

Genesis

Family Worship Guide

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God Centered Family

Instructions

Before Getting Started, You Will Need...



A Listening Guide for Each Child

(Pages 6–10 —Print the age-appropriate worksheet for each kid)



A Bible to Read From

(And One for Each Child)



Access to the Daily Instructions

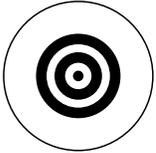
(Pages 12–31 — Print them out or access on a device)

Each Day, Follow the Daily Instructions

- ▶ **Remember the Context** — Ask these questions each day to help your kids learn and remember the content of each book and how it fits in the Bible. It will take repetition, but even the youngest kids will learn the answers after a few days.
- ▶ **Before Reading** — Read this out loud to help your kids understand and engage with what they are about to hear from God's Word.
- ▶ **Read** — Read the Scripture passage, in full, from your preferred translation.
- ▶ **Ask** — Each day we will supply three questions. The questions typically move from basic comprehension (“What did we just read?”) to application (“Why does it matter?”). It may be best to start with your youngest child and work your way up by age.
- ▶ **The Jesus Connection** — Read this out loud to help your kids see how this passage shows the glories of Jesus.
- ▶ **Pray** — Each day, we will give you three things to pray for, based on the passage. You can pray and one or more of your kids can pray too.
- ▶ **Sing** — Choose one song for each week, so you can learn and reflect on the words. We'll always suggest one old hymn and one modern song, but feel free to choose songs that your church regularly sings (to help your kids learn the words and engage on Sundays)

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KEYS TO (ACTUALLY) MAKE FAMILY DEVOTIONS A DAILY HABIT



1. KEEP IT SIMPLE

If family devotions have a lot of extra elements, they will be too difficult to plan and too long to practice every day.

Stick to the four basic elements:



Read the Bible



Ask Questions



Pray



Sing

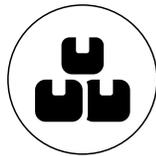


2. PRIORITIZE IT

Make the commitment that you WILL have family devotions, even if it interrupts other things.

Here are 5 reasons to read the Bible to your kids every day:

1. Because the Bible reveals God to us. If you want your child to believe the truth about God, read his Word to them.
2. Because kids learn through habits. When family devotions are a daily rhythm in your household, your children will know that God is the center of your household.
3. Because the Bible is long. It will take a lifetime to master this Book, so let's get them started early.
4. Because it will train them to listen. How will your kids learn to listen to the Bible if you never teach them?
5. Because childhood habits can follow us through our whole lives. Let's give our kids a daily habit of Bible reading that they will take with them when they leave our home.

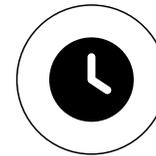


3. HABIT STACKING

Attach family devotions to a daily habit that your family already has. This makes it harder to forget and easier to do.

Make a list of routines or activities that your family does every day.

Circle ONE that you could attach family devotions to each day (e.g., doing devotions before or after).



4. PLAN A ROUTINE

What time of day will you have family devotions? (Don't make this an uphill battle — remember #2)

Where will you have family devotions?

Who will plan family devotions and print listening guides for each kid?

Who will lead family worship? (Read the Bible reading, pray, and pick the song)

Any other details to figure out?



5. TRACK YOUR HABITS

Print out the habit tracker on the next page, hang it on your fridge or wall, and keep track of when you have family devotions.

Your kids will love to help you color in the circle for each day.

We don't track habits to get legalistic, but to reward success. Don't break your streak!



6. GET A GUIDE

You don't need to plan your family devotions from scratch every day.

Family devotionals from God Centered Family give you everything you need to teach your kids the Bible in ten minutes each day. Learn more at GodCenteredFamily.org

Already a Subscriber? Make the most of the materials:

- Make sure each kid has a printed **listening guide worksheet** for the book of the Bible you are reading. These aren't optional add-ons — they are teaching your kids to be active listeners of the Bible.
- Not sure which devotional to use next? See the **Scope and Sequence** page on our website for a suggested reading order.
- Print out the **people group focus sheet** for each book of the Bible and hang it around your house. Help your kids grow their love for all nations.

