Bible — Old Testament

Old Testament History

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Levels:
L — 1st through 4th
M — 5th through 8th

Course Description: Students will be reading through the book of Matthew and the historical Old Testament books from Genesis to Esther.

Note to parents: the Ls are reading NIrV and the Ms are reading NIV. I don’t use the NIV, but I chose these as the most accessible for them. If you want your child to read another version, just click on the link provided and have your child choose your version from the menu at the top of the page. If you want to learn more about my Bible background and beliefs, go here.

*If you are looking for more copywork, you could have your child choose a verse to write out each day.

Day 1
L

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   2. Read Matthew 1.
   3. The list of names shows the generations from Abraham to David to Jesus.
   4. Tell to a parent the story of Joseph that you read today.

Day 2
L

1. Read Matthew 2:1-12.
2. How do the wise men know that Jesus will be born in Bethlehem? (answer: Micah 5:2 God spoke about it hundreds of years before.)

3. How did they know not to go and tell Herod about Jesus? (answer: God warned them in a dream.)

M

1. Read Matthew 2.
2. Christ means “anointed one.” We will read this year about how kings are anointed with oil to show they are chosen. Jesus is anointed by the Holy Spirit, choosing Him as the leader of Israel as was prophesied hundreds of years before by Micah.
3. What prophecies are fulfilled in this chapter? (answer: born in Bethlehem, called out of Egypt, Israel’s children killed, Nazarene—lived in Nazareth)
4. Are you an anointed one? Do you belong to Christ and serve His people alongside Him?

Day 3

L

1. Read Matthew 3.
2. John tells the Pharisees that those who produce bad fruit will go to hell (“thrown into the fire”). What does He say about the kind of “fruit” they should produce? (hint: verse 8) (answer: They need to show that they have repented and turned away from doing sin.)
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4. There is another baptism mentioned in this chapter. What is it? (answer: Holy Spirit)
5. We read about the baptism of the Holy Spirit more in the book of Acts. Actually, it says that Jesus will baptize us with Holy Spirit and with fire. Some people think they are one and the same since the Holy Spirit came down on the church appearing as fire. I think it’s possible fire could also mean trials and tribulation.

Day 4

L

2. Tell a parent or older sibling how Satan tried to tempt Jesus and how Jesus responded to him.
3. Copy or memorize this part of Matthew 4:4, “Man does not live on bread alone, but on
“every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

M

1. Read Matthew 4.
3. Jesus and Satan both use Scripture. Satan can use Scripture but twist it or use it out of context. Not everyone using Bible verses is telling you the truth. Even the KKK used the Bible. However, the Bible tells us that our sword to fight with is God’s Word. Jesus uses God’s Word to tell Satan to back off. Memorizing verses puts a sword in your hand to help you fight off temptation.
4. In the second part of the chapter, what does Jesus preach? (hint: verse 17)
5. In the third part, realize that the disciples walked away from providing for themselves. They left their jobs and they left their families. They had to trust God to take care of them and their families. If God calls you to leave your work, He will provide for you. Our family has seen it happen!
6. Go to this Bible map to see where these things took place.

Day 5

L

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12.
2. Who is blessed? You can insert the word happy instead of blessed.
3. What do they receive?
4. How can being persecuted and being lied about make you happy? (answer: It can make you happy because you will receive a reward in heaven, and you can know you are experiencing the same as Jesus and the other prophets.)

M

1. Read Matthew 5.
2. Look at the first twelve verses. These are called the Beatitudes. Are you any of these things? What are you not? If there are some you don’t understand, ask a parent about it. It should be your desire to be like Christ who is all of these things. And being like Christ comes with persecution. Do you think you could rejoice that you are persecuted?
3. What do you think is the most surprising sentence in this chapter? Write what it says and why it is shocking.

Day 6

L

2. Copy Matthew 6:9-13. Hang it up where you will see it and work on memorizing it this week.

M!

1. Read Matthew 6.
2. Memorize The Lord’s Prayer (verses 9-13) if you don’t already know it.
3. What are verses 19-24 about? (answer: You can’t love God and money.)
4. What does it mean to “store up?”
5. How do you store up treasures in heaven? (answer: Give.)
6. In God’s economy it is more beneficial to give than to get for yourself. In the end you will be richer if you give. It doesn’t make sense to the world. We think, “If I give away my money, I will have less for myself.” God works in the opposite way. If we give, we have “stored up” for ourselves riches in heaven that we can bank on in faith, trusting God to provide for us whenever we need it. And as a bonus, we will be rich in faith. If we keep our money to ourselves because we think we have to rely on ourselves to provide for ourselves, then we risk losing all of our money to “moths,” “rust” and “thieves.” (Do you see all of the “our”s and “ourselves” in there? This is selfish self-centered thinking. We are to love others as we love ourselves. There are some people who give away half of the money they make so that they can obey the Scripture to love others as they love themselves.

Day 7

L

1. Read Matthew 7:7-14 and 7:24-29. Keep scrolling down to read both.
2. How can you be wise like the man whose house didn’t fall? (hint: verse 24) (answer: obey God’s word)

M

1. Read Matthew 7.
2. The first section of this reading is about not being a hypocrite. Don’t point out little sin in someone when you have major sin in your life. It doesn’t mean that we aren’t to point out sin. We are to help each other see the truth, but it has to be because we love that person and want the best for them. We are not to point out sin in others lives, trying to make ourselves look better because we are covering up our own sin. Do you understand that? Ask a parent to explain if I didn’t do a good job!
3. Draw a picture to illustrate verses 13 and 14. What are the people on the broad road doing? the narrow road?

Day 8

L

2. Let’s compare and contrast these stories. That means to find what they have in common and what’s different about them.
3. What are some things that they have in common? (answer: Jesus healed someone, someone came to Jesus asking for healing, they both believed that Jesus could heal) Did you find some that I didn’t?
4. What are some things that are different about the stories? (answer: Jesus touched the one man to heal him and the other he healed just by speaking that he was healed, one man was a Jew and the other was a Gentile (not a Jew), one expected Jesus to heal the other wasn’t sure if Jesus was willing to be healed) Did you find some that I didn’t?

M

1. Read Matthew 8.
2. I’m going to point out two things first. One, Jesus touched the leper. He was an outcast. He had to live outside of town because people were afraid to be near him, let alone touch him. They were afraid of getting the disease. He hadn’t been touched in years. Jesus
didn’t have to touch him to heal him (we see in the next story), but He showed love to the leper by touching him.

3. Two, Jesus had “no where to lay His head.” Jesus was a homeless man. Think of that the next time you see a homeless person. Think of that the next time a preacher says God wants us to live like kings because Jesus was a rich man. God will always give us what we need if we trust Him for it. He may give us lots of money, but it’s not for spending on ourselves. It’s for giving away. “It is impossible for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven” and “The poor are rich in faith.” Which would you rather be?

4. Choose what you think is the most important lesson and explain it including Scripture.

Day 9

L*

1. Read Matthew 9:18-37.
2. What is one reason Jesus healed everyone who came to Him? (hint: verse 36)
3. *Print out this sheet (compassion) and write on each line someone you should have compassion on. s could be soldiers, p could be people without homes, or they could just be names.

M

1. Read Matthew 9.
2. What is the harvest? Whose “field” is it? Pray that the Lord would send more workers into the harvest.
3. Choose your favorite part of this chapter. Write the Scripture and share why it is your favorite. What lesson can you take away from it?
4. What question do you have about today’s reading?

Day 10

L

2. How many of the 12 apostles can you name? If you can’t name them all, go back and find who you are missing.
3. The last sentence in this section is, “You have received freely, so give freely.” What does that mean?
4. What have you been given that you should be giving?

M

1. Read Matthew 10.
2. What do verses 28 and 38 mean? Write out your answers or explain to a parent.
3. What question do you have about the reading today?

Day 11

L

1. Read Matthew 11:2-10.
2. Jesus quotes a prophecy from the Old Testament book of Malachi. He says the prophecy is about John the Baptist. What does it say John was going to do? (answer: He would prepare the way for Jesus to come. He did that by teaching people to repent and turn away from their sins.)
3. In your reading today, you read that John has his disciples ask Jesus if He is the Messiah. Jesus doesn’t say yes or no. He answers that he has healed the blind, the lame, the deaf and the leper and that He is preaching the gospel (good news) to the poor. Why did he say those things? Jesus was telling John that other Old Testament prophecies were being fulfilled. The Old Testament prophets said that a Messiah or Savior would come and heal and preach the gospel to the poor. Read Isaiah 35:5-6. Read Isaiah 61:1. Do those verses sound like what Jesus told John? Do you think John understood Jesus’ message?

M!

