



The BIBLE Story

From Adam to Jesus

Matthew 1; Luke 3; John 1

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,**

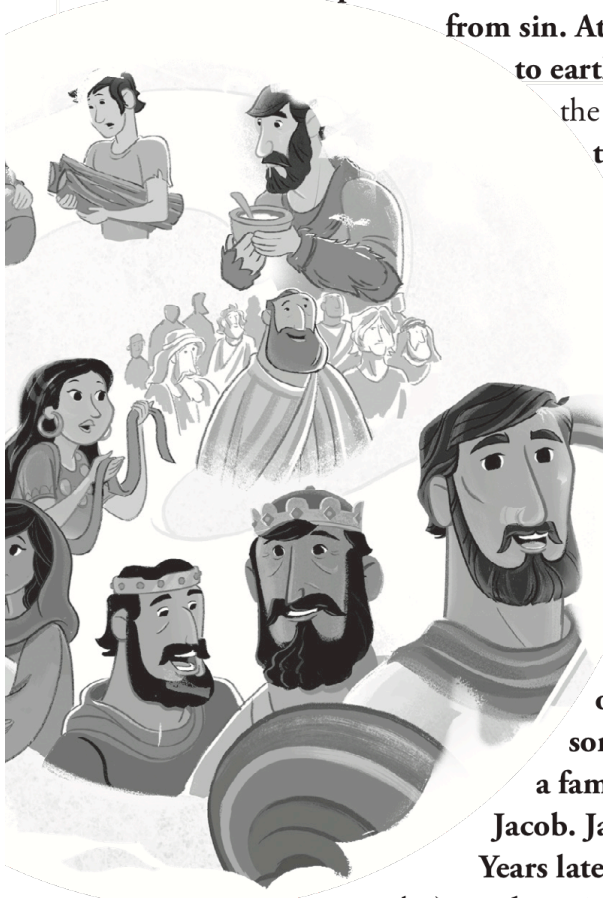
God planned to send His Son to earth to save people from sin. At just the right time, Jesus came to earth as a baby. He was born to Mary, the wife of Joseph. **Jesus is different than any other baby who was ever born because He is fully God and fully human.**

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 Zerubbabel** (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.

Big Picture Question

Is Jesus God or a human?

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Key Passage

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

John 1:1-2

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Extra Activities

Before the session, print and cut apart the “Attributes of God” cards. Hide the cards around the room. Challenge kids to find the cards and sort them into two categories—things that describe only God, and things that can describe God and people. As time allows, select kids to find and read the referenced Bible verses on the cards.

SAY • We saw today that **Jesus’ family line proved He is the Messiah. Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.** The traits that describe God alone are called *incommunicable attributes*—like eternal, all-knowing, holy, all-powerful, everywhere, sovereign, and unchanging.

We are made in God’s image and can reflect some of His attributes—His *communicable attributes*—like truthful, loving, just, merciful, and good.

Jesus came to earth as a baby, and He had earthly parents. But Jesus’ true Father is God. Jesus never stopped being God when He came to earth, but He fully took the form of a man.

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.

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.***

Review Opener

The first words in the New Testament show that God kept the promise He made throughout the Old Testament. Since sin entered the world, God promised to send a Rescuer.

God said this Savior would come from the family of Abraham (Gen. 22:18) and the family of King David (Jer. 23:5). Jesus was called “the Son of David” and “the Son of Abraham.” **Jesus’ family line proved He is the Messiah.**

Review Closer

Journal and prayer (5 minutes)

Distribute journal pages and pencils. Guide kids to think about and answer the questions listed on the page:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does the story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God’s glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

As kids journal, invite them to share their ideas. Then pray, praising God for working out His plan to send Jesus from the beginning—through many generations. Thank Him for loving and remembering His people.

Questions for Younger Kids

1. Where was Jesus before He was born as a human baby? (*with God the Father, John 1:1*)
 2. Who were three of the women named in Jesus’ family line? (*Rahab, Ruth, and Mary; Matt. 1:5,16*)
 3. Who was Jesus’ earthly father? (*Joseph, Luke 3:23*)
 4. 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.*
 5. 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.*
 6. 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.*
- **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.

Questions for Older Kids

1. What kinds of people are in Jesus’ family line? *Invite kids to share their observations. Point out that God uses all types of people in His plans. God made Abraham a father even in his old age. God used Jacob even though he dressed in his brother’s clothes to get a blessing meant for Esau. Rahab hid the Israelite spies. Ruth was a Moabite who followed her mother-in-law back to Judah. David was a shepherd boy. Solomon asked for wisdom. God made Josiah a king at 8 years old.* (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Eph. 1:4-5.)
2. How is Jesus different than the other people in His family line? *Emphasize that **as the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.** Unlike the other people in His family line, Jesus never sinned.* (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Heb. 4:15.)
3. What does it mean to be adopted into God’s family? *Lead kids to recognize that adoption describes our new relationship with God. We gain all of the responsibilities and privileges of being a child of God. God gives His Spirit to lead His children. We live for Him, and we will live with Him forever.* (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Gal. 4:6-7.)

