

March 22nd- Elementary

From Adam to Jesus

BIBLE PASSAGE:

Matthew 1; Luke 3; John 1

Story Point:

Jesus' family line proved He is the Messiah.

KEY PASSAGE:

John 1:1-2 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."

Big Picture Question:

Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both truly God and truly human.

Leader Bible Study (to read ahead of time)

The prophecies concerning Jesus' birth are numerous, and many of them refer to Jesus' lineage. Old Testament prophecies tell of the promised Messiah being born from the seed of a woman (Gen. 3:15); from the seed of Abraham (Gen. 22:18), Isaac (Gen. 21:12), and Jacob (Num. 24:17); from the tribe of Judah (Micah 5:2); from the line of Jesse (Isa. 11:1); and from the house of David (Jer. 23:5). The prophecies said He would be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14) and would be the Son of God (1 Chron. 17:13-14; Ps. 2:7). Jesus fulfilled all of these prophecies.

In Bible times, Jews took great care to accurately record family genealogies. The family a person belonged to was directly linked to property rights. Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38 both chronicle the genealogy of Jesus. The account in Matthew presents Jesus as the king of the Jews—the legal heir to the throne of David. The account in Luke was written to Greek Christians and focuses on Jesus' descent from Adam.

Jesus was born as a baby in Bethlehem. He had earthly parents—Mary and Joseph—but His true Father is God. Jesus is fully God and fully man.

As fully God, "the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ" (Col. 2:9). As fully man, Jesus has a human body, human mind, and human emotions. (See Luke 2:7,52; Matt. 26:38.) He is our sinless representative (2 Cor. 5:21), sympathetic high priest (Heb. 4:15), and substitute sacrifice (1 John 4:10).

Use this Bible story with the kids you teach to review Jesus' ancestors and their stories in the Old Testament. Help kids recognize that God had been working out His plan to send Jesus over hundreds of years—through Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Rahab, Ruth, David, and others. God sent His Son to earth to save people from their sins.

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Before He came to earth as a human being, **God the Son** was with the Father. No one created Him; He **has always existed**. God created the first people, Adam and Eve, but they did not obey Him. **All along, God planned to send His Son to earth to save people from sin. At just the right time, Jesus came to earth as a baby.** He was born to Mary, the wife of Joseph. **Jesus is different than any other baby who was ever born because He is fully God and fully human.**

Like all people on earth, Jesus' family had a history—a family tree. Jesus had parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and great-great-grandparents . . . back and back for many generations. **Jesus was born into the family of Abraham and the family of King David. Abraham had a son named Isaac. When Isaac had a family, one of his sons was named Jacob. Jacob was part of Jesus' family.**

Years later, a man named Salmon (SAL mahn) was born into Jesus' family tree. He married Rahab (RAY hab), who hid the Israelite spies when they came to Jericho. **Rahab had a baby named Boaz (BOH az). Boaz** was a farmer, and he **married Ruth. Boaz and Ruth had a son named Obed (OH bed).**

Obed's son was Jesse. Jesse had many sons; his youngest was David. David was just a boy when he was chosen to be Israel's king. King David liked to write. He wrote songs—called psalms—and some of them were about the time when Jesus would come to earth.

Other people in Jesus' family were kings too. **David's son Solomon was a king. King Jehoshaphat (jih HAHSH uh fat) was part of Jesus' family, and so was Uzziah (uh ZIGH uh), Ahaz (AY haz), Hezekiah (HEZ ih kigh uh), and Josiah.**

God's people returned home from exile in Babylon. **Then Shealtiel (shih AL tih el) was born. His son was Zerubabel (zuh RUHB uh buhl). Later, Matthan (MAT than) came along. Matthan's son was named Jacob, and Jacob's son was named Joseph. Joseph is the man who married Jesus' mother, Mary. Joseph raised Jesus as his own son. Jesus was truly God's Son—the Messiah.**

Christ Connection: Jesus came to earth as a human. Jesus had earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, but His true Father is God. Through Jesus, God kept His promises to Abraham and David. Jesus saves people from their sins and adopts them into God's family.

Family portrait

What you need: “Family Portrait” Activity Page, markers

Invite kids to complete the “Family Portrait” activity page. Kids will draw pictures of their families, or what they think their families might look like when they grow up and start their own.

Say • God created all kinds of families. No matter what our families look like, God can use our families to help us learn and grow. Jesus is truly human and truly God. Because He is truly human, he had a human family! He was born as a human baby into a human family. Today we are learning about Jesus’ family.

PLAY AS A FAMILY: Who’s the one?

What you need: No Supplies Needed

Instruct kids to stand up. Assign one kid to be *It*. *It* will stand in front of the players and decide which player is his *Person*. Then the players will take turns asking yes-or-no questions to determine who the *Person* is. (Examples: Is the *Person* a girl? Is the *Person* wearing black shoes? Does the *Person* have curly hair?)