Family Devotions Habit Tracker

SPENDING A YEAR IN THE WORD

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An Introduction to Genesis

For Parents

The name “Genesis” means “origin,” and this book tells the origin of all the earth. It tells the stunning story of how God created all things for his glory and launched a plan to save people from all nations through the family of Abraham.

Who Wrote the Book?

Moses, the leader who brought God’s people out of slavery in Egypt, is the author of the first five books of the Bible (Number 33:1–2; Deuteronomy 31:9–11; John 5:45–47).

When Did These Events Take Place?

Moses’ five books (also called the Torah or the Pentateuch) were written right before Israel entered the Promised Land (1406 BC) in order to remind Israel of their roots and the God who saved them.

The events of Genesis span many centuries:

- ▶ Creation
- ▶ 2,000 BC — Abraham is called (Genesis 12)
- ▶ 1,800 BC — God’s people come to Egypt (Genesis 47)

Structure of Genesis

Understanding the overall structure of a book can help us understand how all the passages fit together (and what they mean.) There are two major sections. The phrase “these are the generations of” occurs ten times in Genesis (five times in each section), functioning as headings of subsections.

- ▶ Genesis 1–11 — Primeval History (Primeval = “First Age”)
 - ▶ A broad story about the history of the whole world and all of humanity. God creates all things good and then launches a plan of redemption when sin makes all things bad.
- ▶ Genesis 12–50 — Patriarchal History (Patriarchal = “Fathers”)
 - ▶ A narrow story about God’s chosen people, the family of Abraham, told through the lens of a succession of “patriarchs” (leading fathers).

Key Themes in Genesis

- ▶ **Creation** — God created everything for his glory. If you want to understand the world, start with Genesis.
- ▶ **Sin** — Adam’s sin in Genesis 3 has cosmic consequences — all of creation is cursed. If you want to understand the reason bad things happen, start with Genesis.
- ▶ **Salvation** — God, in infinite grace, promises that a Son of Adam would come from Abraham’s family line to defeat the serpent (3:15) and bless all nations (12:3). If you want to understand God’s grace, start with Genesis.
- ▶ **Foundations** — The rest of the Old Testament tells the story of Israel, the family of Abraham. Genesis tells the origin story of this family, explaining why they’re so important. If you want to understand the Old Testament, start with Genesis.

Why Read Genesis to Your Kids?

Form a Biblical Worldview — Our hearts are captivated by stories, and today there are a lot of stories about where the world comes from, what it all means, and how to tell right from wrong. Equip your children to stand firm by steeping them in the truth of God’s story. Genesis explains that God created the world for his glory, so he gets to declare right from wrong.

Genesis Listening Guide

Ages 2–3

Parents, each day before reading the Bible passage, instruct your toddler to listen for the Key Word:

“Listen for the word _____.”