sovereign

(2 Samuel 7:22)

unchanging

(Hebrews 13:8)

truthful

(Proverbs 30:5)

everywhere

(Psalm 139:7-10)

loving

(1 John 4:16)

just

(Deuteronomy 32:4)

merciful

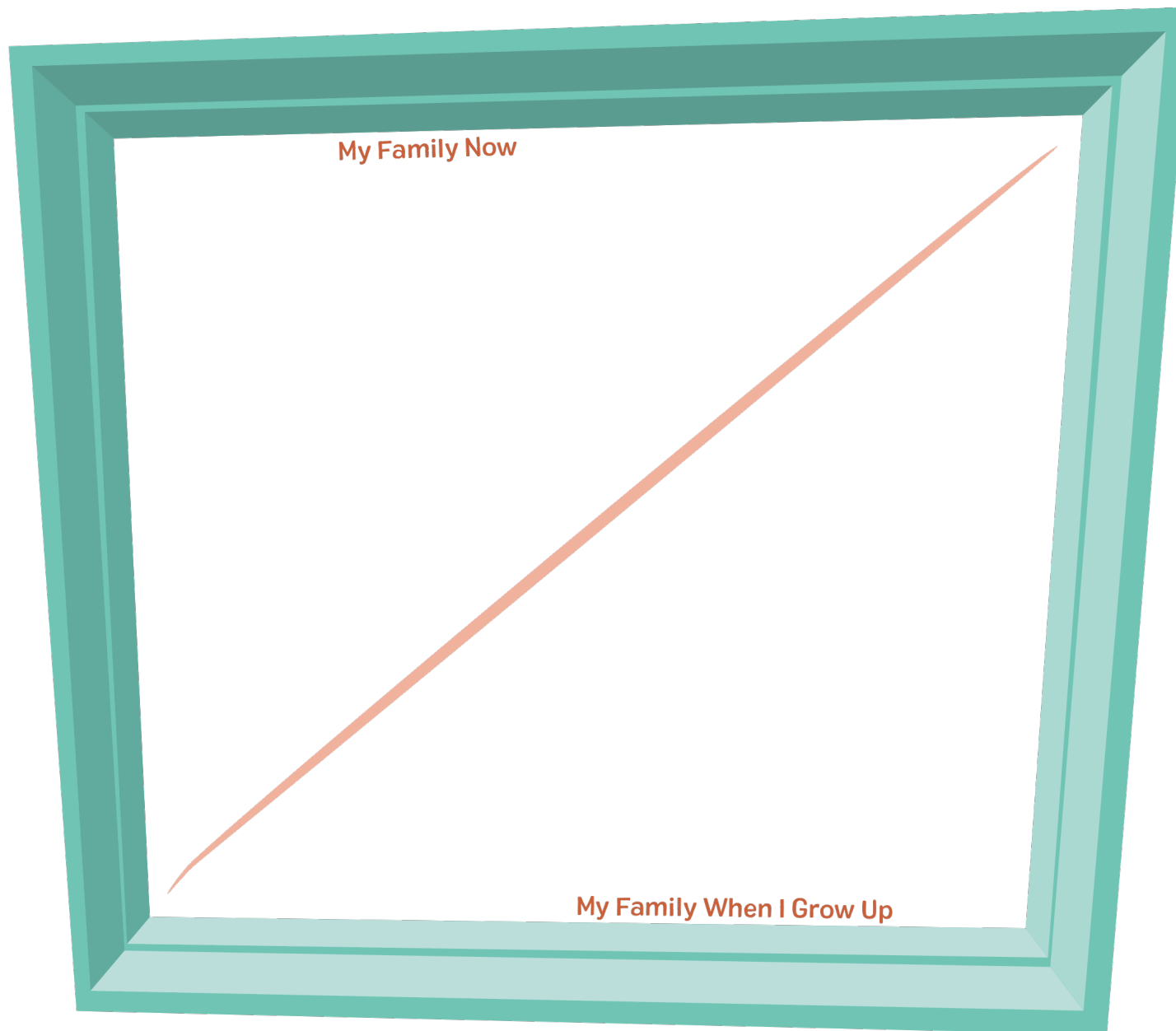
(Daniel 9:9)

good

(Psalm 31:19)

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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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Share what you know about your own family history.
- Does anyone else in your family follow Jesus? How does that make you feel?
- What kinds of people are in Jesus' family tree? What does this tell you about God?

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Jesus Words

List words or phrases that describe Jesus.

Family Line Matching

Match each description to the correct person from Jesus' family line. Write the numbers in the circles.



She hid Israelite spies from the king of Jericho. (Joshua 2:2-4)



This faithful king of Judah tore down the Israelites' idols. (2 Kings 18:1-4)



God promised to make him the father of many nations. (Genesis 17:5)



She cared for her mother-in-law, Naomi, and married Boaz. (Ruth 4:9-10)



He became king of Judah at eight years old and repaired the temple. (2 Kings 22:1-5)



God chose her to be the mother of Jesus. (Luke 1:30-31)



God chose him to be Jesus' earthly father. (Matthew 1:18-21)



He led God's people to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. (Ezra 5:2)



God promised that every future king of Israel would come from his family. (2 Samuel 7:12-17)



1. Abraham



2. Isaac



3. Rahab



4. Ruth



5. David



6. Hezekiah



7. Josiah



8. Zerubbabel



9. Mary



10. Joseph