

# Genesis Lesson 1

## Everything from Nothing

### **Bible Study** Genesis 1:1-25

Read Genesis 1:1-2

*What was the world like at the beginning?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Who was hovering over the water?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 1:3-5

*What was created on the first day?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How was it created?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 1:6-8

*What was created on the second day?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How was it created?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Where was the water after the sky was created?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Keep in mind that "heaven" is another word for sky. So, the water was on earth and in the sky.*

Read Genesis 1:9-13

*What was created on the third day?* \_\_\_\_\_

*According to these verses, what does the word vegetation mean?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How was it created?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What was recorded as significant about how God created vegetation (plants)?*

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Read Genesis 1:14-19

*What was created on the fourth day?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How was it created?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Looking back at day 1, what was created on the first day?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Notice that God created light on day 1 but the sun was not created until day 4.*

Read Genesis 1:20-23

*What was created on day 5?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How was it created?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What was recorded as significant about how God created the fish and birds?*

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*The word offspring means babies. So, the sea creatures and birds have babies that are like them. A shark will have a baby shark not a dolphin.*

Read Genesis 1:24-25

*What was the first thing created on day 6?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How was it created?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What was recorded as significant about how God created the animals?*

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*Remind me, what does the word offspring mean?* \_\_\_\_\_

*We are going to stop here today, but tomorrow we will finish learning about how God created the universe.*

# Genesis Lesson 2

## Created in God's Image

### **Bible Study** Genesis 1:26-31

*Yesterday, we learned how God created the universe. What things did we read about God creating?*

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*How did God create all these things?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Today, we are going to learn about the last thing God created on day 6.*

Read Genesis 1:26

*What was the next thing God planned to create?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What would human beings do?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 1:27

*Whose image were people created in?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 2 goes into more detail about how God created human beings. Let's look at these verse now.*

Read Genesis 2:7

*How did God create the man?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How did the man start breathing?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Nostrils is a scientific word for our nose. So, this verse means that God breathed into the man's nose. Now, let's look at how the woman was created.*

Read Genesis 2:18

*What did God say was not good for the man?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 2:19-20

*Who did God bring to the man?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Did any of them make a good helper for the man?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 2:21-22

*How did God create the woman?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 2:23

*How did the man respond when he met the woman? Why?* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Notice that the man and woman are the only thing God FORMED. Everything else in creation was just spoken into existence. But it wasn't just the first man and woman who were formed this way by God.*

Read Jeremiah 1:5

*God told Jeremiah He formed him in his mother's womb. In Psalm, we also read David declare that God formed him inside his mother's womb. All people are formed by God. Isn't it amazing to realize that God spent special time creating you?*

# Genesis Lesson 3

## God's Commands to Them

### **Bible Study** Genesis 2

Read Genesis 2:24

*What does a man do?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What happens when the man and woman marry?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 2:25

*What were the man and woman wearing?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How did the man and woman feel about being naked?* \_\_\_\_\_

*The man and woman felt this way because sin had not entered the world yet. Tomorrow, we will study how this feeling changes after they sin. For now, let's look at the two commands God gives the man and woman.*

*Before God formed the woman, Genesis 2 tells us He gave the man a command he would later share with the woman. Let's look at this first command from God.*

Read Genesis 2:15-17

*What was the man allowed to eat?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What was the man not allowed to eat?* \_\_\_\_\_

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*What would happen if the man ate it?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Remember these things for tomorrow's Bible study. They will be very important. Now, let's look at God's 2nd commandment found in chapter 1, after God created the man and woman.*

Read Genesis 1:28

*What was the first thing God told the man and woman to do?* \_\_\_\_\_

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*People are "fruitful and multiply" when they have babies. So, God was telling them to have*

*children. That is how they would fill the earth. If these two people were supposed to fill the earth by having children, that means all the people in the world came from these two people. It doesn't matter where the people live or what they look like, they all came from these first two people God created. We will learn more about how all people came from these two people as we continue to study Genesis.*

*What was the second thing God told the man and woman to do in verse 28?*

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Read Genesis 1:29-30

*What food did God give the man and woman?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What food did God give all the animals?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Did anything God created eat meat?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 1:31

*What did God think of this creation?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 2:1-3

*What did God do on the 7th day?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did God do to the 7th day?* \_\_\_\_\_

*God's creation was done and it was very good...at least for a moment. Tomorrow, we will study what happened that made everything go wrong.*

# Genesis Lesson 4

## A Perfect World Comes Undone

### **Bible Study** Genesis 3

Read Genesis 3:1

*Serpent is another word for a snake. What question did the snake ask Eve?*

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Read Genesis 3:2-3

*Did Eve answer the snake with the truth?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 3:4-5

*What did the snake say would happen if Eve disobeyed God?*

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Read Genesis 3:6

*Did Eve continue to argue with the snake?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 3:7

*What happened after they ate the fruit?* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Why do you think they felt shame at their nakedness?*

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*What did they do after they ate the fruit?*

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Read Genesis 3:8-9

*What did they hear in the evening?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did they do?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 3: 9-10

*What did the man say to God?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Was this how He felt about God before?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Based on these verses, what did sin do to man's relationship with God?*

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Read Genesis 3:11

*Were able to hide his sin from God?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 3:12

*What did the man say about his sin?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 3:13

*What did the woman say about her sin?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 3:14-15

*What 2 consequences did God give the serpent?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 3:16

*What 2 consequences did God give the woman?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 3:17-19

*What 2 consequences did God give the man?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Go back and read Genesis 2:15-17

*What did God tell the man would happen if he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?*

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*Was this one of the consequences of the man's sin?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans 5:12

What did Adam's sin bring into the world? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Who sins? \_\_\_\_\_

Who dies? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans 6:23

*Wages is another word for payment.*

What is the payment for sin? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the free gift of God? \_\_\_\_\_

How do we receive the free gift? \_\_\_\_\_

Read 1 Peter 3:18

How did Christ give us this free gift? \_\_\_\_\_

Remember, the payment for your sins is death. Who paid the price for your sins? \_\_\_\_\_

*Christ has already paid for the sins of everyone who has ever lived. But that does not mean that all people will receive this free gift.*

Read John 14:6

How do you get to the Father? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans 10:9-10

What 2 things do you need to do to be saved?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Read Ephesians 2:8-9

Can you do anything to be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

*People can make salvation seem really complicated. We need to look to scripture to know what is truly required of us. To make sure you remember what is required to be saved, I want you to write it out one more time.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*"Declare it openly." Now, the word declare has more than one meaning. Sometimes, it means to say*

*something strongly, and it is always great to tell people you are a Christian. However, in this context, the word declare means to take possession. It means you need to make it yours, openly. So, the next question you should ask is, "how do I take possession of salvation openly?"*

Read John 13:35

*A disciple is someone who is committed to learning and copying the ways of Jesus.*

*How will people know that we are Jesus's disciples? \_\_\_\_\_*

*Have you ever heard the expression, "actions speak louder than words?" That's what this verse is saying. It doesn't matter what you say, it matters how you act. So, repeat it again...how will they know we are disciples of Jesus?*