1. Read Matthew 11.
2. What do you like about verses 25-30? What do you have questions about?
3. What does it mean that His yoke is easy? (yoke picture) (answer: We don’t have the burden of the law on us. That was an impossible burden to bear. Jesus fulfilled the law for us and now our only job is to trust Him, rest in Him, and allow Him to live through us.)
4. Memorize Matthew 11:28. When you know it, share it with each family member. Also, recite the Lord’s prayer (from Day 6.)

Day 12

L

2. What were the Pharisees accusing Jesus and his disciples of doing? (answer: breaking the Sabbath, the command to not work one day a week)
3. Jesus shows the Pharisees that they are hypocrites because they would help a sheep on the Sabbath but not a person. This is one way you can tell if something is from God or not. God cares about people. the Pharisees didn’t care about the man who needed healing. They cared about their rules. They were proud of their sacrifice to not work on the Sabbath. But Jesus told them that they were not doing what God wanted, that God wanted them to love others. That’s what Jesus meant he said, “I want mercy and not sacrifice.”
4. Copy the sentence, “I want mercy and not sacrifice.”
5. Tell someone the story you read today and explain what it means that God wants mercy and not sacrifice.

M

1. Read Matthew 12.
2. Who is a relative of Jesus (according to verse 50)? (answer: whoever is doing what God wants him to do)
3. The Pharisees thought they were doing what God wanted them to do by their sacrifice in not working on the Sabbath. What did God really want from them? (answer: mercy, or love for others)
4. There is another prophecy fulfilled in this chapter. Read the footnote to see what Old Testament scripture is fulfilled.
5. What question do you have from this chapter? Do your best to answer it or ask someone.

Day 13

L

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2. Draw a picture of the parable and then explain to someone what the picture means.

M

1. Read Matthew 13.
2. What lesson do you take away from a parable in this chapter? What’s the lesson, what parable taught it and how does the parable shows the lesson?

Day 14

L

2. Tell a parent or older sibling what happened in this story.
3. God can take whatever you have to offer and turn it into a big blessing. But first you have to offer what you have. What do you have that you could give? It could be money or food or toys or it could be things like time and love. You could stop by the home of an elderly neighbor and say good morning. What else could you give that could God could use to turn into a big blessing for you and others?

M

1. Read Matthew 14.
2. Let me tell you my favorite thing from this chapter. Peter walks on water in faith. He gets scared and sinks. He calls out to Jesus who grabs him. This is it: Peter walks on water again. He has to stand on the water and walk back to the boat with Jesus. When we falter in our faith, Jesus doesn’t give up on us. He aids us. He lifts us up so we can continue our walk of faith. So when things are going really wrong, don’t allow yourself to sink, call on Jesus and He will be there to take you by the hand.
3. The story of the feeding of the five thousand men plus all the women and children is a great example of God’s economy. The world tells us that if we give then we have less. But God teaches us that when we give, we have more. How is that shown in this story?

Day 15

L

2. In other parts of the world being clean is THE most important thing. Muslims won’t pray unless they wash themselves first. In Muslim countries being called “dirty” is one of the worst insults. What does Jesus say makes you “unclean?” Explain to a parent or ask if you don’t understand what Jesus is saying.

M

1. Read Matthew 15.
2. What lesson can you take away from this chapter? What verse shows that lesson? Explain.

Day 16

L

1. Read Matthew 16:5-12.
2. Jesus is using figurative language. That means that he is not speaking plainly. He's

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making word pictures. In this section he warns the disciples about the yeast of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Yeast is what you put in bread to make it rise. You put a little bit into the flour and it gets through the whole dough to make it rise. Jesus doesn’t mean make sure you don’t get their yeast on you. What is Jesus really warning the disciples about? (answer: Jesus was warning about what the religious leaders taught.)

M

1. Read Matthew 16.
2. Verse 24 defines what it is to follow Jesus—to say no to yourself. To pick up your cross and follow Jesus means to die to yourself. You only pick up a cross if you are going to be killed on it. We have to die to ourselves. What does that mean? It means saying no to yourself. Saying no to greed, selfishness, etc. and saying yes to others, loving others instead of ourselves. This is letting Jesus live in and through us. Only by the Spirit can we die to self and live for Him and others.
3. Choose a verse from today’s reading. Copy it and explain what it means and what lesson it teaches you to live by.
4. What’s one question you have about today’s reading?

Day 17

L

1. Read Matthew 17:24-27.
2. This is a fun story. Remember that earlier, when Jesus was a teenager, he had called the temple, “his father’s house.” Here Jesus is saying that He doesn’t have to pay the tax because it is His father’s house and father’s don’t collect tax from their sons.
3. What does Jesus do to pay the tax?
4. Can God always provide the money you need?
5. There are many, many stories of Christians getting the money they needed at just the right moment, from finding five dollars stuck to your shoe while walking down the street, to having an angel hand you the money. God has plenty of ways of providing. Trust Him to do it!

M

1. Read Matthew 17.
2. What does God the Father tell the disciples to do? (answer: listen to Jesus)
3. These little balls are mustard seed. Small right?
4. Remember faith is sure. A small amount of faith doesn’t mean a little faith and a lot of doubt. Faith is sure of what it hopes for. No doubt! It knows it will happen. The only way we can know something unseen will happen is because of the truth in God’s word. If God’s word tells us something will happen, then we can believe it and be sure of it; we can have faith. And if we have faith, then we will see it happen. Faith can be hard work, but it unlocks all of the power of the gospel. We are saved by faith. That’s how you get to heaven. Faith. The way to get faith is to know God’s Word and to believe that it is true. If you know His Word is true, then you have faith.
5. What’s your favorite part of this chapter and why?
6. What’s one question you have about this chapter?

Day 18

L

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1. Read Matthew 18:21-35.
2. Tell a parent or older sibling what happened in the story.
3. What is the lesson of this story? (answer: Christians must forgive each other and those who seek forgiveness from them.)

M

1. Read Matthew 18.
2. I want you to focus on verses six through nine. Do you take sin this seriously? I think about six when I think about dressing modestly. I don’t want to dress in a way that causes men to lust after me (to think about my body like only my husband should think about my body). It would be their sin, but looking at verse six, it would be my sin too, if I were doing it on purpose. A man’s sinful heart isn’t my responsibility, but if I dress purposefully in a way to attract men’s eyes and desires (which many women do) my heart would be sinful.
3. Even better than cutting off your hand, do whatever you can to flee temptation. If you have a temptation that you feel like you can’t get away from, talk to your parents about what can be done. I know a family that moved to flee temptation. It’s not as extreme as cutting off a body part!
4. Do you take sin this seriously? Do you realize that sin is this serious?
5. What sin do you struggle with? How can you flee temptation in those situations?
6. Is there any way that you tempt others to sin? Do you tempt siblings to disobey your parents?
7. Ask God to help you answer these questions.

Day 19

L

2. How do we know the rich man wasn’t really loving his neighbor as himself? (answer: He was still rich. He was keeping his money for himself.)

M

1. Read Matthew 19.
2. What do these verses say about the rich man and the man who divorces and gets remarried? (answer: They are going to hell unless they repent.)

Day 20

L

2. Why did Jesus come? (answer: He came to serve others.)
3. Verse 28 commands, “Be like Jesus.” How can you live your life to serve others? What are some things you can do every day? What is something you can aspire to do (dream about doing or work towards doing) for others when you are older?

M

1. Read Matthew 20.
2. What do you think is the main theme of this chapter? (answer: The first will be last and the last will be first.)
3. Another way to think about what that means is in the description Jesus gives of why he came. What does he give as his purpose? (answer: to serve)

4. What are ways you serve others?

5. What are ways you put others before yourself (making yourself last)?

6. Dream big. If you could do anything to serve others, what would you like to be able to do?

Day 21

L

1. Read Matthew 21:1-17.
2. In this section we see several more prophecies from the Old Testament fulfilled. God knew exactly what was going to happen. The donkeys were prepared and waiting for him even though the owner didn’t know it! You don’t have to try and do big things for God. All you have to do is be willing and ready to obey Him.
3. Do you know why Jesus was so angry in the temple? What did he call it? (answer: a den of robbers)
4. People who were not Jews were not allowed inside the temple. They were only allowed in an outer court area of the temple. That’s the place that was given to them to pray. But Jews had set up tables for selling the animals that people use for sacrifice and sold money to people who didn’t have the coins used in the temple. They were making money off of people coming to worship God. Plus, they were making it so that people who weren’t Jews had no place to pray.

M

1. Read Matthew 21.
2. What are some of the Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in this chapter?
3. In the parable of the vineyard owner, who was the son? (answer: Jesus)
4. Do you know who the servants represent? (answer: prophets)
5. What is one lesson you can take away from this chapter? Include a verse and what you can do to practice that lesson in your life.

