar and Ishmael away?

9. What did God tell Abraham about sending Hagar and Ishmael away?

10. When her water ran out, why did Hagar go away from the bush where Ishmael was and sit far away?

Remember this:

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11. Why did Sarah want to send Hagar and Ishmael away? _____

12. Which one of Abraham's sons was the promised son God said he would send ?

13. Which one of Abraham's sons was born because Sarah thought she would "help" Abraham receive his promised son?

14. What happened to Ishmael when he grew up? _____

15. Find Canaan and the Wilderness of Paran and circle them on the map.