- ▶ Genesis 1:1–2:3 — Good
- ▶ Genesis 2:4–25 — Man
- ▶ Genesis 3:1–7 — Eat
- ▶ Genesis 3:8–24 — Cursed
- ▶ Genesis 4 — Cain
- ▶ Genesis 5 — Fathered
- ▶ Genesis 6–7 — Ark
- ▶ Genesis 8 — Water
- ▶ Genesis 9 — Covenant
- ▶ Genesis 10 — Sons
- ▶ Genesis 11 — Scattered
- ▶ Genesis 12 — Abram
- ▶ Genesis 13 — Land
- ▶ Genesis 14 — King
- ▶ Genesis 15 — Offspring
- ▶ Genesis 16 — Sarai
- ▶ Genesis 17 — Covenant
- ▶ Genesis 18 — Abraham
- ▶ Genesis 19:1–29 — Angels
- ▶ Genesis 19:30–20:18 — Sarah
- ▶ Genesis 21 — Isaac
- ▶ Genesis 22 — Offering
- ▶ Genesis 23 — Bury
- ▶ Genesis 24:1–30 — Kindness
- ▶ Genesis 24:31–67 — Rebekah
- ▶ Genesis 25 — Esau
- ▶ Genesis 26:1–22 — Abimelech
- ▶ Genesis 26:23–35 — Daughter
- ▶ Genesis 27:1–29 — Blessed
- ▶ Genesis 27:30–46 — Father
- ▶ Genesis 28 — Jacob
- ▶ Genesis 29:1–30 — Rachel
- ▶ Genesis 29:31–30:24 — Leah
- ▶ Genesis 30:25–43 — Conceived
- ▶ Genesis 31:1–35 — Sheep
- ▶ Genesis 31:36–55 — Laban
- ▶ Genesis 32 — Ahead
- ▶ Genesis 33 — Children
- ▶ Genesis 34 — Daughter
- ▶ Genesis 35 — Bethel
- ▶ Genesis 36 — Sons
- ▶ Genesis 37 — Joseph
- ▶ Genesis 38 — Judah
- ▶ Genesis 39 — Household
- ▶ Genesis 40 — Cupbearer
- ▶ Genesis 41:1–36 — Pharaoh
- ▶ Genesis 41:37–57 — Famine
- ▶ Genesis 42 — Youngest
- ▶ Genesis 43 — Silver
- ▶ Genesis 44 — Father
- ▶ Genesis 45 — Egypt
- ▶ Genesis 46 — Israel
- ▶ Genesis 47 — Land
- ▶ Genesis 48 — Sons
- ▶ Genesis 49 — Blessings
- ▶ Genesis 50 — Joseph

Toddler Bible Reading Questions

Parents, ask your child these questions every day before reading the Bible passage.

As you repeat them, your children will learn the answers.

- ▶ **What book of the Bible are we reading today?**
- ▶ **Is it in the Old Testament or the New Testament?**
- ▶ **Who wrote Genesis?** (Moses)
- ▶ **Genesis is one of the five books of the Torah. Can you name all five?** (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

Genesis Listening Guide

Ages 4-5

Each day, listen for these words in the Bible and make a tally mark every time you hear them.

God	
Generations	
Earth	
Abraham	
Egypt	

Genesis Listening Guide

Ages 6–11

*Each day, listen for these words or quotes as we read the Bible.
When you hear one of these events, you can mark it off.
Let's see if you can fill your card!*

B	I	N	G	O
"All the peoples on earth will be blessed through you."	God changes someone's name.	Angels	"What you meant for evil, God meant for good."	Joseph
Abraham	Someone has a dream.	Sarah	A bowl of stew	Cain and Abel
"God himself will provide, the lamb."	Garden	<i>FREE SPACE</i>	Someone has a baby.	Bethel
Noah builds an ark.	Circumcision	Isaac	"God created the heavens and the earth"	Abraham's nephew
Brothers fight	God confuses people's languages	Camel	Jacob wrestles with God.	A battle

Genesis Listening Guide

Ages 12+

Instructions

- Each day, follow along in your Bible and listen for these events.
- When you get to one of these passages, write down the verse.
- Read that passage again on your own after family worship and write down what it teaches us about God.

Event	Where in Genesis?	What Does This Teach Us About God?
<i>Example: God creates all things.</i>	<i>Genesis 1-2</i>	<i>God is powerful.</i>
God floods the world.		
God makes a promise to Abraham.		
God takes care of Hagar.		
God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah.		
Abraham almost sacrifices Isaac.		
Isaac blesses Jacob.		
Jacob wrestles with God.		
Joseph is rescued from prison.		
Joseph forgives his brothers.		

People Group Focus

Pray for the Adyghe of Turkey



Fast Facts About the Adyghe:

- ▶ Pronounced: AH-dee-gay
- ▶ Population: 361,000
- ▶ Christians: 0
- ▶ Religion: Islam
- ▶ Adyghe culture is very old, even predating ancient Greek myths.
- ▶ The Adyghe are spread throughout the Middle East and Russia. There are 100 Adyghe Christians in the world, but none in Turkey.
- ▶ The entire New Testament (and some of the Old) has been translated into Adyghe.