Day 22

L

2. Can you tell the story? What happened? (answer: The king invites guests to his son’s wedding dinner. They don’t want to come. So, the king has his servants invite others. They come, but one is kicked out because he’s not wearing wedding clothes.)
3. This is a parable, a story that has another meaning. Jesus wasn’t really telling them about a king. Who is the real king and the king’s son? What do you think? (answer: The king is God and his son is Jesus.)
4. The people who ignore the king’s request to come to the dinner or who kill the king’s servants are the Jews. The servants are God’s prophets. As a whole group the Jews didn’t listen to the prophets and even killed some of them.
5. Then the king invites everyone else, those who aren’t Jews. Many show up. One is thrown out because he’s not wearing wedding clothes. What do you think that really means? (answer: The Bible talks about how we are cleaned by the blood of Jesus and how He will dress us in white, make us pure from all sin. This man didn’t believe in
Jesus. He hadn’t had his sin forgiven. He wasn’t welcome in heaven and is thrown into hell.)

M*

1. Read Matthew 22.
2. What’s one question you have about this chapter?
3. What commandments sum up the Law and the Prophets? (answer: love God, love your neighbors)
4. *Fill in this Venn Diagram with the 10 Commandments. (Venn Diagram no lines) Write the commandment on the one side if it is summed up by love God and on the other if it is summed up by love your neighbor. (You don’t have to write out the whole commandment. Example: no idols)

Day 23

L

2. What are the Pharisees like? (answer: hypocrites, proud)
3. I wonder what pastors and priests who are called “Father” or “Reverend” think when they read verses 8-10.
4. The most important thing to learn from this is that God cares what’s in your heart. If your heart is good (you love God and love others), then you will do good. If you are only acting good on the outside, eventually your evil heart will show. You can’t pretend forever.

M

1. Read Matthew 23.
2. What do verses 25-28 mean? (answer: They are hypocrites. Their hearts are evil, but they act like they are righteous.)
3. What’s a question you have about this chapter?
4. What’s a lesson you can take away from this chapter? (Choose a Scripture to go with it.)

Day 24

L

2. The disciples want to know when the end will come, when Jesus will come back and rule. We are still wondering, wanting to know!
3. Jesus doesn’t tell them. He tells them that people will try and fool them that He has already come back. What other command does He give them, “Don’t...”? (answer: Don’t be alarmed.)
4. He says there will be wars, famine, earthquakes and Christians will be put in prison and killed. But we aren’t to be afraid! It’s all part of God’s plan and He is only allowing it to happen to get His Church holy, ready to be with Him.
5. It says many will turn away from their faith because they will be afraid. We will obey whomever we fear. We need to fear God alone. He’s the only leader who wants to do what’s best for us instead of for himself.
6. Pray and ask God to help you not be afraid.

M

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1. Read Matthew 24.
2. What are some warnings, commands Jesus gives? (answer: Watch out, keep watch)
3. How do you think you can keep watch?
4. It says many will lose their faith during the tribulation, but it tells us to stand firm. One thing that will help you hold onto faith during any tribulation you might go through is knowing that in the end, when it is all over, Jesus will come back and be a righteous ruler and will gather His people to Himself. (verses 29-31)

Day 25

L

1. Read Matthew 25:31-46.
2. When you help people or ignore people, do you ever think about Jesus? When have you acted like a sheep? When have you acted like a goat?
3. What are things you can do to be a sheep?

M

1. Read Matthew 25.
2. There are three stories in this section. For each one summarize its lesson in a sentence and write another sentence about what you are going to do about it. (In other words how are you going to apply the lesson in your life?)

Day 26

L

1. Read Matthew 26:47-56.
2. Jesus says he could have asked for help and His Father would have send an army of angels. Why doesn’t Jesus want an army of angels to rescue Him? (answer: His choice was to be obedient. This is what God had chosen from the beginning.)

M

1. Read Matthew 26.
2. Why doesn’t Jesus call for an army of angels? (answer: He is choosing to die, to be obedient to God’s will, His perfect plan.)
3. What is Jesus’ warning to Peter when he cuts off the servant’s ear? (answer: Those who live by the sword, die by the sword.)
4. Peter weeps at the end of this chapter. He is sorrowful of his sin of denying Jesus. That’s how you need to feel about your sin. It should break your heart. You shouldn’t be able to sin against God and not have it break your heart. Ask God to let the things that break His heart, break your heart.
5. What lesson from this chapter is significant to you? Explain the Scripture, the lesson and how it affects you.

Day 27

L

2. What does the crowd yell? (answer: Crucify him!)
3. What did the crowd yell one week earlier? (answer: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!)

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M

1. Read Matthew 27.
2. What’s ironic about verse 6? Irony is when something is the opposite of what you’d expect. (answer: They are concerned about following the law when they just had had an innocent man killed.)
3. List as many ways as you can think of that this chapter shows the deity if Christ. (examples if you need them: says He is the king of the Jews, fulfilled the Scriptures, earthquake, ...)
4. List as many ways as you can that this chapter shows Jesus bore the “afflictions of the righteous.” The Bible says that those who live righteously will have troubles. Jesus went before us though and suffered from obedience just as believers do today. We are told to find joy in this type of suffering. (examples if you need them: lied about, mocked, arrested...)

Day 28

L

1. Read Matthew 28.
2. I met a Jewish woman once who told me Jesus’ disciples took His body away while the guards were sleeping. It made me smile because her thinking that just proved the Bible true. Why? (hint: verse 15)
3. What’s wrong with the guards’ story? (answer: If there were asleep, they couldn’t know who rolled away the stone and took the body. And, guards would never sleep on the job because they would be killed if they did and allowed something to happen.)

M!

1. Read Matthew 28.
2. What do verses 18-20 mean to you?
3. Memorize them. When you know it, say it for each family member.
4. Say the Lord’s prayer (from day 6) and Matthew 11:28 (from day 11).

Day 29

L

1. We finished reading the gospel of Matthew. Gospel means “good news.” What is the good news that Matthew tell us?

M

1. We have finished the gospel of Matthew. Gospel means good news. What’s the good news? Write your own much shortened version of the gospel.

Day 30

L*

1. Read Genesis 1.
2. Print out 2 of these pages of circles (Creation circles). Write Day 1, Day 2, Day 3 and Day 4 on four of the circles. Leave one page blank for today. Draw or write what God created that day.

M

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1. Read **Genesis 1**.
2. What commands does God give to Adam? (answers: have children, rule over the creatures of the earth, subdue the earth)
3. What do you think it means to subdue the earth? (help: subdue means overcome or bring under control)

Day 31

**L**

1. Read **Genesis 2**.
2. Fill in circles for day 5 (birds and fish), day 6 (other animals and people), day 7 (holy), and you can make a cover with your other circle.
3. Staple them together.

**M**

1. Read **Genesis 2**.
2. What does it mean to feel shame? (answer)
3. Why did they feel no shame when they were naked? (answer: They didn’t know anything was wrong.)
4. Find the **Tigris and the Euphrates**. Enter Genesis 2. If the site isn’t working, you can look at this [map](#).

Day 32

**L**

1. Read **Genesis 3**.
2. Tell the story or act it out.
3. Who does Eve blame? (answer: the serpent)
4. Who does Adam blame? (answer: Eve)
5. The Bible says, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us.” (1 John 1:9) We need to confess (tell) our sins to have them forgiven. Don’t be like Adam and Eve. Admit that you did something wrong and ask forgiveness.

**M**

1. Read **Genesis 3**.
2. What was the command they broke? (answer)
3. What did Eve get wrong about God’s command? (hint: compare verse 3 to the verse I linked to in number 2)
4. Do you think Eve held the fruit in her hand and thought God hadn’t told the truth? This is a good warning: we need to know the truth of God’s word. Sometimes verses get misquoted and passed around as truth. You need to know God’s Word for yourself.

Day 33

**L**

1. Read **Genesis 4:1-16**.
2. What does God say in verses 6 and 7?
3. He tells Cain he is only sad and angry because he did wrong. If he had done what is right (offered God the first and best things he had grown), then he wouldn’t be sad and angry. Sin made him sad and angry. (He’s not sad that he sinned against God. He’s pouting.)
What does God say sin wants to do to Cain? (answer: grab him)

4. Cain had to make a choice right there. Would he conquer sin or let sin conquer him? Who won? (answer: sin)

5. What are ways you can conquer sin? (some answers: avoid temptation-get away from it, pray and praise, ask for help, decide with all your heart and mind that you always want to obey God’s word, fear God)

M

1. Read Genesis 4.
2. A little historical note. We see the beginning of the use of bronze and iron tools. Some have divided history into three parts: the stone age, the bronze age and the iron age, where each age was the time they made tools out of that metal. Here’s an article discussing how that hasn’t been shown. We can trust the biblical report. Secular historians do put the bronze age at a time that would correspond to the biblical account, but they put the “iron age” later. As we have already seen, people in different parts of the world developed different technology at different times. The article I linked to says, “Modern archaeologists now acknowledge that the Stone–Bronze–Iron Age system is not very helpful outside Europe.” Of course we are not talking about Europe in Genesis 4.
3. Some people like to ask where Cain got his wife. It must have been his sister. God later forbids this when He establishes the law for His people.
4. Why was Cain’s sacrifice not accepted? Later God we read how God requires the “first fruits,” the first of the crop, the first born, and only what’s perfect. I’m assuming God had asked this of them. Abel brings the first of his flock. Cain doesn’t give the first and best.
5. Describe what is happening in verses 6 and 7.
6. Have you ever felt sin lurking there ready to get you? When? Did you give in and let sin win or did you say no and win over sin?