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*If you have never been saved, now is the perfect opportunity. Do you believe God raised Jesus from the dead? If yes, then now it's time to start loving others openly.*

*Now that we understand where our salvation comes from, let's head back to Genesis to finish today's study.*

Read Genesis 3:20

*What did God do for Adam and Eve? \_\_\_\_\_*

*What did God use to make them clothes? \_\_\_\_\_*

*Remember, no human or animal ate meat before sin, so this was the first creature to die.*

Reread Romans 6:23

*Why did this animal have to die? \_\_\_\_\_*

Read Genesis 3:22-24

*Why did God send Adam and Eve out of the garden? \_\_\_\_\_*

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*at did Adam have to do when he left the garden? \_\_\_\_\_*

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# Genesis Lesson 5

## Jealousy Takes Root

### **Bible Study** Genesis 4

Read Genesis 4:1-2

*What are the names of Adam and Eve's two sons given here AND list what their job was?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 4:3-5

*What did Cain bring to God?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did Abel bring to God?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Whose gift did God accept?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Whose gift did God not accept?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How did he respond to God's rejection?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 3:21 again

*What did God do to clothe Adam and Eve?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans 6:23 again

*What is the payment (wages) for sin?* \_\_\_\_\_

*So, God killed an animal to cover the sin of Adam and Eve.*

Read Hebrews 10:3-4

*What did the sacrifices do?* \_\_\_\_\_

*So, what was Cain supposed to bring to God?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Had Cain done what he was supposed to do?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 4:6-7

*What would happen to Cain if he did the right thing?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What is waiting if you refuse to do right?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What is sin eager to do?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What must we do to sin?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 4:8

*What did Cain suggest to Abel?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What happened once they got there?* \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 4:9-10

*What did God ask Cain?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How did Cain respond?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Did God need Cain to tell Him where Abel was?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Was there any point in Cain lying to God?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Psalm 139:1-4

*What does God know?* \_\_\_\_\_

*When does God know it?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 4:11-12

*What are the two punishments God gives Cain?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 4:13-14

*How did Cain respond to God's punishment?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Cain mentioned another aspect of God's punishment that was not listed in the previous verses. What was this extra part of God's punishment?*

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*What is Cain afraid will happen to him?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Just something to think about for a moment. Cain is the son of Adam and Eve, the first of all people. So, all the people on earth with Cain are his parents, brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews. All these people would know what he did to his brother. Also, keep in mind that Abel was the first person on*

*earth to die. Do you think he was right to be scared? \_\_\_\_\_*

Genesis 4:15-16

*What did God say would happen to anyone who killed Cain?*

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*What did God give Cain to warn others from harming him? \_\_\_\_\_*

*Do these verses say what the mark is? \_\_\_\_\_*

*No where in the Bible are we told what the mark of Cain was. So, be careful when you hear people try to say they know what the mark was. Many people have tried to say what the mark of Cain was in order to support what they wanted to do. However, it is always dangerous to add to the word of God.*

Read Genesis 4:25-26

*What did God give Adam and Eve? \_\_\_\_\_*

*Verse 26 says Seth had a son named Enosh and at that time, people started worshiping God by \_\_\_\_\_.*

*The name used for God here is YHWH. Historians are not positive how this name would have been pronounced because the Israelite people would not speak it aloud out of reverence. This was God's personal name. It could never be used to describe anyone else. In Exodus, we will see God use this name to describe himself. In English, it is best translated, "I am who I am."*

# Genesis Lesson 6

## Starting Over

### **Bible Study** Genesis 6-9

Read Genesis 6:5-6

*Describe the people at this time:* \_\_\_\_\_

*How did God feel about people?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 6:7-8

*What did God decide He would do?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Who found favor with God?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 6:9

*What do we learn about Noah in this verse?* \_\_\_\_\_

*So, why did Noah find favor with God?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How will you find favor with God?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 6:10-13

*What was wrong with the earth?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did God decide to do because of this?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Take a moment to think about how angry the people's sin had made God. Many times, we shrug off sin as if it is no big deal, but to God it is huge. It is separation from Him. See, God is holy, and He cannot stand sin.*

Read Psalm 5:4

*What can God not stand?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Remember what happened when Adam and Eve sinned in the garden? They hid from God. Our sin separates us from God. That is what was happening during Noah's time. The people were living (and loving) their sin and were separated from God. Keep in mind that God created people for a*

*relationship with Him. How much this must break God's heart when what He created for himself turns away from Him. No wonder He decided to start over!*

Read Genesis 6:14-16

*What did God tell Noah to do?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How was Noah supposed to know how to build it?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 6:17-22

*Why did Noah need to build a boat?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What three things was Noah to bring onto the boat?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*How did Noah respond?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 7:1-5

*What number do we see repeatedly in these verses?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Where have we seen this number previously in our study of Genesis?*

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*You will see this number throughout the entire Bible. Whenever we see the number 7, God is showing us completion (as with the days of creation). The number 7 symbolizes God's perfection.*

*Now, previously, we saw God tell Noah to bring 2 of each animal onto the boat. Why is he now being told to bring 7 of some animals?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What must be included in every pair?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Why must a male and female be included in every pair?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What does God say will happen in 7 days?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How long will it rain?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What will happen before the rain stops?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 7:6-12

*Verse 11 tells us the water came from what 2 places?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 7:13-16

*Who closed the door on the boat?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 7:17-24

*What did the water cover?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What was left after the flood?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How long did the water cover the earth?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 8:1-5

*What happened 5 months after the flood started?*

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Read Genesis 8:6-9

*After 40 days resting on the mountain, what did Noah do?*

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*Did the dove find a place to land?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 8:10-11

*How long did Noah wait?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What happened this time?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 8:12

*How long did Noah wait?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What happened this 3rd time?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 8:13-20

*What did Noah do when he left the boat?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Thinking back on Genesis 3, when Adam and Eve sinned, why did Noah sacrifice animals? What were the animals the payment for?* \_\_\_\_\_

# Genesis Lesson 7

## Nations Separated

### **Bible Study** Genesis 8-9, 11

Read Genesis 8:21-22

*What did God think of Noah's sacrifice?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did God decide?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 9:1-7

*What command did God give Noah and his sons?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What must they not eat?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What must happen if someone kills someone else?* \_\_\_\_\_

*This may seem like a random thing for God to throw in after the flood, but remember why He destroyed the earth. These things give us insight into some of the things people were doing before the flood. God is establishing His guidelines against evil going forward.*

Read Genesis 9:8-11

*God made a covenant with Noah and his sons. When God makes a covenant, it is a promise that will never be broken.*

*What promise did God make with Noah and his sons?*

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Genesis 9:12-17

*What sign did God give for His covenant?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What does the rainbow remind God?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 11:1-2

*How many languages were there in the world?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Where did the people settle?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 11:3-4

What did the people plan to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did the people want to do this? \_\_\_\_\_

Go back and reread Genesis 1:28

God told Adam and Eve to govern and reign over the earth. What did He tell them to do in order to govern the earth? \_\_\_\_\_

Now, read Genesis 9:1 again.