If a player correctly identifies the *Person*, that player becomes *It* and chooses a new *Person* to begin a new round.

Say • How many clues did you need before you figured out the chosen person? Long ago, God promised to send someone to rescue people from their sin. God said the Rescuer would come from the family of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Jesse, and David. Did Jesus fit that description?

KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

What you need: Key Passage Poster, 10 sheets of paper, pen/marker, tape, beanbag (or balled up sock)

Key Passage: John 1:1-2 - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.”

Write each word or phrase from the key passage onto 10 sheets of paper. Use tape to fix the sheets to the floor in a hopscotch pattern. Instruct the kids to line up and take turns tossing a beanbag onto the key passage before hopping across the passage, saying each word aloud. Kids will skip the word on which the beanbag landed.

Say • Our key passage comes from the very beginning of the Gospel of John. John wrote to tell people about Jesus. Jesus is the Word of God; through Jesus, all things exist. Jesus perfectly represents God’s desire for the world. John also explains that the Word is God and is with God. *Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both truly God and truly human.*

DISCUSSION AND BIBLE SKILLS

What you need: Bible, Story Point Poster

Distribute a Bible to each kid. Help kids find Matthew 1; Luke 3; John 1. Explain that these books are in the Gospels division of the New Testament. These books, along with Mark, tell the story of Jesus' life and ministry on earth, including His death and resurrection.

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

- Where was Jesus before He was born as a human baby? (*with God the Father, John 1:1*)
- Who were three of the women named in Jesus' family line? (*Rahab, Ruth, and Mary; Matt. 1:5,16*)
- Who was Jesus' earthly father? (*Joseph, Luke 3:23*)
- Why is it important to understand who was part of Jesus' family? *Guide kids to understand that many of God's promises about the coming Messiah had to do with specific families. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were promised blessings to bless the world; and David was promised a descendant who would reign forever. Seeing Jesus' family line helps us understand that Jesus is the Messiah.*
- How do you feel knowing Jesus' family was not perfect? *Discuss the idea that God uses imperfect people to bring about His perfect plans. Jesus' family was not perfect, our families are not perfect, and we are not perfect. Even so, God can use us in His plans.*
- How can we be a part of God's family? *Remind kids that Jesus' death and resurrection made the way for us to be forgiven of sin and adopted into God's family. Even though people in God's family are not perfect, we can love one another and help one another with God's power and help. Someday all believers will be perfected at Jesus' return and the restoration of the world.*

Say • **Jesus' family line proved He is the Messiah.** His family was not perfect, but God used them to bring our perfect Savior into the world. Jesus died on the cross to make the way for us to be in God's family.

OPTION 1: Attributes of Jesus Paper Puzzle

What you need: "Instructions for Paper Puzzle", "Attributes of Jesus" Sheet, paper, markers, scissors

Talk to the kids about what sets Jesus apart from each of us. Write some of the things the kids say on a sheet of paper, also look at the provided sheet for more attributes. Have the kids make a paper puzzle with the attributes of Jesus written inside the flaps.

If time allows, let the kids partner up and play with their paper puzzles with each other.

OPTION 2: Family history

Select five or six people from Jesus' family lineage about whom your kids have learned. Challenge the kids to work together to retell stories they know about those people. Provide Bibles and help the kids find the passages the stories come from.

Suggested people:

Abraham (Gen. 22)

Jacob (Gen. 27)

Rahab (Josh. 2)

Ruth (Ruth 3)

David (2 Sam. 7)

Zerubbabel (Ezra 3)

Say • When we look back at the Old Testament, we read story after story of God using imperfect people to bring about His perfect plan. All along the way, God was planning to send the Messiah, our perfect Rescuer. **Jesus' family line proved He is the Messiah.** But God the Son existed before He was born as a human. He has always existed. *Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.*

REFLECTION & PRAYER

What you need: Paper, markers

Distribute a sheet of paper to each child. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?

What does this story teach me about myself?