Day 34

L

1. Read Genesis 6:5-22.
2. Why did God choose to send the flood? (answer: verses 6, 13)
3. Why did God choose Noah to be safe? (answer: verses 9, 22)

M

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4. The Bible says that when Jesus comes back it will be like in the days of Noah. How can you be safe? (answer: be like Noah, righteous. How can you be righteous? By the blood of Jesus your sins can be forgiven and the Holy Spirit can live through you.)

Day 35

L

1. Read Genesis 7.
2. Noah built that boat for a long time. It just sat there on dry ground. He trusted God and obeyed God even though it seemed like nothing was happening. How long before the
flood did Noah know when it was going to come? (answer: 7 days)
3. Who was saved? Who was in the ark? (answer: Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives, 2 of every kind of unclean animal, 7 of every clean animal, 7 of every kind of bird)
4. How long did the flood last? (answer: 150 days)
5. What questions do you have about this story? I wonder what they ate on the ark. What do you wonder?

M
1. Read Genesis 7.
2. Here is the last part of verse 16 from the NIrV version. “Everything happened exactly as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord shut him in.” Think about these two sentences. What do they mean? What do they mean to you? How can you be comforted and encouraged by this verse?

Day 36
L
2. Find Mount Ararat. Enter Genesis 8. Mt. Ararat is marked with a symbol.
3. What were the “clean” animals for? (answer: to sacrifice as an offering)
4. After the flood what can they now eat? (answer: meat)
5. Do you think God told them to be vegetarians before the flood so that Noah’s family wouldn’t kill and eat the animals God was trying to preserve? (Just wondering.)
6. What is God’s covenant, promise? What is the sign to remember His promise? (answer: The rainbow is the reminder of God’s promise to never again destroy the world by a flood.)

M*
1. Read Genesis 8 and Genesis 9.
2. Fill in a Venn Diagram (Venn Diagram no lines). Make observations from these two chapters. On the one side write things about man, not just Noah but people in general. On the other side write things about God. Then in the middle write what observations you can make from these two chapters about the relationship between God and man.

Day 37
L
1. Read the beginning and end of chapter 11. Scroll down to read the second part.
3. Why did God confuse their language? (hint: Genesis 11:6)
4. How is Abram (later he is named Abraham) related to Lot? Can you figure it out? (answer: Abram is Lot’s uncle)
5. What did God command Abram? (answer: to leave his home and go to the land where God would show him)
6. What did God promise Abram? (answer: that from him would come a great nation and that all the nations of the world would be blessed because of him)

M
1. Say all of your memory verses so far this year. Matthew 28:18-20, the Lord’s prayer from day 6 and Matthew 11:28 from day 11.
2. Just scan chapter 10 to see what it is and read the last verse.
3. Read the beginning and end of chapter 11. Scroll down to read the end part.
4. How are Lot and Abram related? (answer: Abram is Lot’s uncle)
6. What was God’s command to Abram? (hint: verse 1)
7. What was God’s promise to Abram? (hint: verse 2)

Day 38
L
2. What city did Lot choose to live near? (answer: Sodom)
3. What was wrong in the city where he chose to live? (answer: The men were evil and sinning against God.)

M
2. What does God promise Abram? (answer: all of the land that he can see)
3. What does Abram do after God speaks the promise? (answer: He honors the Lord. He gives honor to God instead of becoming proud, thinking look how great I will be when all of this land is mine.)
4. Read Genesis 14:8-22.
5. What was the name of the priest of the God most high? (answer: Melchizedek)
6. What did Abram give him? (answer: a tithe, ten percent)

Day 39
L
2. What does God promise Abram? (answer: That he will have as many children as the stars in the sky. Children here means descendants, meaning his children’s children and his children’s children’s children’s children, etc.)
3. What was Abram’s right reaction? (answer: He believed.)
4. What does God say is going to happen to Abram’s descendants for 400 years? (answer: They are going to be slaves in a foreign country.)

M
1. Read Genesis 15.
2. What promise does God make to Abraham about his descendants? (answer: that they will come from his own body and number as the stars in the sky)
3. What is Abram’s right reaction to this promise? (answer: He believed.)
4. Verse 6 is the first time we see that we can be saved by faith. Abram believes and God calls it righteousness, doing what is right.
5. Do you know when the prophecy in verses 13 and 14 come true?
6. What is the covenant that God makes with Abram at the end of the chapter? (answer: “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates — the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites,
Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Gergashites and Jebusites.”

7. Find the promised land on the map. People aren’t exactly sure where all those places were, but there is a pretty good idea. Look at the maps in order.

- **Map 1**
- **Map 2** (all of the red area, not sure about one city’s location)
- **Map 3** (This is modern Israel. Notice the Dead Sea. Go back and click on map 2 and find the sea in the middle.)
- **Map 4** (Here is one more map to help you figure out where this is. You can find the Euphrates on this map.)

1. Israel is often in the news. There are always disputes over the land of Israel. Who are they fighting with over the land? The Philistines! You will read a lot in the Bible about the Israelites and the Philistines fighting over the land. They still do. Today in English they are called Palestinians. In other languages, though, they are called Philistines.

2. God made this covenant, a sacred promise, with Abram before there even was such a thing as Israelites. We know that in the end the whole land will belong to Israel because God can’t break His promise.

**Day 40**

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<td>2. What new names did they receive? (answer: Abraham and Sarah)</td>
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<td>3. What’s the answer going to be to the questions in verse 17? (answer: Yes! Abraham will have a child when he is 100 and Sarah when she is 90.)</td>
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<td>3. What is the promise and prophecy about Ishmael? (answer: numerous descendants, against everyone and everyone against them)</td>
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<td>5. How old is Ishmael when he is circumcised? (answer: 13)</td>
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<td>6. Jewish baby boys are circumcised on the 8th day, but it is traditional for Muslim boys to be circumcised when they turn 13 because of this account. While some of course do this, I have lived with Muslims for ten years and I have never known someone who waited until 13. I’ve known them to have it done to 1 year olds, 5 year olds, 10 year olds...</td>
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**Day 41**

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asking him not to if there are righteous people in the city.)
3. Will God destroy the righteous with the wicked? (answer: no)
4. Read Genesis 19:15-26. This is the next morning. The angels are sent to destroy the city and to get Lot and his family out first.
5. What happens to Lot’s wife when she’s doesn’t obey the angel’s directions? (answer: She turns into a salt statue.)
6. What lessons can you learn from these chapters? (answers: It’s important to obey the word of the Lord. God listens to prayer and it can make a big difference.)

M
1. Read Genesis 18 and Genesis 19:15-29.
2. Here are two stories with angels. What roles did the angels play in these stories? (answer: messenger, protector, destroyer)
3. How does God show favor to Abraham? (answer: He encourages him that he will have a son; the promise didn’t need to be repeated and he tells him specifically that it is coming soon. He listens to Abraham’s “prayer” for Sodom and Gomorrah. He brings Lot and his family out of Sodom.)
4. Lot’s family becomes the Moabites and the Ammonites.
5. Here’s a map.

Day 42
L
2. Sarah says that everyone who hears about this will laugh. Did you laugh? Sometimes we don’t stop to think about Bible stories being real stories that happened to real people. Can you image a woman who is A LOT older than your grandmother being pregnant and having a baby after never having a baby her whole life and without doctors and special treatments, etc.? It is pretty crazy! Even with doctors and technology no one has come even close to having a baby as old as Sarah did.
4. This is a really important story. Here are some things to remember.
   • God does test us. When we are faced with something really hard, it shows what is really in our hearts. If God just gave us perfect lives, we would love Him for selfish reasons. We need to love God for who He really is. He is love; He is kind; He is just; He is powerful; He knows everything; He is in control; He is patient; He is faithful; He is trustworthy...
   • God never asks us to do something He wasn’t willing to do Himself. This is one big example. God did give up His only Son to be killed for us. God never wanted Issac to be killed. He only wanted to see obedience in the heart of Abraham.
1. Abraham will be blessed. His children will be blessed. The whole world will be blessed because...? (hint: verse 18) (answer: Abraham obeyed.)