What command did God give to Noah and his sons? \_\_\_\_\_

God's plan was for people to "fill the earth." We see in Genesis 11 that people were deliberately disobeying God's command.

Read Genesis 11:5-7

What did God do in verse 5? \_\_\_\_\_

What did God say the people were? \_\_\_\_\_

What would the people be able to do? \_\_\_\_\_

What did God decide to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 11:8-9

What did God do with the people? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the city called? \_\_\_\_\_

*In Genesis 1:9, we see that God gathered all the water into one place for dry land to appear. Science now agrees the earth used to be one large piece of land (Pangea), just like we see in Genesis 1. Many Biblical historians and scientists believe the Tower of Babel is when God separated the continents.*

Read Genesis 10:25

What happened during Peleg's life? \_\_\_\_\_

*Based on the ages of the people listed in Genesis, Peleg would have been alive during the time of the Tower of Babel, leading scholars to believe God split the continents after confusing the languages of the people in Babylon.*

# Genesis Lesson 8

## God Calls Abram

**Bible Study** Genesis 11:27–Genesis 13:4

Read Genesis 11:27

*Who were Terah's three sons?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Who was Haran's son?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 11:28–29

*Whom did Abram marry?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 11:30

*What problem did Sarai have?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 11:31–32

*Where did Terah, Abram, Sarai, and Lot go?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 12:1

*What did God tell Abram to do?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 12:2–3

*What would God make Abram into?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What was God going to do to Abram?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What was God going to do to the entire world through Abram's family?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 12: 4

*How did Abram respond?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How old was Abram when he left Haran?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 12:5-6

*What did Abram take with him?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Where did Abram camp?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Who was living in Canaan?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 12:7-9

*What did God say He would do?* \_\_\_\_\_

*The word descendents means all the people that come from a person; such as their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and on and on.*

*What did Abram do everywhere he stopped to camp as he traveled?* \_\_\_\_\_

*An altar was used to offer sacrifices to God. Based on what we've already learned in Genesis, what was Abram sacrificing to God?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Why was Abram offering sacrifices to God?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 12:10

*Why did Abram go to Egypt?* \_\_\_\_\_

*A famine happens when there is not enough food for people to eat.*

Read Genesis 12:11-13

*Abram tells Sarai to tell everyone she is his sister, why?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 12:14-16

*What happened to Sarai when they went to Egypt?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What happened to Abram because of Sarai?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 12:17

*What did God do to Pharaoh because of Sarai?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 12:18-20

*How did Pharaoh feel about Abram telling him Sarai was his sister?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did Pharaoh tell Abram to do?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Did Pharaoh take back all the gifts he had given Abram? \_\_\_\_\_*

Read Genesis 13:1-2

*What was Abram rich with? \_\_\_\_\_*

Read Genesis 13:3-4

*Where did Abram go? \_\_\_\_\_*

*What did Abram do when he got there? \_\_\_\_\_*

*Based on what you've learned, how did Abram worship God? \_\_\_\_\_*

*It seems like Abram gives a lot of sacrifices to God. We already know the sacrifice of animals was to pay the price for their sins. Why do you think Abram gave God sacrifices so often?*

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*Have you ever sacrificed an animal to God? \_\_\_\_\_*

*Today, we do not have to make sacrifices to pay for our sins. Read Hebrews 10:12 to find out why we don't have to make sacrifices anymore. Who became our sacrifice? \_\_\_\_\_*

*Will he ever have to repeat this sacrifice? \_\_\_\_\_*

*It is wonderful that Jesus paid the price for our sins once and for all. However, we need to be careful that we take our sins seriously. Abram knew how serious his sins were. That's why he was constantly offering sacrifices to God. He knew that his sin separated him from God. Because of Jesus, we do not have to offer sacrifices anymore, but we still need to be reconciled to God when we sin.*

Read 1 John 1:9

*What do we need to do about our sins? \_\_\_\_\_*

*What will God do when we confess our sins? \_\_\_\_\_*

# Genesis Lesson 9

## Abram and Lot Separate

### **Bible Study** Genesis 13-14

Read Genesis 13:5-7

*Why were Lot and Abram's herdsmen?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 13:8-9

*Why did Abram want to separate from Lot?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Who chose the land they wanted to have?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 13:10-13

*Where did Abram settle?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Where did Lot settle?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What does it tell us about the people where Lot settled?*

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*Why did Lot choose to settle there? (verse 10)*

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*Lot had a good reason for choosing the land he did. However, he only looked at the land and did not consider the environment of people he would be placing his family in. Keep this in mind because we will see how this decision impacts Lot's family later in Genesis.*

Read Genesis 13:14-18

*What was the first thing God said He would give to Abram? (Verse 14)*

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Look back at verse 7. *Was the land empty and available?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What was the second thing God said He would give Abram? (verse 16)*

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*How did Abram respond to God's promise?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Descendants are people who come from a person, such as: children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and on and on. This is the first time we see this promise to Abram, but it is definitely not the last time.*

Read Genesis 14:1-7

*What happened in the area?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 14:8-12

*What happened to Lot?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 14:13-16

*What did Abram do when he heard about Lot being captured?*

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Read Genesis 14:17-18

*What was Melchizedek?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 14:19-20

*What did Melchizedek do to Abram?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did Abram give Melchizedek?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 14:21-24

*Why did Abram not want to keep anything he had gotten back? (verse 23)*

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# Genesis Lesson 10

## God's Promise to Abram

### **Bible Study** Genesis 15

Read Genesis 15:1-3

*Yesterday, we learned God promised to give Abram many descendants (or children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc.). Why is Abram worried about God's promise?*

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Read Genesis 15:4-5

*What did God tell Abram he would have?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How many descendants did God tell Abram he would have?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 15:6

*Why did God count Abram righteous?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 15:7-8

*What did Abram ask God?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 15:9-11

*God asked Abram for animals. What did Abram do with these animals?*

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*In verses 12-16, God tells Abram what will happen to his family in the future. Let's break it down verse by verse.*

*Genesis 15:12, what was Abram doing?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 15:13, what would Abram's family be?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How long?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 15:14, what will God do to the enemy nation?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What will Abram's family have when God rescues them?* \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 15:15, *what is God's promise to Abram?* \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 15:16, *why will Abram's family return to Canaan after four generations?*

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Read Genesis 15:17-21

*What had God given to Abram's descendants?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Was this land empty and ready for Abram's family?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 16:1-3

*How long had Abram been in Canaan?* \_\_\_\_\_

*After years of waiting on God's promise, what plan did Sarai come up with?*

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*What was Abram's response to Sarai's plan?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 16:4-6

*How did Hagar respond when she became pregnant?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Who did Sarai blame for Hagar's actions?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How did Sarai respond to Hagar?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How did Hagar respond to Sarai's actions?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 16:7-10

*Who found Hagar when she ran away?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did they tell Hagar to do?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What promise was given to Hagar?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 16:11-12

*What would Hagar name her son?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What would he be like?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 16:13-16

*Hagar refers to God by the name El Roi for the first time. What does verse 13 say El Roi means? The God who \_\_\_\_\_*