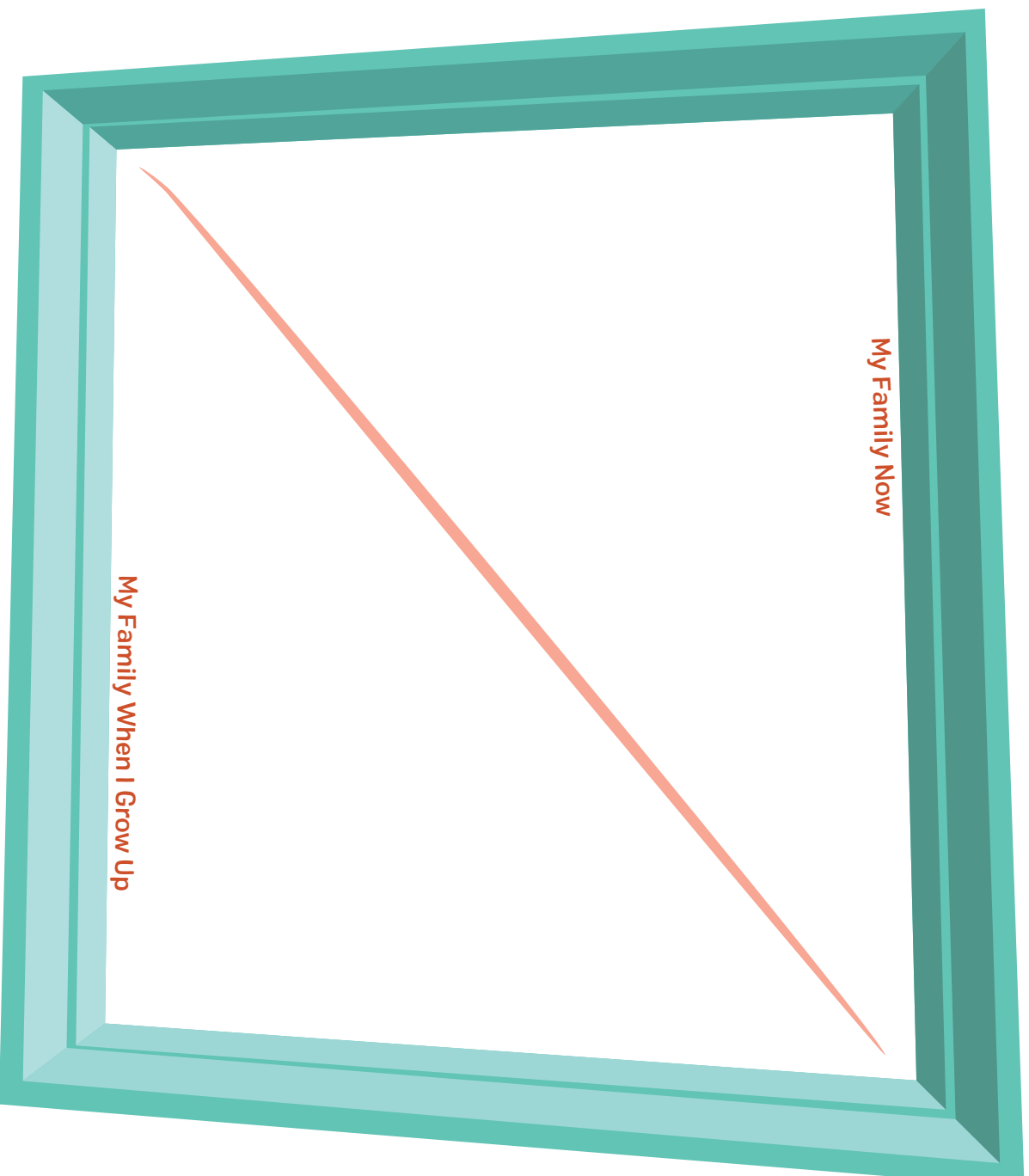
Whom can I tell about this story?

Make sure to send the sheets home with kids alongside the activity page so that parents can see what their kids have been learning.

If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page provided with this session. Pray for your group.

Family Portrait

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the space provided to draw a picture of your family.



Younger Kids Activity Pages

Unit 19 • Session 1

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BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus had an earthly family like us.
- Jesus' family included Adam, Abraham, and David.
- Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Rescuer.
- Jesus' family line proved He is the Messiah.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1-2

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why is it important to know about Jesus' family?
- How can we be a part of Jesus' spiritual family?
- How can we help Jesus' spiritual family grow?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- If possible, plan a visit with grandparents or other older family members. Help your kids come up with questions they can ask their relatives to learn more about your family's heritage.

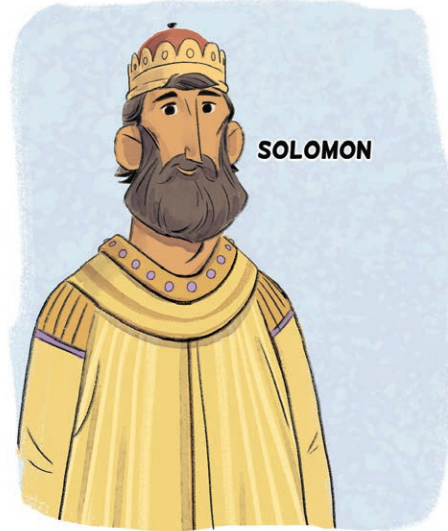
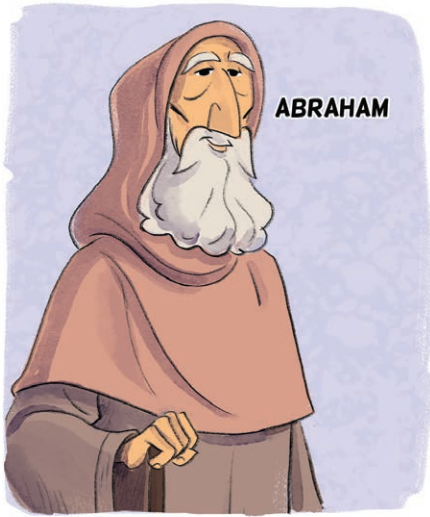