M
2. Which son of Abraham’s was going to receive the covenant promise? (answer: Isaac)
3. How does God take care of Ishmael? (answer: keeps him alive with water, was “with him”, also has the promise of becoming a great nation)

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4. We know today that the Arabs and Jews are at odds. What do you think it would be like if Abraham and Sarah had waited on God to fulfill his promise? (just wondering, no “real” answer)

5. Notice that Ishmael and Lot are both taken care of because of Abraham. If you are special to God, then those who are special to you are special to God and you can ask God to take care of them.


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   • God never asks us to do something He wasn’t willing to do Himself. This is one big example. God did give up His only Son to be killed for us. God never wanted Issac to be killed. He only wanted to see obedience in the heart of Abraham.
   • One way to tell a false religion is that they don’t value human life. Christianity values people. We are to love others. That is the greatest commandment–love God, love others. In Islam for example, it is okay to kill sometimes. And if you kill for a “wrong” reason, you can make up for it by fasting. Why would you serve a god that cares more about you not eating than not killing? In Christianity, not only are we not to kill, but we are told even hating someone is like killing them. Another example is how rats are sacred in Hinduism. In India it is forbidden to kill a rat, so people starve because the rats eat their crops. Why would you serve a god who cares more about rats than you?

Day 43

L

1. Read Genesis 24.

2. Did you notice that God answered the servant’s prayer before he even prayed?

3. Do you find it weird that Isaac and Rebekah get married without knowing each other first? In many parts of the world, a marriage arranged by parents is normal. The two are often given the choice, yes or no, but they may have only been introduced to the person. I have never known anyone to say no (even when the other person is not attractive at all) because they respect the choice of their families.

M

1. Read Genesis 24.

2. When did God answer the servant’s prayer? (answer: Before he prayed…God knew what his prayer would be and sent Rebekah out at the exact right time so she would arrive just as he was finishing his prayer.)

3. In America we consider it wrong to marry a relative, and God gives some laws later about not marrying family members, but in some parts of the world it is normal to marry a cousin, even preferable.

4. In America we think marriage is about falling in love, but all Christians should think of marriage as being arranged. All Christians should seek their heavenly Father’s choice in whom they should marry.

Day 44

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L

1. Read Genesis 25:19-34.
2. What are the names of Isaac’s and Rebekah’s sons? (answer: Esau and Jacob)
3. Who was their grandfather? (answer: Abraham)
4. What bad thing did Esau do? (answer: He gave up his rights as the first born son.)
5. Birth rights are something that were important historically. In many places throughout history the oldest son received all of the father’s land and property. It was of great value to have the rights of the first born. Esau didn’t value it and gave it away for food.
6. I want you to notice one more thing. God had it planned from the beginning that Jacob would be the “father of Israel,” not Esau. It didn’t matter that Esau had been born first. Lots and lots of times in the Bible you will see God choose not the first and the “best” (according to the way people see it), but He will more often choose the last and least important to do His work and then they become very important.

M

1. Read Genesis 27:1-10, 25-40. Scroll down to read both parts.
2. Birthright is something we can only sort of understand. What about these blessings? Have you ever considered your words to be this powerful that you could direct the fate of whole groups of people?
3. Consider these two verses: Proverbs 18:21 Matthew 12:36
4. Now what do you think about the words you say? What kind of words should you be speaking?

Day 45

L

1. Read Genesis 28:10-22.
2. What did Jacob dream? (answer: He saw a stairway to heaven and angels going up and down them and the Lord at the top of the stairs.)
3. What did God promise him? (answer: The promise He gave Abraham that he would have many descendants and they would be given the land he was on and that the world will be blessed through them.)
4. What did Jacob promise God? (answer: If God took care of Him on his journey, then he would take Him as his God and give him a tithe, a tenth of everything that he had.)

M

1. Read Genesis 28.
2. Remember to see all of the people in the Bible as real people. What is Esau feeling? (answer: He’s trying to please his parents. He feels disapproval from his parents and is trying to get their approval by taking a relative of Abraham after already having taken Canaanite wives.)
3. Jacob’s dream is another step in the covenant promise God made with His people. The covenant promise was given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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4. Jacob makes a vow to God. What deal does he make? It’s always a dangerous thing to make a vow to God. God will remember, but it’s easy for people to forget.

Day 46

L

1. Read Genesis 29:10-35. Jacob has gone to his uncle’s to find a wife.
2. At the end of this chapter, how many sons does Leah have? (answer: 4)
3. Jesus is born from the family line of the last of Leah’s sons. Who was Jesus’ great, great, great, great, great, great, grand father? (answer: Judah)
4. Rachel eventually has two sons, including Joseph, who you probably know about. Leah has two more sons. Rachel and Leah also give their maids to be like wives to Jacob. They end up having four sons between the two of them. So, how many sons does Jacob have? (answer: 12)
5. When the Bible talks about the tribes of Israel, they are the family groups started by each of these sons.

M

2. Jacob goes to his uncle’s house to find a wife. He ends up with four women and twelve sons, eventually. How many years does he work for Laban for his wives? (answer: 14)
3. Laban tricked him and he has been working for him for free. I don’t understand it, but Jacob tricks him in the end and gets all of the best of Laban’s flocks and receives his payment. Laban doesn’t want him to leave because he knows God has blessed him for Jacob’s sake. He learns through “divination,” or the seeking of knowledge through supernatural means. God is the only one who knows the future. Demons can speak through some psychic and tell things that are currently happening that they can see, but they cannot know any future that God hasn’t revealed. Satan tricks by using demons and psychics to speak some truth about the present, but then after they have your trust, they can lie to you and trick you and lead you a in a wrong way. Satan is a liar, so you should never seek truth from him!

Day 47

L

2. What does Jacob do? (answer: runs away with his family and belongings)
3. What does Rachel do? (answer: steals the household gods)
4. Why would they believe a god is powerful if it can be picked up and stolen?

M

1. Read Genesis 31:3, 14-32.
2. What’s happening in the story? What did Jacob do? What did Rachel do? What did Laban do? (answer: Jacob ran away with his family and property; Rachel stole the household gods from her father; Laban went after them; You didn’t read this part but Laban obeys and doesn’t do anything to stop Jacob and lets him go in peace; he doesn’t find the gods.)
3. What does Jacob say of anyone who stole the household gods? (answer: “he shall not live”)

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5. What is Jacob’s new name? (answer: Israel)
6. This is another one of those weird parts of the Bible. God would have given that name to Jacob. Why make him wrestle for it? We talk about wrestling all night prayer until we get what we’ve asked for. It’s from this portion of the Bible. Here’s another question. Why not tell Issac to name him Israel in the first place? Why the name change? I don’t know. I’m just wondering. It’s okay to wonder.

Day 48

L
2. What were Joseph’s dreams? (answer: that grain and stars bowed down to him, meaning his brothers would bow down to him)
3. Why were his brothers mad? (answer: They were jealous because Joseph was their father’s favorite.)
4. Who wanted to save Joseph? (answer: Reuben)
5. Who ended up being Joseph’s owner? (answer: Potiphar, pharaoh’s official)

M
2. Did Rachel die because she took the household gods? I guess we can’t know, but we do know that words are not meaningless.
3. During these chapters Jacob reunites with Esau and then they go their separate ways in peace. Esau’s family becomes the Edomites, or the family of Edom.
4. Read chapter 37. Now we are going to start the story of Joseph.
5. Do you feel bad for Joseph’s brothers?
6. What do Joseph’s dreams mean? (answer: that his brothers will bow down to him and even his parents will bow down to him)
7. Why was the dream really upsetting to many of the brothers? (answer: because they already felt Joseph thought he was better than everyone else)
8. I guess we don’t know for sure if Joseph was proud, but we know he could have kept his dreams to himself. He didn’t have to tell his brothers. He knew they wouldn’t like to hear they were bowing down to him. I’m sure being sold really knocked any pride out of him.
9. Who was he sold to? (answer: the Ishmaelites) Remember Ishmael?

Day 49

L
1. Read Genesis 39.
2. What did God do for Joseph? (answer: He blessed everything Joseph did.)
3. What was his job? (answer: He was in charge of everything in Potiphar’s home.)
4. Potiphar’s wife wanted Joseph to act like a husband toward her. Joseph refuses, but he makes the mistake of being alone with her. What happens to Joseph because of her lie? (answer: He is thrown in jail.)

M
1. Read Genesis 39.
2. Joseph’s bosses, Potiphar and the prison warden, don’t concern themselves with
anything. Why? (answer: because they trust Joseph)

3. Joseph was sold as a slave and put in prison. They seem like bad things but we see that God is still blessing him through it all. And soon we’ll learn the big plan. God doesn’t allow His children to be thrown in prison for no reason at all. He has purpose for His children’s lives.