*How old was Abram when Ishmael was born? \_\_\_\_\_*

# Genesis Lesson 11

## God Changes Who You Are

### **Bible Study** Genesis 17-18:15

Read Genesis 17:1-4

*How old was Abram?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did God guarantee Abram would have?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 17:5-8

*What did God change Abram's name to?* \_\_\_\_\_

**God reaffirmed His covenant with Abraham in these verses. To keep this in mind, list what God's covenant was:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 17:9-14

*God gave Abraham a sign that all men in Abraham's family were to follow forever. We now know that many of the guidelines God gave His people also have health benefits that go along with them. Circumcision was given as a sign to set Abraham's family apart from the rest of the world, but it also has health benefits that go along with it.*

Read Genesis 17:15-16

*What is Sarai's name now?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 17:17-22

*How did Abraham respond to God saying he would have another son?*

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*Is Ishmael the son God promised Abram?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What will the name of the promised son be?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What would God do for Ishmael?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Who would God confirm His covenant with?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 17:23-27

*In these verses, we see that Abraham followed God's directions on the same day God gave them.*

Read Genesis 18:1-8

*What did Abraham do when he saw the three men?*

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Read Genesis 18:9-10

*When would the men return?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Who would have a baby when they returned?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 18:11-12

*How did Sarah respond to hearing she would have a baby?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 18:13-15

*How did Sarah respond to the men calling her out for laughing?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Before we go any further in our study of God's word, we need to talk about one of the most amazing and important aspects of God: His omniscience. The word omniscient means all-knowing.*

Read Isaiah 46:9-10

*Who knows the future before it happens?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Whose plans happen every single time?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Now, think about how this applies to the story we are studying. God made a covenant with Abram, to give him a son and make his family a great nation.*

*Did God need Abram to marry someone new to make His plan happen? No, everything God plans will happen.*

*Was God surprised when Abram had Ishmael with Hagar? No, He can tell you the future before it happens.*

*In His omniscience, God already knew everything Abraham and Sarah would do and He already*

*had a plan to use them anyway. Isn't that beautiful and encouraging? God knows all the mistakes we will ever make, but He still loves us and chooses to use us.*

# Genesis Lesson 12

## God's Promise to Abram

### **Bible Study** Genesis 18:16-19

Read Genesis 18:16-21

*What did God tell Abraham about Sodom and Gomorrah? (verse 20)*

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Read Genesis 18:22-25

*What did Abraham ask God?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 18:26-33

*God told Abraham He would not destroy Sodom and Gomorrah if He found 50 righteous people in the city. Abraham asked God time and again to lower the number of righteous people needed to save the city. Ultimately, how many righteous people did God agree to spare Sodom and Gomorrah if He found?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 19:1

*Who went to Sodom?* \_\_\_\_\_

*In verses 2-9, we learn the men of Sodom surrounded Lot's house demanding he send out the men so they could hurt them. Lot refused to send them out, angering the men of the city.*

Read Genesis 19:10-11

*What did the angels do to the men at the door?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 19:12-13

*The angels told Lot they were going to destroy the city. What did they tell Lot to do?*

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Read Genesis 19:14

*How did the men marrying Lot's daughters respond?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 19:15-17

*As they left the city, what two things did the angels tell Lot's family not to do?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

*What would happen if they did these two things?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 19:18-29

*What happened to Sodom and Gomorrah?(verse 24)* \_\_\_\_\_

*What happened to Lot's wife? (verse 26)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Let's review what we learned yesterday about God's omniscience. What does the word omniscient mean?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Now, let's think about what this means from what we learned today.*

*Did God know how many righteous people were in Sodom and Gomorrah before the angels went?*

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*Did God know how Lot's family would respond?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Did God know Lot's wife would disobey and look back?* \_\_\_\_\_

*But God still gave them the opportunity to obey and be saved. In the same way, God knows how each person will respond to Him and salvation, but this knowledge does not keep Him from giving opportunity after opportunity to turn toward Him.*

# Genesis Lesson 13

## The Promised Son

### **Bible Study** Genesis 20

Read Genesis 20:1-2

*How does Abraham introduce His wife Sarah?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Who called for Sarah?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 20:3

*What would happen to Abimelech?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Why?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 20:4-7

*What did Abimelech say to God?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did God tell Abimelech to do with Sarah?* \_\_\_\_\_

*If Abimelech did this, what would happen to Abimelech?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What would happen if Abimelech did not do this?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 20:8-10

*How did Abimelech feel about Abraham?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 20:11-13

*Why did Abraham say Sarah was his sister?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 20:14-16

*What did Abimelech give Abraham?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Why did he give these things to Abraham?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 20:17-18

*What had God done to Abimelech and his people?* \_\_\_\_\_

**What did Abraham do for Abimelech?** \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 21:1-7

**What happened to Sarah?** \_\_\_\_\_

**When did it happen?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What did Abraham name their son?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What did Abraham do to Isaac on the 8th day?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember, circumcision was the sign God gave Abraham and his family to set them apart as God's people.**

**How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?** \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 21:8-10

**What did Abraham prepare for Isaac?** \_\_\_\_\_

**The verse says Isaac was about to be weaned, which means he was about 4 years old at this time. During Abraham's time, they had a feast to celebrate becoming a child instead of a baby.**

**What was Ishmael doing while at the feast?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What did Sarah demand Abraham do?** \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 21:11-13

**How did Abraham feel about sending Ishmael away?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What did God tell Abraham to do?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What would God do for Ishmael?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why?** \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 21:14-16

**What did Hagar do with Ishmael?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why?** \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 21:17-21

*Who called to Hagar?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Who had heard Ishmael?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did the angel of God tell Hagar to do?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Why?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did Hagar see when God opened her eyes?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Who was with Ishmael as he grew up?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did Ishmael become?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Where did Ishmael settle (live)?* \_\_\_\_\_

# Genesis Lesson 14

## Willing to Give It All Up

### **Bible Study** Genesis 22-23

Read Genesis 22:1-2

*Where did God tell Abraham to go?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Who did God tell Abraham to take with him?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did God tell Abraham to do?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 22:3

*How did Abraham respond?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 22:4-5

*What did Abraham tell the servants he and Isaac were going to do?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 22:6-8

*What did Isaac ask as they walked?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What did Abraham tell him?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 22:9-10

*What did Abraham do once they got on the mountain?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 22:11-12

*What did the angel tell Abraham?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Remember that God is omniscient, which means He knows all things, even before it happens. God already knew Abraham would willingly give up his son for God. So, if God didn't need to know if Abraham would give up his son, who do you think this test was for? Whose faith did this strengthen?* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 22:13-14

*What did God provide? Why?* \_\_\_\_\_

What did Abraham name the place? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean? \_\_\_\_\_

*In the story of Hagar, we learned the name El Roi for God, which means the God who sees me. Now, we learn the name Yahweh Yireh (often pronounced Jehovah Jireh because of Greek translations), which means the LORD will provide.*

*There is something important to remember each time you see a name of God: it is not true only for the people in that story. The name is true for each one of us. So, think about how God has provided for you. List ways God has provided things you have needed.*

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Read Genesis 22:15-18

*Here, we see God repeat the promise He already made with Abraham, but He adds a new promise in this repetition. God has promised to bless Abraham's family and make his descendants as many as the stars. What did God say would happen through Abraham's family?*

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Read Genesis 23:1-2

What happened in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

How old was Sarah? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 23:3-4

What did Abraham ask the people to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 23:5-9

How did the people respond to Abraham's request? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Abraham ask for? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 23: 10-13

What did Ephron tell Abraham? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Abraham respond? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 23:14-20

*Who now owned the land and cave?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What was it for?* \_\_\_\_\_

# Genesis Lesson 15

## God provides a wife

### **Bible Study** Genesis 24-25:11

Read Genesis 24:1-4

What did Abraham not want Isaac to do? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Abraham tell his servant to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 24:5

What was the servant's concern with the plan? \_\_\_\_\_

What did he ask Abraham if he should do? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 24:6-7

Why should the servant never take Isaac to his homeland?