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HE IS THE MESSIAH.**

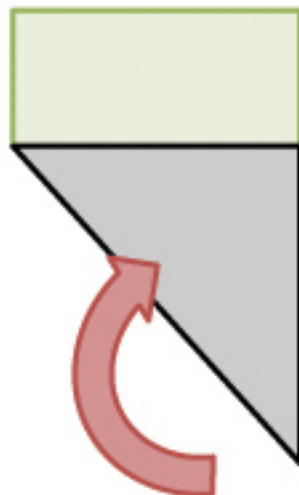
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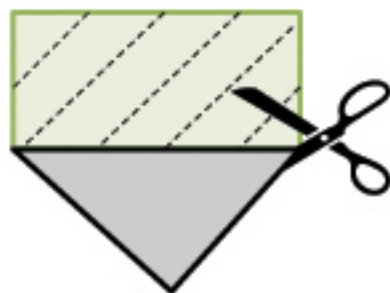
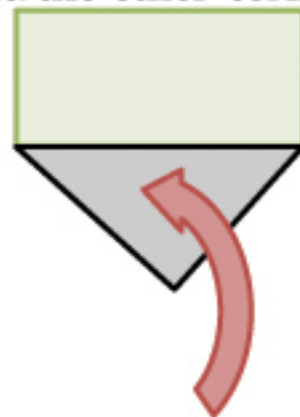
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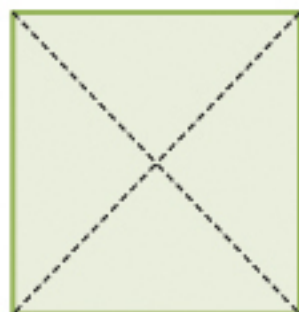
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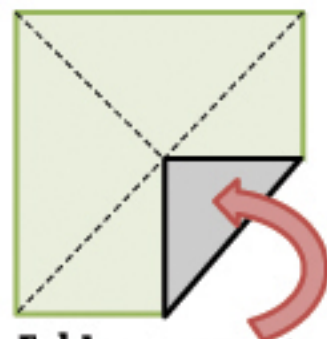
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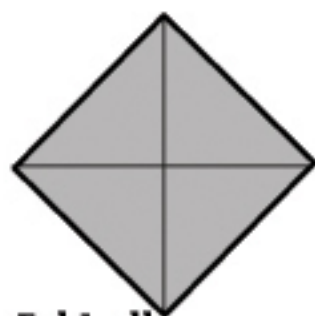
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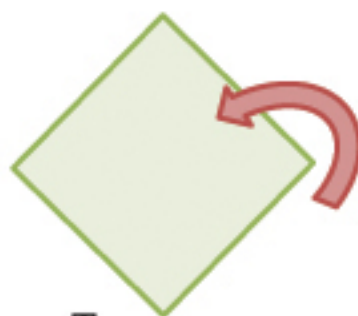
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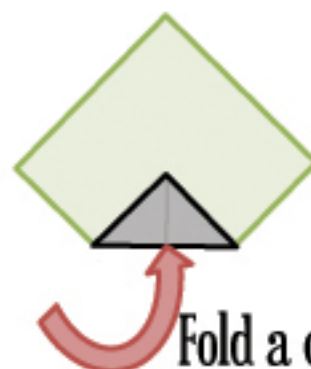
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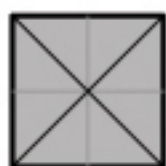
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Turn over



Fold a corner to the centre



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Turn over



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Jesus THE WORD Holy One
Bread of Life *Master* BRANCH
STAR
ALPHA & OMEGA Teacher
Dayspring Prince of Peace
MORNING
Son of Man COMFORTER
everLASTING SHILOH *Anchor*
FATHER The Almighty *Light*
Counselor TRUE VINE of the
MESSIAH THE LIFE HIGH *World*
Giver of Life PRIEST
& Blessings THE BELOVED
FAITHFUL & TRUE WITNESS *Shield* ROCK
Mediator Wonderful Counselor
The Resurrection King of Kings
Immanuel The Amen
LAMB OF GOD Healer I AM *Servant*
Good Shepherd *Savior* LIVING WATER
Advocate Redeemer
The Way, the Truth & the Life

ONLY BEGOTTEN SON