Learn More About the Adyghe:

- ▶ [Joshua Project](#)
- ▶ [A video of the Adyghe Language](#)

Praying for the Adyghe:

- ▶ Pray that the few Adyghe believers would go to the Adyghe of Turkey as missionaries.
- ▶ Pray that the Bible translators would be faithful and that their work would be completed soon.
- ▶ Pray that God would send missionaries who will bring the good news of Christ's resurrection to the Adyghe.

“All the *nations* of the earth will be blessed through Abraham.”

Genesis 18:18

Week 1

GENESIS 1-7

Suggested Songs for This Week:

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*“Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love” by
Matt Boswell and Matt Papa*

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED:

Print out a listening guide worksheet
for each child (see pages 6–10).

Day 1

STOP: Before getting started, make sure every child has a listening guide worksheet printed out. (See pages 6–10)

Remember the Context

- ▶ What book of the Bible are we reading?
- ▶ Is it in the Old or New Testament? (Old)
- ▶ Who wrote Genesis? (Moses)
- ▶ Moses wrote five books in the Old Testament. Name them all? (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)



Before Reading

Today we're going to read about God creating everything. **As we read**, listen for what God created.

Read Genesis 1:1–2:3



Ask

- ▶ What are some of the things God created in this chapter?
- ▶ This chapter uses the same pattern over and over again "God said... and it was so." How did God create everything? (Hint: Did he have to fight with creation? Did he use supplies or materials like paint or bricks?)
- ▶ God created everything with nothing but his powerful word. What does this show us about God?

The Jesus Connection (Read Out Loud)

Genesis 1 tells us that God created the world through his word: he spoke and everything came to be. The New Testament calls Jesus the Word of God and says that "All things were created through him" (John 1:3). Jesus, the Son of God, was at work creating all things. Even though we've sinned against him, the Creator stepped into creation to save us from our sin.



Pray

- ▶ **For Your Family:** Pray that your kids would really believe in God, the creator of everything.
- ▶ **For Your Church:** God created everything with his Word. Pray that your pastors would trust the power of God's Word as they teach it.
- ▶ **For the Nations:** Pray that Bible translators would bring God's Word to the Adyghe of Turkey,* so they can hear and believe.



Sing

Day 2

Remember the Context

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Before Reading

Today we're going to read about when God created the first people. **As we read**, listen for what God said was "not good."

Read Genesis 2:4–25



Ask

- ▶ What did God say was not good? (See 2:18)
- ▶ It was not good for the man to be alone, so God "made a helper corresponding to him." What helper did God make for the man?
- ▶ This is the first marriage in the world, when a man and woman become one new family together. Who created marriage?
- ▶ Why is it important to remember that God created marriage?

The Jesus Connection

The garden paradise that God created for Adam and Eve was incredible — they had everything they would ever need and everything they might ever want. Because of sin, we can't live in this garden paradise anymore, but one day Jesus will come back to bring his people into a new world that he will create, which will be a NEW garden paradise, even including "the tree of life" like the first garden (Revelation 22:2).



Pray

- ▶ **For Your Family:** Pray that your kids would embrace the truth about marriage in the face of cultural pressures.
- ▶ **For Your Church:** Pray for 1–2 married couples in your church, that God would protect their marriages.
- ▶ **For the Nations:** Pray for the Adyghe of Turkey, that they would know the one true God who has made all things, including marriage, for his glory.



Sing

**For more information on the Adyghe of Turkey, see the People Group Focus sheet on page 11.*

Day 3

Remember the Context

- ▶ What book of the Bible are we reading?
- ▶ Is it in the Old or New Testament? (Old)
- ▶ Who wrote Genesis? (Moses)
- ▶ Moses wrote five books in the Old Testament. Name them all? (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)



Before Reading

Today we're going to read about the first man and woman sinning against God. **As we read**, listen for what the serpent told the woman to do.

Read Genesis 3:1–13



Ask

- ▶ What did the serpent tell the woman to do? Did she listen to the serpent or obey God?
- ▶ Read 3:8 again. What did the man and woman do when God was coming?
- ▶ When Adam and Eve sinned, they had to hide from God. Why does sin ruin our relationship with God?