4. Try and think of an example in your family when something that seemed bad turned out good. What was God’s purpose?

Day 50

L

1. Read Genesis 40.
2. Who was sent to jail? (answer: the royal cupbearer and the baker)
3. They both had dreams. What did Joseph do? (answer: Joseph told them what their dreams meant, and he was right.)

M

1. Read Genesis 40.
2. What happened in this chapter? (answer: Two prisoners had dreams that Joseph was able to interpret.)
3. The cupbearer forgot about Joseph, but who didn’t ever forget about him? (answer: God)

Day 51

L

2. What was Pharoah’s dream and what did it mean? (answer: Seven fat cows and seven heads of grain mean there will be seven years of lots of food and wealth. Seven skinny cows and seven bad heads of grain that eat the good ones mean that seven years when there won’t be enough will come and “eat up” anything extra from the years when there was plenty.)

M

2. How long was Joseph in jail? (answer: I don’t know. In the last chapter it said, “some time after,” and in this chapter it says, “a full two years later.” We know it was at least more than two years.)
3. What was Joseph’s response when asked if he could interpret the dream? (answer: No, I can’t, but God can. That’s a very humble statement.)

Day 52

L

1. Read Genesis 41:41-57.
2. What did Joseph do to prepare for the famine? (answer: He stored up grain.)
3. What did he do once the Egyptians felt the famine and asked Pharaoh for food? (answer: He sold them grain.)
1. Read Genesis 41:41-57.
2. What were the names of Joseph’s sons? (answer: Manasseh, Ephraim)
3. They will be part of the twelve tribes of Israel.
4. The last verse sets up the climax of the story. See how God was in control of this whole thing. He sent the famine. He sent it for many reasons. He had Joseph in place for it. He sent the plentiful years first. He gave Joseph the wisdom with what to do with them. He was sold as a slave for a reason. Your life isn’t a series of accidents. God is in control and has a purpose, a purpose for your good. Romans 8:28  Jeremiah 29:11  These are two verses that you should have memorized.

Day 53

L

2. Who came to Egypt? (answer: all of Joseph’s brothers except Benjamin)
3. What does Joseph accuse them of? (answer: spying)
4. What happened to make Joseph remember his dream? (answer: They bowed down to them.)

M

1. Read chapter 42.
2. How does Joseph’s dream come true? (answer: His brothers bow down to him.)
3. What has the brothers scared? (answer: They are accused of being spies and Joseph has returned their silver, meaning they haven’t paid for all the food they took.)
4. Why is he making his brothers get Benjamin? Why hasn’t he told them who he is? What do you think Joseph is doing?

Day 54

L

1. Read Genesis 43:11-32. Israel has finally agreed to let them go back to Egypt to buy more grain after they had already eaten all the grain they had brought. He took so long to agree because he was worried about Benjamin who had to travel with them this time.
2. Now instead of favoring Joseph because he was Rachel’s son, he favors Benjamin because he was Rachel’s son. Israel/Jacob even left Simeon in prison all this time while they used up all of the grain instead of sending the brothers back right away to get him out of prison. All because he valued Benjamin more than Simeon. But the brothers act differently toward Benjamin. They are no longer jealous. They understand and are treating him as more important, saying they will place his life above theirs.

M

1. Read Genesis 43.
2. Remember to see them as real people. They are real people. Can’t you hear him being frustrated saying verse 10?
3. Why is Israel “bereaved?” (answer: The wife he loved so much had two children: Joseph and Benjamin. He lost his wife, then the first and now is losing the second; he only hopes it is not permanently.)
4. What has the brothers astonished and how does Joseph show love for Benjamin? (answer: Joseph has seated them oldest to youngest and has given Benjamin five times
more food than everyone else.)

Day 55
L
1. Read Genesis 44:1-11, 18-19, 33-34.
2. What happened? What did Joseph sneak into Benjamin’s? (answer: silver cup to make it look like he stole it)
3. He is testing them to see how they will treat his mother’s son, Benjamin. He sees they have changed their hearts and do not treat Benjamin the way they treated him.
4. Who offers to be a slave instead of Benjamin? (answer: Judah)

M
1. Read Genesis 44.
2. What is Joseph doing? (answer: He is testing them to see if they have repented and changed their hearts and actions towards the sons of Rachel, their father’s favorites.)
3. Who offers to become a slave instead of Benjamin? (answer: Judah, Jesus was from the tribe of Judah and here is Judah sacrificing himself for his brother.)

Day 56
L
1. Read Genesis 45:1-10.
2. The brothers sold him but who does Joseph say “sent” him? (answer: God)
3. Some people say God only does the “good” stuff. He doesn’t send the bad stuff in our lives. But here Joseph is saying that God was in control of all the “bad” that happened to him, but when God is control He works it all out so it ends up being for your good.

M
1. Read Genesis 45.
2. We are always focused on our own lives, but God is not only working in our lives but in all of His children’s lives and working out His plan in the whole earth. Think about all of the things God did to get Israel to Egypt, which is going to be the next important phase in their history. What can you think of? (answer: More than I can know, but He…got Joseph to Egypt, Joseph imprisoned where he interpreted dreams, Pharaoh had a dream and is told about Joseph, Joseph interprets and is put in charge of Egypt, abundance and famine in all the land, Joseph’s brothers needing food because of the famine, because Joseph is in charge he can bring his family to live near him so they will be provided for)
3. Joseph’s family didn’t know God was setting up the next phase of Israel’s history. They saw God providing for them during the famine and they saw God reuniting and healing their family, bringing them together when before there was hatred and jealousy. God is always at work in bigger ways than we can see.

Day 57
L
2. What promises did God give Jacob? (answer: that He would be in Egypt with them and that He would bring them out again)

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4. Where did the Israelites settle? (answer: the part of Egypt called Goshen)

M

2. What promises did God give Jacob? (answer: that He would make them a great nation, go with them and bring them back and that Joseph would be with him when he died)
4. What does Jacob make Joseph promise? (answer: he’ll bury him where his father was buried)
5. What did Pharoah end up owning after the famine? (answer: everything and everyone—they sold it all and themselves for food)
6. Governments still do this. They want to control people and they can do that by supplying their needs. If people need the government to supply their food, their housing, their education, their healthcare, etc. then the government in effect “owns” them. Governments have been known to raise taxes so the people become poor to the point of needing to be dependent on the government. Then the people becomes “slaves of the state.” But we have freedom in Christ to be slaves to no one. We serve the King alone and can rely on Him, a benevolent Master, to provide our food, our housing, our education, our healthcare, etc. Because of our faith, we can live free from fear of lack and will never become slaves.

Day 58

L

2. What were Joseph’s brothers afraid of? (answer: that Joseph would do something to get back at them)
3. Joseph tells the brothers that God had used his coming to Egypt for good and saved many lives. How did God save many lives through Joseph’s being sold as a slave? (answer: because he was in Egypt he was able to interpret the Pharaoh’s dream and store up food to give the people during the famine to keep them from starving)

M

1. Read Genesis 50.
2. Did you know that Joseph’s body was a mummy buried in Egypt somewhere?
3. Joseph says to his brothers that they intended harm, but God intended good. What “good” does he say God brought about? (answer: “the saving of many lives”)
4. What does Joseph make his family promise? (answer: to carry his bones out of Egypt—He believed God that one day they would leave Egypt and live in the land promised to their family.)

Day 59

L

1. Read Exodus 1:8-13, 22.
2. Did you notice we started a new book? Exodus. EX in the beginning of a word means out like EXit. In Exodus the Israelites are going to come out of Egypt. The main character of the story now is going to be Moses. This is where his story is going to begin.
3. What did the new Pharaoh do to the Hebrews? (answer: He made them slaves and
ordered that all the boy babies be killed.)
4. A long time passes...
5. Read Exodus 2:1-10.
6. Moses' mother hides him by the river. Now she must have hid it near Pharaoh's palace because Pharaoh's daughter finds him and feels bad for him and wants to take care of him. And one of my favorite things in the whole Bible, Pharaoh's daughter hires Moses' own mother to take care of him.

M

1. Read Exodus 1 and Exodus 2:1-10.
2. What has happened to the Israelites? (answer: They have become so numerous that the new Pharaoh has made them slaves and is trying to kill all of their boy babies.)
3. A long time passes during Exodus 1.
4. Who pulls Moses from the riverside? (answer: Pharaoh's daughter)
5. What does Moses mean? Read what it says in the Scripture and click on the little a. (answer: draw out, or take out)
6. The book of Exodus is about the Israelites EXit from Egypt.

Day 60 L

2. Moses sees the Israelites being treated wrongly. He tries to save one himself. How did he do it? (answer: by killing the Egyptian)
3. He made things worse instead of better. God is going to use Moses to save, or deliver, the Israelites from the Egyptians but it's not going to be by the power of man.
4. Moses ends up living with the Midianites and marries one of them.
5. This is happening about 40 years later. Read Exodus 3:1-10.
6. We'll read more about this day.