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Who will go before the servant? \_\_\_\_\_

What will the angel do? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 24:8-11

What did the servant take with him? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did the servant stop his camels? \_\_\_\_\_

What was happening at that time? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 24:12-14

Who did the servant ask for help? \_\_\_\_\_

What would be the sign that he had found the woman for Isaac to marry?

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Read Genesis 24:15-20

Who came out to the well? \_\_\_\_\_

What did she do when the servant asked for a drink? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 24:21-27

What did the servant do after meeting Rebekah? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 24:28-31

Who came to bring the servant home with him? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 24:32-49

After telling the whole story to Rebekah's family, what did the servant ask?

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Read Genesis 24:50-51

What was Laban's response? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 24:52-54

What did the servant give Rebekah's family? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the servant want to do the next morning? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 24:55-56

What did Rebekah's family say to him? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the servant respond? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 24:57-60

Who made the decision about leaving? \_\_\_\_\_

Her family blessed her as she left. List the three parts of the blessing they gave her:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 24:61-67

Who met them in the fields? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Rebekah help Isaac? \_\_\_\_\_

*This may seem like a very strange way to find a wife. It is definitely very different from how people do things today. However, it is very important for us to realize that God has a plan for our life and it includes the person we marry.*

*As Christians, we should be careful to seek God's guidance on the people we place in our lives: our friends and our spouse. Many people, including Christians, have dealt with painful situations because they follow the world's advice about relationships instead of seeking God.*

*The truth is, God wants wonderful things for you. He does not want to see His children hurt or broken-hearted. He has a wonderful plan for your life, and if you see Him and His will, He will make sure that plan happens. So, don't fall for the world's idea of how to build relationships. Seek God's will. Start praying now that God will keep you from seeking relationships on your own. Ask Him to guide you to the people He wants to be in your life. And pray for God to keep and protect those people too!*

Read Genesis 25:1-10

We see that Abraham remarried and had more children after Sarah died. Who did Abraham give everything to? \_\_\_\_\_

# Genesis Lesson 15

## God Answers Isaac's Prayer

### **Bible Study** Genesis 25:19-34

Read Genesis 25:19-21

What did Isaac plead with God about? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the result of Isaac pleading with God? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did Isaac go to when he had a problem? \_\_\_\_\_

Now, I want you to honestly consider who you go to when you have a problem.

To be honest, I'm a bit of a fixer. I love to face a good problem and find a solution to it. But nothing frustrates me more than to face a problem I have no control over. This is when my faith is tested the most. These are the moments I have to remind myself that I am not omnipotent but God is.

We have already learned what the word omniscient means: God is all knowing. Now, we are going to learn about the word omnipotent. Omnipotent means all powerful. The one true God is omnipotent. He has the power to do anything He chooses.

Remember, this is the God who created the entire universe by speaking. So, in times of trouble, why would we run to anyone else?

Read Genesis 25:22-23

What was happening to Rebekah? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did she seek when she had a problem? \_\_\_\_\_

What three points did God tell her about what was happening?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 25:24-26

Who was the first born son? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was the second born son? \_\_\_\_\_

Remember what God had told Rebekah, who would serve who? \_\_\_\_\_ would serve \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 25:27

As they grew up, what did Esau prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jacob prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 25:28

Who did Isaac love most? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did Rebekah love most? \_\_\_\_\_

Remember, Rebekah knew what God had said about the two boys. Who would end up being the stronger nation? \_\_\_\_\_

That is not how things were done in this culture. The first born son had the birthright to inherit all of the father's possessions. So, in the culture's (and Isaac's) eyes, who would be the one to inherit and therefore be stronger? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 25:29-30

What did Esau want from Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 25:31

What did Jacob want from Esau? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 25:32-34

Did each of them get what they wanted? \_\_\_\_\_

This seems like the story may be finished here, right? God said Jacob would be the stronger nation but Esau was supposed to get the birthright. Now, Esau has given Jacob his birthright. But this story has more to come in a few chapters, so keep this in the back of your mind as we move forward.

# Genesis Lesson 16

## God Provides Peace for Isaac

### **Bible Study** Genesis 26

Read Genesis 26:1

What happened in the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did Isaac go? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 26:2-4

God tells Isaac to stay where he is and then confirms His covenant with Abraham to Isaac. List the 3 pieces of the covenant again:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 26:5-6

Why did God do these things? \_\_\_\_\_

Did Abraham sin? \_\_\_\_\_

Did Abraham follow God's plan without any mess ups? \_\_\_\_\_

Keep in mind Sarah and Abraham's plan to have a child with Hagar. They veered from God's plan and it definitely had lasting consequences. (The countries who still fight in the middle east today are descendants of Isaac and Ishmael).

Verse 5 is a beautiful view of how God looks at us. Abraham was not perfect by any means. His own plans did not go well, but ultimately, he trusted God and followed God's commands.

Now, think about yourself. I'm sure you've made a few mistakes you wish you could forget (I know I have). Maybe you wish you could have a fresh start or you're worried that people judge you for what you've done in the past. Maybe you feel like a failure that God could never use.

When you have these thoughts, remember Genesis 26:5. God did not list Abraham's mistakes and say He changed His mind. No, God saw Abraham's willingness to move on from his mistakes and back into God's plan.

Remember, God is omniscient and already knew all the mistakes Abraham would make and He decided to use him anyway. The same is true for you. God knew all the mistakes you would ever make and still chose to create you. He still has a wonderful plan for your life. He still wants to use you.

Read Genesis 26:7-11

In these verses, we see that Isaac did the same thing as Abraham before him. In fear for his life, he told the people Rebekah was his sister.