The Jesus Connection

The snake snuck into the garden and tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God. This serpent is the devil — a real spiritual enemy who hates God and wants to destroy God's people. In this reading, he promised Adam and Eve that things would go better if they disobeyed God. In the New Testament, he came to Jesus with the same message: things will go better if you disobey God (Matthew 4:1–11, Luke 4:1–13). Unlike Adam, Jesus didn't believe the devil's lies — he followed God, even to the end. Jesus obeyed where we have failed and that's why he's able to save us.



Pray

- ▶ **For Your Family:** Pray that your kids would understand their own sin and find forgiveness in Christ.
- ▶ **For Your Church:** Pray that your church would take sin seriously and help one another walk in holiness.
- ▶ **For the Nations:** Pray that missionaries would go to the Adyghes of Turkey and warn them about sin and God's plan to make everything right again.



Sing

Day 4

Remember the Context

- ▶ What book of the Bible are we reading?
- ▶ Is it in the Old or New Testament? (Old)
- ▶ Who wrote Genesis? (Moses)
- ▶ Moses wrote five books in the Old Testament. Name them all? (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)



Before Reading

Today we're going to read about God punishing the man and the woman for their sin. **As we read**, listen for where God sent the man and the woman after they sinned.

Read Genesis 3:14–24



Ask

- ▶ Where did God send the man and woman after they sinned?
- ▶ God punished the man and woman by cursing all of creation — everything became broken because of sin. God cursed the woman by making childbirth painful; he cursed the man by making work hard. What does this tell us about sin?
- ▶ Sin has broken everything in this world. Can you think of any examples of something broken in this world? Why is it good news that Jesus is coming to make everything right again?

The Jesus Connection

In this reading, God promised that, one day, a child of the woman would crush the serpent's head forever (3:15). The serpent is the devil and Jesus is the great son of Adam who would crush Satan forever. When Jesus died on the cross, Satan was defeated once and for all. When Jesus comes back, Satan will be thrown into hell to be crushed forever (Revelation 19:17–21).



Pray

- ▶ **For Your Family:** Pray that your kids would look to Jesus to save them from sin and make everything right again.
- ▶ **For Your Church:** Pray that your whole church would believe that only Jesus can save this world, not any other cause or group.
- ▶ **For the Nations:** Pray that the Adyghes of Turkey would hear the good news that Jesus came to make everything right again.



Sing

Day 5

Remember the Context

- ▶ What book of the Bible are we reading?
- ▶ Is it in the Old or New Testament? (Old)
- ▶ Who wrote Genesis? (Moses)
- ▶ Moses wrote five books in the Old Testament. Name them all? (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)



Before Reading

Today we're going to read about Adam and Eve's children.. **As we read**, listen for why Cain was angry with Abel.

Read Genesis 4



Ask

- ▶ Why was Cain angry with Abel? What did he do next?
- ▶ Read 4:7 again. What does this verse say about sin?
- ▶ God warned Cain that sin wanted to rule over him and control his life. Ever since Adam and Eve were sent out of the Garden, everyone has been controlled by sin — we can't do the right thing and love God on our own. How does this show us our need for a Savior?

The Jesus Connection

When God came to Cain after he killed Abel, God said Abel's blood was "crying to [God] from the ground" (4:10). Abel's blood was almost speaking; it was evidence that Cain is guilty, should be cursed, and would be doomed forever. The New Testament says that Jesus' blood speaks too and it "says better things than the blood of Abel" (Hebrews 12:24). Abel's blood says "Cain is guilty, cursed, and doomed." Jesus' blood says "You are forgiven, blessed, and certainly saved forever."



Pray

- ▶ **For Your Family:** Pray that your kids would understand that their sin is powerful, so that they would run to Christ for salvation.
- ▶ **For Your Church:** Pray for 1–2 people in your church, that God would give them victory from sin.
- ▶ **For the Nations:** Pray for the Adyghe of Turkey, that Jesus would set them free from sin.