M

1. Read Exodus 2:11-25.
2. How does Moses try to deliver the Israelites (or an Israelite) himself? (answer: by killing an Egyptian)
3. He tries to deliver, or save, the Israelite himself, by his own power. He made a mess of his life. But God is going to use him to deliver the Israelites from the Egyptians, but it will be by the power of God.
4. 40 years later...
6. We'll read more about the burning bush scene on day 61.

Day 61 L

1. Read Exodus 3:7-22.
2. Tell someone what God's plan is. What are all of the instructions to Moses?

M

1. Read Exodus 3.

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2. Why does Moses have to take off his sandals? (answer: because it was holy ground)
3. What does that mean? (answer: God’s holy, perfect presence was there)
4. What does God say to call Him? (answer: I Am Who I Am)
5. What do you think of that name?
6. What does it tell us about God? (answer: He’s bigger than a name can define.)
7. Where is God going to take the Israelites? (answer: to the land of the Canaanites—notice the land is being lived on by lots of different people)
8. What are they supposed to do on their way out? (answer: plunder the Egyptians by asking for gold and silver and clothes)

Day 62

L
2. Moses is worried that the Israelites won’t believe him and he’s worried that he won’t be able to speak well. What does God do to help him? (answer: He gives him miracles to perform including a staff that turns into a snake and he sends his brother Aaron to speak for him.)

M
2. Remember to see Moses as a real person. What is Moses worried about? (answer: Everything. He’s worried about the leaders not believing him and about being able to speak well.)
3. Picture Moses being told to pick up the snake after he just ran away from it!
4. What does God remind Moses of when he says he can’t speak well? (answer: that He made Moses’ mouth and gave him the ability to speak and can take it away)
5. Moses still doesn’t want the job. It always makes me feel good that God doesn’t give up on Moses at this point. He gives him Aaron to help him. You’ll see in the coming days how Aaron begins as the one who speaks and does everything, but Moses will find his confidence and it will switch.

Day 63

L
1. Read Exodus 5:1-9, 22-23.
2. What was Pharaoh’s response when Moses and Aaron asked him to let them go for a few days? (answer: He said no and increased their work.)
3. Moses is upset because God sent him to deliver his people from the Egyptians but instead he made things worse! He doesn’t know what’s about to happen.

M
1. Read Exodus 5.
2. Why are the Israelites mad at Moses? (answer: Their work load was made harder because Moses asked for them to get time off.)
3. Can you empathize with Moses? Do you understand how he is feeling? God sent him with miracles and told him He was going to deliver the Israelites and Moses told the leaders of the Hebrews that God was going to deliver them, and then things just got worse. There was no deliverance. The Bible says that God is not slow the way we measure
slowness. We always want the bad to end immediately and the good to come even sooner! God has bigger plans and is working out bigger and more important things than our immediate comfort. He loves us enough to make us wait for the deliverance. You may think sarcastically, oh great. But think of it this way. What happens to the child who never is allowed to ever be discomforted in any way, always gets what she wants and never has to suffer through discipline?

Day 64

L

2. What was the first plague God sent to change Pharaoh’s mind? (answer: turn the Nile into blood)
3. Notice that Pharaoh’s magicians that practice evil magic could also turn water into blood. Notice that God allowed them only to make the plague worse! They couldn’t make it better! If they truly had power like God’s, they could have turned it back into water. Only God could end the plague.

M

1. Read Exodus 7.
2. This was the first plague.
3. Notice how Pharaoh’s magicians with evil powers could play copycat and make snakes and turn water into blood, but why doesn’t that show their power was as great as God’s? (answer: They couldn’t get rid of the snakes and they couldn’t get rid of the blood. They could only add to the problem. Only God could end it.)
4. By the way, this chapter tells you the ages of Moses and Aaron. How old were they and who is the older brother? (answer: 80 and 83 Aaron is the older brother.)
5. It was totally against the culture, but God repeatedly chooses the younger brother. You’ll see it many more times.

Day 65

L

1. There is a plague of frogs and a plague of gnats all over Egypt. Pharaoh’s magicians can make more frogs, but they can’t make the dust turn into gnats like God did. The Israelites suffered through these first plagues it seemed. I’m sure after those plagues the Israelites had changed their minds about Moses and believed that God was using him to rescue them from the Egyptians.
3. What did God do differently this time to show that He was in control over the land? (answer: He kept the plague of flies from Goshen, which is where the Israelites lived.)

M

1. Read Exodus 8.
2. What were the next three plagues? (answer: frogs, gnats and flies)
3. What did God do to show the Israelites that He was using Moses to deliver them and to show Pharaoh that He was “in the land”? (answer: The Israelites suffered through the first three plagues and then God spared Goshen, which was where they were living.)
4. Do you think the plagues changed the attitudes of the Israelites toward Moses?
Day 66
L
2. What plague did God send? (answer: He killed the farm animals of the Egyptians.)
3. How did God show that He was the God of the Hebrews? (answer: None of the animals belonging to the Hebrews, Israelites, died.)
4. In the rest of the chapter God sends a plague of boils, which are sores on your body, and a plague of hail.

M
1. Read Exodus 9.
2. Reread verses 15 and 16. Tell what they say in your own words. Then tell what these verses tell us about God. (answers: some things are that He is all powerful, in control and is working to glorify His name)

Day 67
L
1. Next came a plague of locusts. Then...
3. What plague is God going to send next? (answer: darkness)
4. How will God treat the Hebrews differently from the Egyptians? (answer: They will have light.)
5. What does Moses agree with at the end of the chapter? (answer: Pharaoh will never see his face again.)

M
1. Read Exodus 10.
2. What does God say in verses 1 and 2 about why He is doing all of this? (answer: He is doing it so that their children and grand children will know his power and ability to deliver, and so that they will know that He is the Lord, the ruler of all.)
3. What is Moses asking for? (answer: a week off to worship God)
4. Pharaoh is being so unreasonable. They just want time off and he and his people are suffering so much. Remember this when you or your parents come across someone who is completely unreasonable that you can’t even understand it. Chances are that God is at work in your life to bring about something great!

Day 68
L
1. Read Exodus 12:1-16.
2. What was the last plague? (answer: The first born of all the Egyptians died.)
3. When death passed over the Israelites because of the lamb’s blood, that night we call the Passover. Death passed over them. Jesus died during the Jewish holiday of Passover. His last meal was the Passover supper and then he was killed. That’s why we call Jesus the Lamb of God. He was our Passover lamb. His blood covers us and makes it so death can pass over us and not touch us. Many things in the Old Testament reflect what is going to happen in the New Testament. Sometimes they seem so different, but they really are a
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3. How many Israelites left Egypt? (answer: It would seem at least 2 million and 3 million would not be unlikely. There were 600,000 men.)
4. I don’t know how you organize and lead so many without technology!
5. Everything happened as God had said. They plundered the Egyptians and He brought them out.
6. God institutes the first of the Hebrew holidays. What holiday is it and what are they to do? (answer: The Festival of Unleavened Bread — They are to eat bread without yeast for seven days and do no work. The Passover meal has to be cooked and eaten in a certain way.)
7. There is nothing evil in yeast. Just like the Passover lamb it has special meaning. Here is yeast in the New Testament. Matthew 16:5-12
8. What is the yeast they need to be careful about in the New Testament? (answer: The teachings of the Pharisees and Sadducees because they did not teach only the Scripture but there own ideas.)

Day 69

L

2. What happened? (answer: Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his army after the Israelites. God made a way for them to escape by walking on dry land through the sea, but the water crashed down on the Egyptian army.)

M

2. What did Moses do? (answer: He took Joseph’s bones with them out of Egypt just like he had asked.)
3. How did God lead them? (answer: in a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night)
6. That verse is exactly what happened; the Israelites defeated the Egyptian army without fighting. They only had to follow God.
7. What does the last verse say? (answer: The people feared God and trusted in Him and in Moses because of what had just happened.)

Day 70

L

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2. What test does the Lord give the Israelites? He tells them to obey Him.

M

1. Read Exodus 15.
2. Look at these two verses again?
3. How long did they trust God and Moses? until when? (answer: After they were delivered they trusted them until they had a new problem.)
4. That is what humans are like. We need to be thankful every day, so we don’t need a major problem to get our attention back on God.

Day 71

L

2. When the Israelites were hungry, what did they do? (answer: They grumbled, again.)
3. What did God provide for them? (answer: quail meat in the evening and bread in the morning)
4. This type of bread the Israelites named manna, and they ate it every day for forty years until they came to the land God promised them.

M

1. Read Exodus 16.
2. How was the Lord going to test them? (answer: They were only to gather what they needed for one day and not leave any left over. Then they were to gather two days worth to prepare for resting on the Sabbath.)
3. Did everyone obey? (answer: No, of course not.)
4. Realize how quickly again the Israelites complained to God and didn’t trust Him. Think about how you think when you get sick or something goes wrong. Are you quick to praise God that He will deliver you, or do you grumble?