What did Abimelech declare in verse 11? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 26:12-14

What happened to Isaac? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 26:15

How did the Philistines feel about Isaac? \_\_\_\_\_

What did they do to Isaac? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 26:16-22

What did Abimelech tell Isaac to do? (verse 16) \_\_\_\_\_

Everywhere Isaac went, what were the people arguing over? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 26:23-28

Why did Abimelech come to Isaac? (verse 28) \_\_\_\_\_

Why did Abimelech want to live in peace with Isaac? \_\_\_\_\_

Finish by reading Genesis 26:29-35

# Genesis Lesson 17

## Isaac's Blessing

### Prayer Target

*God, help us to understand that You are the only way to heaven. Teach us that Your desire is not for us to get to heaven, but for us to have a close relationship with You. Keep us from trying to do things on our own. Help us to trust You in all things.*

### Bible Study Genesis 27

Read Genesis 27:1-4

What did Isaac ask Esau to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 27:5-7

Who was listening to Isaac? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 27:8-10

What did Rebekah tell Jacob to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 27:11-12

What is Jacob afraid will happen? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 27:13

Who did Rebekah say would take the curse? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 27:14-17

Rebekah gave Jacob the food to take to Isaac, but what did she put on Jacob's arms and neck?

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Read Genesis 27:18-23

Why was Isaac convinced it was Esau? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 27:24-29

Rebekah's plan worked and Isaac gave Jacob his blessing.

Read Genesis 27:30-31

Who came in to see Isaac after Jacob left? \_\_\_\_\_

What was he expecting to receive? \_\_\_\_\_

During these times, the father's blessing was highly valued for their future. Typically, the highest blessing went to the first born son, which would have been Esau because he was born right before Jacob. Esau grew up expecting to receive his father's blessing as his birthright.

Remember what we studied a couple days ago about Esau trading his birthright for food? Esau had already sold his inheritance, but still expected to receive his father's blessing.

Read Genesis 27:32-41

How did Esau respond when he found out Jacob had stolen his blessing?

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Read Genesis 27:42-45

Rebekah heard about Esau's plan to kill Jacob. What did she tell Jacob to do?

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When we read this story, we can become confused with all of the tricky, angry choices made. It seems like a family fighting against itself. Sometimes, I wonder why God chose to use this family. However, stories like this remind us that God does not stop loving us when we make mistakes. He does not walk away when we try things our own way. Instead, he is there waiting for us to trust him.

# Genesis Lesson 18

## God's Promise to Jacob

### **Bible Study** Genesis 28

Read Genesis 28:1-5

Rebekah and Isaac did not want Jacob to marry a Canaanite woman. This was because of the things they believed. The Canaanites were pagans: they believed in multiple different gods. They had various statues to represent the gods they believed in and worshiped.

When you surround yourself with people who do not believe in and trust God, it can cause you to stop believing and trusting God. This is why Isaac married a woman from his father's homeland AND why he is sending Jacob back to find a wife there too.

Before we move on, I want you to think about the relationships you have. Do the people you surround yourself with believe and trust God? We do not want to cut ourselves off from the world and only spend time with Christians (Isaac certainly didn't) BUT our closest friends should share our faith. When you are choosing your closest friends and, especially, your spouse, you need to make sure they are not going to pull you away from God.

Read Genesis 28:6-9

What did Esau do when he heard Isaac had told Jacob not to marry a Canaanite woman?

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Remember, Ishamel was sent away from Abraham's family as a young boy. While he heard of God's promises, he was not raised in that home of faith. Instead, he was the son who did not receive the promise and was cast out. He traveled and was surrounded by pagans who believed in different gods.

One of Ishmael's descendants was actually the person who started the muslim religion (a religion that is completely opposed to God's people).

Considering what we just learned about why Isaac wanted Jacob to marry someone from his

father's homeland, do you think Esau's actions please Isaac or God? \_\_\_\_\_

No, it was not about the person being part of their family, it was about what the person believed.

Read Genesis 28: 10-15

This dream is very different from how God showed Abraham His promise, but it is still the same promise given to Abraham. Review what God's promise was:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 28:16-22

What did Jacob set up the next morning? \_\_\_\_\_

Just like Abraham, Jacob set up an altar and worshiped God. God was not an after thought or something tacked on to their to-do list. God was the central theme of their life. Wherever they went or whatever they did, it was because of God's guidance and blessing on their lives.

# Genesis Lesson 19

## The Trick is on Jacob

### **Bible Study** Genesis 29

Read Genesis 29:1-9

Who did Jacob meet at the well? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 29:10-12

What did Rachel do when she found out who Jacob was? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 29:13-14

How did Laban respond when he met Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 29:15

What did Laban ask Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 29:16-20

What did Jacob say he would work for? \_\_\_\_\_

This may seem strange to us in our culture, but in their culture, this was considered a bride price. A bride price was how much a man was willing to pay to marry a woman (and how much a father would accept for someone to marry his daughter). A woman was honored by how much her bride price was. So, let's look at Rachel's bride price.

How long did Jacob say he would work to marry Rachel? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 29:21-25

Who did Laban give to Jacob as a wife? \_\_\_\_\_

This, again, may seem strange if you are thinking about a wedding you may go to today.

Weddings in this culture were not the same as ours. Instead of a wedding ceremony, they had a huge party. This party always had a lot of wine, and Jacob had plenty of that wine to drink. When you drink a lot of wine, it changes how you act and think. This is why Laban was able to trick Jacob. He had drunk so much wine, he was not thinking clearly and did not realize Laban's trick until the next day.

How did Jacob feel about being tricked? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 29:26-30

Why did Laban tell Jacob he gave him Leah instead of Rachel? \_\_\_\_\_

Would Jacob still be able to marry Rachel? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jacob have to do to marry Rachel? \_\_\_\_\_

Some people become very confused by this story. They think, "Does this mean God is okay with people marrying more than one person?" The answer is no. We have already seen in Genesis 2 where God said the husband and wife would become one flesh. This does not leave room for more than one spouse (this is also seen in other places in the Bible as you continue to study).

Instead of viewing this as permission for people to have more than one spouse, we should view this as another reminder that God does not use perfect people. God uses us despite our mistakes. We cannot look at any person, except Jesus, as our example (even people in the Bible) because Jesus is the only one who was perfect. We can look at people and see God's grace and mercy.

Read Genesis 29:31-35

Since Leah was not loved, what did God give her? \_\_\_\_\_

How many sons did Leah have? \_\_\_\_\_

How many children did Rachel have? \_\_\_\_\_

I'll be honest, Jacob's family gets a lot more complicated from here (the consequence of having more than one wife). However, this is where we will stop for today and tomorrow we will dive into the family drama.

# Genesis Lesson 20

## God Blesses Jacob

### **Bible Study** Genesis 30-31:16

Read Genesis 30:1-8

What we read in these verses reminds me very much of Sarai trying to give Abraham a son through her servant, Hagar, instead of waiting on God. Remember all the trouble that caused?

Read Genesis 30:9-13

Now, we see that Leah has decided to do the same thing as Rachel. It has become a battle of having children. They even fight over fruit!

Read Genesis 30:20-21

How many sons did Leah have? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 30:22-24

What did Rachel name her son? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 30:25-26

What did Jacob ask Laban? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 30:27-30

Why had God blessed Laban? \_\_\_\_\_

Wow! God didn't bless Laban because of himself or anything he had done. God blessed Laban because Jacob was with him. Keep this in mind as you choose your friends. The people you surround yourself with can bring good or bad things into your life. That is why it's important for you to choose your friends carefully.