Sing

Day 6

Remember the Context

- ▶ What book of the Bible are we reading?
- ▶ Is it in the Old or New Testament? (Old)
- ▶ Who wrote Genesis? (Moses)
- ▶ Moses wrote five books in the Old Testament. Name them all? (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)



Before Reading

Today we're going to read about the generations that came after Adam and Eve. **As we read**, listen to find out who Lamech's son was.

Read Genesis 5



Ask

- ▶ Who was Lamech's son? (See 5:28–29) What do you know about Noah?
- ▶ Read 1:29 again. What was Lamech hoping Noah would do?
- ▶ Remember back in Genesis 3, when God promised that one of Eve's grandchildren would crush Satan forever and end the curse of sin on the world. Lamech was hoping that his son, Noah, would be that savior. Who is the great Savior who came to make everything right?

The Jesus Connection

Lamech was hoping that Noah might finally be the one to save everyone from "the agonizing labor of our hands, caused by the ground the LORD has cursed" (Genesis 1:29). We live in a world that is completely broken by sin, and life here can be very hard. Noah couldn't save Lamech, but Jesus can save us. One day he is coming back to make a new world that won't be cursed by sin anymore. If we trust in him, we can look forward to that day when we'll finally rest forever.



Pray

- ▶ **For Your Family:** Pray that your kids would eagerly look forward to the day when Jesus will make everything new.
- ▶ **For Your Church:** Pray that your church would set their hope in Jesus and not any other plan to "fix" the world.
- ▶ **For the Nations:** Pray that the Adyghe of Turkey would hear that the Son of Eve, the Savior, has come.



Sing

Day 7

Remember the Context

- ▶ What book of the Bible are we reading?
- ▶ Is it in the Old or New Testament? (Old)
- ▶ Who wrote Genesis? (Moses)
- ▶ Moses wrote five books in the Old Testament. Name them all? (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

Bonus Weekend Activity

Print out a copy of the Genesis Word Search (see next page) for everyone in your family. As your kids find the words, talk about what each one means.



Before Reading

Today we're going to read about what happened to Noah. **As we read**, listen for what God promised to bring over the whole earth.

Read Genesis 6–7



Ask

- ▶ What did God promise to bring over the whole earth?
- ▶ Read 6:13 again. Why did God destroy all humans in a flood?
- ▶ What does this tell us about the cost of sin?
- ▶ God saved Noah from the flood. What does this tell us about God?

The Jesus Connection

Just as the world was plunged under the water in Noah's day as a judgment for sin, Jesus also experienced the full flood of God's judgment when he died on the cross. Today, Christians are plunged under water in baptism (and the New Testament compares baptism to the flood in Noah's day in 1 Peter 3:21) as a picture of dying with Jesus (he died in our place) and being saved from the flood through him (we come out of the water like Jesus came out of the grave).



Pray

- ▶ **For Your Family:** Pray that your kids would understand that sin has consequences.
- ▶ **For Your Church:** Pray that your pastors would have wisdom and boldness to warn the church about the coming punishment for sin.
- ▶ **For the Nations:** Pray that the Adyghe of Turkey would realize that they deserve to be wiped out in a flood, but that God is full of mercy.