Read Genesis 30:31-33

What sheep would Jacob take as his pay? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 30:34-36

How did Laban try to trick Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 30:37-43

Who got the stronger sheep? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 31:1-3

How did Laban and his sons feel about Jacob now? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 31:4-13

Who had been protecting Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

What did God tell Jacob to do now? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 31:14-16

How did Rachel and Leah feel about leaving? \_\_\_\_\_

God was with Jacob and blessed him in everything he did, even when other people tried to trick him. Remember, the plans other people have for you does not matter. Your relationship with God is the most important thing. Seek God. Trust God.

# Genesis Lesson 21

## Jacob Returns Home

### **Bible Study** Genesis 31:17–Genesis 33

Read Genesis 31:17–24

What did God tell Laban? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 31:25–30

What did Laban accuse Jacob of stealing? \_\_\_\_\_

Laban had statues throughout his home to represent beings he believed were gods. These idols are what he was accusing Jacob of taking with him.

Read Genesis 31:31–32

What did Jacob say should happen to the person who took Laban's idols? \_\_\_\_\_

Who had stolen the idols? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 31:33–42

Rachel hid the idols and Jacob became angry at Laban for accusing him.

Read Genesis 31:43–55

What did Jacob and Laban make a monument to agree about?  
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Read Genesis 32:1–8

Why was Jacob terrified? \_\_\_\_\_

What was Jacob's plan? \_\_\_\_\_

It can be very difficult to go around someone after you have done something wrong to them. You may be afraid of how they will respond or what they will do. Jacob knew God had told him to go back, and was willing to trust God, even if he was still scared of the consequences of his actions.

Read Genesis 32:9–12

Who did Jacob turn to? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 32:13-21

How did Jacob hope to make Esau happy with him? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 32:22-32

Who did Jacob meet in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

What did He and Jacob do? \_\_\_\_\_

Who won? \_\_\_\_\_

What did He do to Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

How did He bless Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

What is Jacob's name now? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 33:1-4

How did Esau respond to seeing Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 33:5-19

Summarize what happened in these verses.

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# Genesis Lesson 22

## Jacob's Family

### **Bible Study** Genesis 34-35

In Genesis 34:1-7, we learn that a man from the surrounding countries fell in love with one of Jacob's daughters. But he hurt her and disgraced her. Jacob's sons were furious when they learned he had hurt their sister.

Read Genesis 34:8-12

What did Shechem and his father ask? \_\_\_\_\_

Jacob's sons decided to get back at Shechem for hurting their sister.

Read Genesis 34:14-24

What did Jacob's sons demand of Shechem and all the men in his family?

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Read Genesis 34:25-26 and 34:29

What did Jacob's son do to Shechem and his family? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 34: 30

What was Jacob's fear? \_\_\_\_\_

Sometimes, we can be tempted to take revenge on people ourselves. We may even feel justified in "punishing" people for what they did to us. Jacob had seen God take care of him even when people tried to do bad things to him. When we take revenge on other people, we aren't allowing God to work out His plan.

Read Genesis 35:1-5

What did God tell Jacob to do? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jacob tell his family to do? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jacob do with the pagan idols? \_\_\_\_\_

What did God send on all the surrounding people and why?

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Read Genesis 35:9-15

What did God promise Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jacob do in response to God? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 35:16-20

What happened as they were traveling? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jacob name their son? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 35:23-26

What were the names of Jacob's sons?

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# Genesis Lesson 23

## Joseph is Sold

### **Bible Study** Genesis 37

Read Genesis 37:1-2

What was Joseph telling his father? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 37:3-4

Why did Joseph's brothers hate him? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 37:5-11

How many dreams did Joseph have? \_\_\_\_\_

What was Joseph's family doing in the dreams? \_\_\_\_\_

How did his family respond to his dreams? \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph's family probably thought he was being arrogant when he told them about his dreams. He wasn't. He was just sharing the dreams and visions God has given him. God was telling Joseph about his future (as we will see in future lessons), but this future was for him, not his family. Sometimes, God tells us things that are for us, not everyone around us. When we feel like God has shown us something, we need to seek God's truth in it and wait on his timing, not run telling everyone else.

Read Genesis 37:12-17

What was Joseph sent to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 37:18-22

What did the brothers want to do to Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_

What did they decide to do? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Reuben plan to do? \_\_\_\_\_

The amount of hate in Jacob's family always amazes me. Remember when we first talked about the "battle of children?" I said it reminded me of Sarai trying to give Abram a son through her servant, and that there were big consequences to that decision. Well, here are some of the

consequences for the choices Jacob and his wives made. Their decisions cause division and hatred within their own family. Instead of looking at stories like this and thinking, “Man, they messed up!” It should lead us to look at our own decisions and ask, “Am I doing anything that is going to cause division or hatred in my family?”

Read Genesis 37:23-28

What did the brothers ultimately do to Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did Joseph go? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 37:29-35

What did the brothers send to their father? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jacob believe? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 37:36

Where did Joseph end up? \_\_\_\_\_

# Genesis Lesson 24

## Judah's Embarrassment

### **Bible Study** Genesis 38

Before we get started, let's review what we have seen so far in regards to marriage. We saw that Isaac and Jacob were both sent to their family to find wives and not to marry any women from other countries.

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14

What command is given here? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Under the new covenant, we are commanded not to marry unbelievers because you will not be working toward the same goal. As a Christian, your goal should be to praise God and tell others about Him. How would a non-believer be able to work toward this goal?

The same principle was in place for the Israelites in the old covenant. God did not want them to marry people from pagan countries because they would not be serving God. (Pagan countries are countries who do not serve God). Ultimately, they would turn their spouse and children away from God. We see an example of this in Genesis 38.

Read Genesis 38:1-8

Who did Er marry? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to Er and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did Tamar marry next? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 38:9-10

What happened to Onan and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 38:11

What did Jacob tell Tamar? \_\_\_\_\_

Judah had no intentions of keeping his promise. Why?

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Why had Er and Onan died? \_\_\_\_\_

In Hebrew culture, sons were supposed to take care of their parents as they aged (especially their mother). When a woman was widowed with no children, the law said she would marry her husband's closest male relative in order to have a son. If a family did not fulfill this requirement, it was a sign of disrespect to the woman.

Read Genesis 38:12-19

What did Tamar do when she heard that Judah was in her city?

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What did Tamar ask Judah for? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 38:20-23

What did Judah learn when he tried to send his payment?

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Read Genesis 38:24

What did Judah learn about Tamar? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Judah respond? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 38:25-26

How did Tamar show Judah his own wickedness?

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Read Matthew 7:1-5

This is exactly what Judah had done to Tamar. He judged her for the same thing he had done. Remember, instead of judging Judah or Tamar, we should use this story as a reminder to make sure we are doing what God has called us to instead of judging what others do.

# Genesis Lesson 25

## Joseph in Egypt

### **Bible Study** Genesis 39-40

Read Genesis 39:1-6

Who bought Joseph as his slave? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was with Joseph in everything he did? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Potifer do because of this? \_\_\_\_\_

What do we learn about Joseph in verse 6? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 39:7-9

What did Potifer's wife want? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Joseph respond? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 39:10-12

Summarize these verses:

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Wow! Joseph literally ran away from temptation and sin. This is so different from what we have seen so far (and what we see practiced today). Joseph was determined to be right with God and was willing to put that determination into practice. Are you? Today, we try to justify reasons we won't remove ourselves from situations. We don't want to offend people. We claim we will be a good influence on them.

Read 1 Corinthians 5:6

What does this verse say sin will do? \_\_\_\_\_

So, should we stay in situations where sin is being flaunted? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to run away when people are trying to get you to give in to what God has said no to?

Read Genesis 39:13-18

How did Potifer's wife respond? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 39:19-23

What did Potifer do to Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was with Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened while Joseph was in prison? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 40

Who had dreams? \_\_\_\_\_

Who gives interpretation for dreams? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did God use to tell them what their dreams meant? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Joseph ask the cup bearer to do after Pharaoh restored him?

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What happened when the cup bearer got out of prison?

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# Genesis Lesson 26

## Joseph Elevated

### **Bible Study** Genesis 41-42

Read Genesis 41:1-7

How much time had passed since the cup bearer got out of prison? \_\_\_\_\_

Who had dreams? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 41:8-13

What was Pharaoh's problem? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the cup bearer remember? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 41:14-16

Why did Pharaoh send for Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Joseph respond to Pharaoh's request? \_\_\_\_\_

It would have been very easy for Joseph to claim credit for interpreting the dream. But he did not let Pharaoh think it was by his power. Joseph knew God had been with him and had prepared him for this moment. He still didn't know what was to come, but he knew God was working out His plan.

Read Genesis 41:17-32

What did Pharaoh's dream mean?

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Why did Pharaoh have two dreams about the same thing? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 41:33-36

What did Joseph suggest to Pharaoh?

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Read Genesis 41:37-46

How did Pharaoh respond to Joseph's suggestion? What did he do?

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God took Joseph from being sold into slavery, into prison, and now has placed him second over all of Egypt. I'm sure Joseph never imagined anything like this happening as he was going through those low moments.

Read Genesis 41:47-57

What did Joseph do during the seven years of plenty?

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What happened during the seven years of famine?

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Read Genesis 42:1-6

Who went to Egypt for food? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did they go to? \_\_\_\_\_

Remember those dreams Joseph had that made his brothers so angry? They just came true! It didn't happen immediately. God had been working out his plan for years. Sometimes we get frustrated when God doesn't make things happen right away. Just like we see with Joseph, God is still working even when it doesn't seem like something He would do. He is still there and He is still making his plan happen.

Read Genesis 42:7-16

Joseph knew his brothers but his brothers did not know him.

What did Joseph accuse his brothers of? \_\_\_\_\_

What did he say they must do for him to believe their story?

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Read Genesis 42:17-26

Summarize what happened in this section:

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What did Joseph have the servants put in all their bags? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 42:27-38

What did they find in their bags? \_\_\_\_\_

Why were they scared? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Jacob respond to sending Benjamin to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

# Genesis Lesson 27

## The Brothers Return

### **Bible Study** Genesis 43-45:15

Read Genesis 43:1-10

What problem are they facing now? \_\_\_\_\_

Why will the brothers not go back to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

Why does Jacob not want Benjamin to go? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 43:11-15

What did Jacob tell them to take with them to Egypt?

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Read Genesis 43:16-18

What happened when they arrived in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did the brothers think this happened? \_\_\_\_\_

What did they think was going to happen next?

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Read Genesis 43:19-25

What did the brothers say to Joseph's manager?

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How did the manager respond? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 43:26-34

What did the brothers do when Joseph came home? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the first thing Joseph asked them? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did Joseph rush from the room? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Joseph seat his brothers at the table? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 44:1-6

What did Joseph tell his manager to put in his brothers' bags?

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What did he tell his manager to do next? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 44:7-17

What did they say would happen if the cup was found? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the cup found? \_\_\_\_\_

Why were the brothers so upset when the cup was found?

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What did the brothers do? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Joseph respond to this? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 44:18-34

Summarize what Judah said to Joseph

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Read Genesis 45:1-15

Summarize how Joseph responded to Judah:

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# Genesis Lesson 28

## The Israelites Move to Egypt

### **Bible Study** Genesis 45:16–47:31

Joseph's brothers had wanted to kill him. They sold him as a slave. Then, he found himself in the position to completely destroy all of them. Most people would have taken revenge immediately. Instead, Joseph didn't just offer forgiveness. He offered redemption. Many scholars compare this with Christ. He was sold, beaten, and crucified all to cover our sins. He never takes revenge on us for turning away from Him. Instead, He gave His life to be our redemption.

Read Genesis 45:16–28

What did Pharaoh say should happen for Joseph's brothers?

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What did Joseph give his brothers?

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What did Joseph send his father? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Jacob respond to what the brothers told him? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 46:1–4

Who spoke to Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

What did He tell him would happen in Egypt?

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Read Genesis 46:5–7

Who went to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 46:26–27

How many people were in Joseph's family in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 46:29–34

Where did Joseph intend for his family to live? \_\_\_\_\_

What was Joseph going to tell Pharaoh about his family?

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Why would Pharaoh let Joseph's family live in Goshen?

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Read Genesis 47:1-6

What did Pharaoh tell Joseph to do for his family?

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Read Genesis 47:7-12

How old was Jacob when he moved to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

What land did Joseph give his family? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 47:13-17

When everyone ran out of money, what did they sell Joseph for grain?

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Read Genesis 47:18-26

What did the people sell to Joseph after their livestock was gone?

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What decree did Joseph put into place? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 47:27-31

How long did Jacob live in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jacob make Joseph promise before he died?

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# Genesis Lesson 29

## The Israelites Move to Egypt

### **Bible Study** Genesis 48

Read Genesis 48:1-6

What had God promised Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 48:8-22

Who did Jacob claim as his sons? \_\_\_\_\_

This is important to remember as we move forward in Israel's history. As the Israelites are split into tribes, Jacob's sons will have tribes named after them. There will not be a tribe named Joseph, but rather, tribes named after his two sons: Manassah and Ebenezer.

Which son did Jacob say would be a greater nation? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 49:1-7

Who did Jacob curse? \_\_\_\_\_

In short, why did Jacob curse them? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 49:8-12

Who does Jacob bless? \_\_\_\_\_

What animal does Jacob compare Judah to? \_\_\_\_\_

What will not pass from Judah? \_\_\_\_\_

Jacob talks about "the one whom all nations will honor." This is foreshadowing Jesus's coming. He will be from the tribe of Judah (the tribe of kings), a descendant of King David.

Read Genesis 49:13-28

Jacob continues to bless his sons and eludes to where their tribes will settle in the promised land.

Read Genesis 49:29-33

What command did Jacob give his sons? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 50:1-13

What did Jacob's sons do? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 50:14-21

What were Joseph's brothers afraid of after Jacob died?

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What did Joseph say to his brothers? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 50:22-26

What did Joseph say God would do for them? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Joseph make them promise to do with his bones?

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Congratulations! You have just finished your study of Genesis. Genesis is so rich in foundational truths, I know your faith and understanding of God has been enriched from your study.