Sing

Genesis Word Search

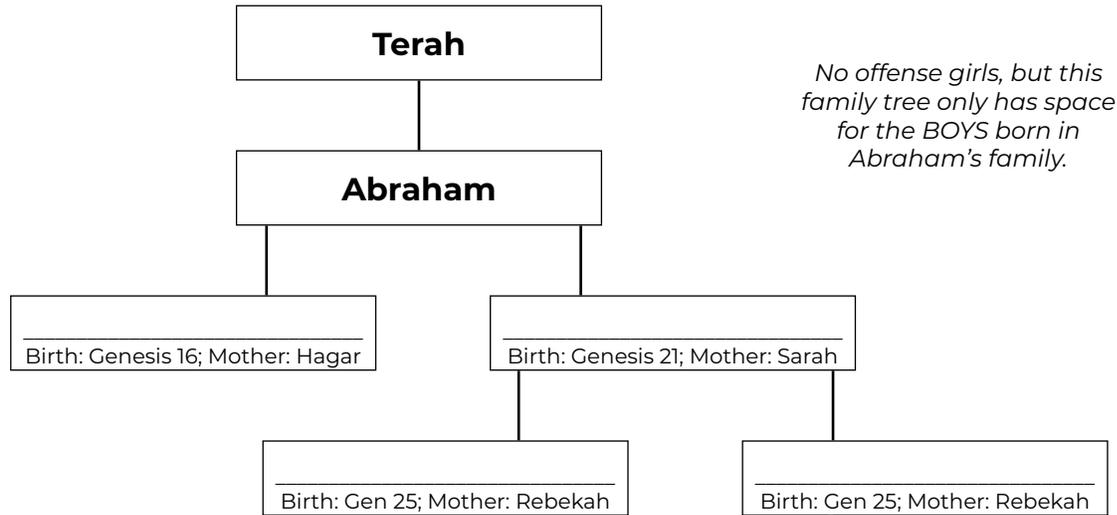
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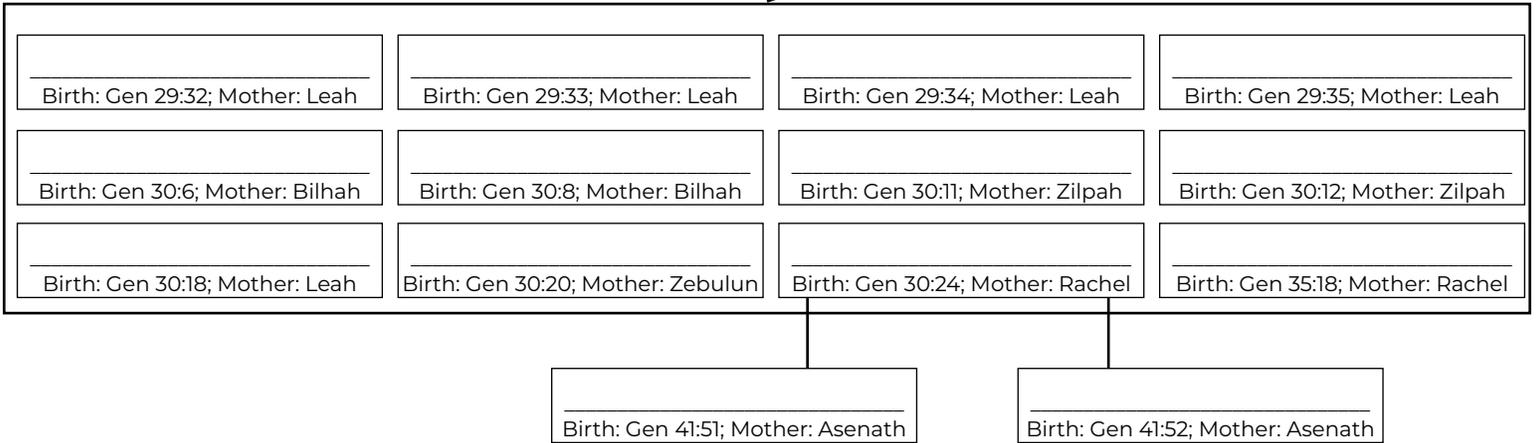
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Abraham's Family Tree

Fill in the Blanks as You Read Genesis



No offense girls, but this family tree only has space for the BOYS born in Abraham's family.



Mark Decoder Activity

Use the grid below to match each number to the right letter.
 When you have decoded the whole message, you'll find an important verse
 from Mark's Gospel.

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Country Profile

This month, we are praying for the Adyghe of Turkey, a group of about 361,000 people who have never heard of Jesus. Spend some time learning about Chad and fill out the country profile worksheet.

Here are some ideas for learning about the country:

- ▶ Go to your local library and find a book about Turkey.
- ▶ Look online together to find articles or videos (A great website is Stratus.earth).
- ▶ Search online for a restaurant near you with food from Turkey and ask the staff about their country.

Country Name: Turkey

How many people live there?

What languages do people speak there?

What is the primary religion?

Draw a picture of a popular food in this country:

**What is life like in this country?
What did you learn about it?**

Draw a picture of this country's flag:

What are some cool things you learned about this country?