Day 72

L

2. How were they testing the Lord? (answer: They questioned, “Is the Lord among us or not?” They questioned if God had abandoned them and stopped taking care of them.)
3. What did Moses have to do for the Israelites to win against the Amalekites? (answer: He had to keep up his arms and his staff.)

M

1. Read Exodus 17.
2. What does it mean that they were “testing” the Lord? (answer: They were asking if He was really there.)
3. What did Moses have to do in order for them to win over the Amalekites? (answer: keep up his arms and staff in the air)

Day 73

L

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2. What is this talking about? Moses is talking to God on Mount Sinai (sigh-nigh). Only Aaron is allowed to come too. Everyone else must be set apart as holy—they had to clean their clothes and make sure they didn’t do anything wrong just so that they could stand near the mountain. Anyone who touched the mountain would die. We’ll read more about this later, how God is holy and people cannot just go into His presence. That’s the most powerful thing that Jesus did. His death and resurrection makes it so that we can be made holy and can go into God’s presence. On the mountain God is going to give the law to Moses, the Ten Commandments.

M

1. Read Exodus 19.
2. It’s a metaphor that God took them out of Egypt on eagle’s wings. What does it mean? (An eagle is one of the highest flying birds.) (answer: He’s saying that He carried them out, kept them above all of the troubles that He was bringing on the Egyptians.)
3. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you[a] will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ Now this is still true, but now Christians are part of Israel and the Israelites who don’t believe in Jesus are no longer part of “true Israel.”
4. Read Romans 11:17-24. He’s comparing true Israel to an olive tree.
5. Those who believe, as it says, are those who are God’s “treasured possession” and “priests” and “a holy nation.” That’s you if you believe!
6. When it is talking about consecrating yourself, it means to set yourself apart for God. They were to be as pure and holy as they could be and present themselves to God. Today we are consecrated by the forgiveness of our sins and the filling of the Holy Spirit so that we are set apart as holy to live for God and not ourselves.

Day 74

L* (M is using this too.)

2. What are the Ten Commandments? Fill in the worksheet. You will finish it tomorrow.

M* (L is using this too.)

1. Read Exodus 20.
2. What are the Ten Commandments? Fill in the worksheet.

Day 75

L

2. Finish your worksheet from Day 74.

M

1. We are going to look again at the Ten Commandments and how some of them are “adjusted” in the New Testament.
2. You shall not commit adultery. Read Matthew 5:28. How does Jesus make the law stricter? (answer: He makes thinking about someone’s body who is not your spouse the same as touching and lying naked with that person.)

4. In Hebrews 4 it talks about the Sabbath rest. It says, by faith, those who believe have entered into the rest, a rest from their works. We do not have to work to earn our salvation. By faith we considered the work of our salvation accomplished by Christ on the cross.

5. Why does God say He is testing the Israelites, verse 20? (answer: to cause people to fear Him–It is for their benefit, though, so that they will stop sinning.)

Day 76

L

1. What comes next is the Law. We are not going to read the whole law given to the Israelites. There are more than 600 laws. They cover all sorts of things. Things like, “If your cow wanders away and falls into a hole on someone else’s land...” and tells you what should happen to be fair.


3. What are the Israelites told not to do? (hint: verse 24)

4. What are they promised if they obey and worship God? (hint: verse 25)

5. What do verses 32 and 33 say they shouldn’t do? What happens if they do?

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2. Read Exodus 23.

3. What can you learn about what’s right and what’s wrong from the first 9 verses?

4. In the Sabbath laws section it talks about not planting for a year. That’s actually good farming practice. Those who don’t do that wear out the land and it starts producing less and less.

5. The Israelites may want their enemies gone in an instant, but why does God say He will drive them out slowly? (hint: verses 29-30)

6. Find the water borders on the map.

Day 77

L

1. Read Exodus 24. Be on the lookout for strange and unusual things.

2. What did you notice that was strange and unusual? (answer: What I saw that seemed strange and unusual is that they saw God, at least his feet. Also, they put blood on everybody.)

3. What do the Israelites promise to do? (hint: verse 7)

M

1. Read Exodus 24.

2. What do the Israelites promise to do? (hint: verse 7)

3. Do you think they will keep their promise?

4. This chapter records two incredible encounters with God. What are they?

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Moses and the elders see God, at least His feet, and God calls Moses into the cloud on the mountain and Moses stays in God’s presence on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights.

5. What is God going to give Moses? (hint: verse 12)

Day 78

L

1. Up on the mountain God gives Moses instructions for building him a place to live among the Israelites. It’s called a tabernacle. There are six chapters on instructions for how to build it, what to put inside it (for offering sacrifices and for honoring God’s presence) and for who can approach it and how. Here are a few pictures from a mini museum of what the tabernacle was like.
3. What sin did the Israelites commit? (answer: They built an idol, a statue to worship as god.)
4. How did God punish them? (answer: He sent a plague.)

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2. Read Exodus 32.
3. Do you remember what the Israelites promised before Moses went up the mountain (from day 77)?
4. What did they do?
5. What does Moses do for them? (answer: He pleads with God to not destroy them.)
6. What does Moses do against them? (answer: He sends those “on the Lord’s side” to kill other Israelites for what they had done.)
7. Who were the ones “on the Lord’s side?” (answer: the Levites, they become the priests that serve in the tabernacle)

Day 79

L

1. Read Exodus 34:1-14, 29-32.
2. Who wrote the Ten Commandments on the tablets? (hint: verse 1)
3. What are some of the ways that God describes Himself? (hint: verses 6 and 7)

M

1. Read Exodus 34.
2. What promise does the Lord make? (hint: verse 10)
3. What command does He give? (hint: verses 11-14)
4. What do you think the Israelites are going to do?
5. What do you think of Moses shining? Ever hear the song, “This Little Light of Mine”? I’ve had non-Christians tell me that I glowed. It makes me think of Moses and the light of Christ shining through me.

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Day 80

L
1. Read Leviticus 6.
2. Did you notice? We moved into new book. The rest of Exodus repeated all of the
directions for the tabernacle while the people built it. God was very specific in how it
should be done, what colors, what sizes. The tabernacle, the ark and the mercy seat were
where God dwelled among the Israelites. And just like when God’s presence was on the
mountain, anyone not invited and not made holy could not go into the tabernacle or they
would die. That’s what Jesus did for us. He makes us holy so that we can be in God’s
presence. That doesn’t mean we get to sin and still be with God. It means that we can be
holy through repentance and through the forgiveness we are offered because Jesus
took our punishment for us by dying on the cross.
3. In Leviticus we read about many more of the laws. In this chapter it talks about some of
the offerings they are required to make. When someone sinned, something had to be
sacrificed, an animal was killed, so that the sin could be forgiven. In the New Testament
we read, “The wages of sin is death.” Death is payment sin requires. That’s what Jesus
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the final sacrifice, great enough for all of us.
4. When an offering was made, sometimes for sin, sometimes to say thank you, sometimes
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all of it, which of course, the Israelites will soon break!
5. What else were they not allowed to eat besides the fat? (answer: blood)

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Day 81

L

1. The next few chapters are about the different types of sacrifices and Aaron and his sons making the sacrifices and offerings to God. Remember, there are specific rules for what they are supposed to do. If they feared and honored God, they would follow all of the rules. Then this happens...
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Day 82

L

1. What we skipped was a long list of rules for the Israelites to live by.
2. Read Leviticus 23.
3. This is a list of holidays the Israelites are to remember each year. You remember Passover, right? The Day of Atonement is when the Israelites’ sins are forgiven when a sacrifice is made on their behalf. They are to live in little huts for a week during the festival of booths.

M

1. The part we skipped, you can go read sometime if you are interested. There are a lot more rules. Many of them are about how a man and woman are only for their husband or wife and no one or nothing else.
2. Read Leviticus 23. This is a list of Israelites holidays ordained by God.
3. On the Day of Atonement two goats are presented before the Lord for the forgiveness of sins for the people. One is sacrificed; one is called the scapegoat and symbolically carries the sins of the people into the desert. A scapegoat is one who takes the blame for others.

Day 83
L
2. What does God say in verse 23? (answer: He says that the land they live on is really His. He says they are just renting the land. They shouldn’t act like they own it.)
3. What do you have that you don’t really own, that really belongs to God? Ask your parents about it.

M
1. Read Leviticus 25:8-43.
2. The Year of Jubilee is a really neat thing. God gave the Israelites their land, everything they have. It all comes from Him, so He can give and take away. He made a plan that every 50 years things are returned. If they had to sell their land, it is returned to them after 50 years. It also talks about if someone becomes poor that you are to help him. If you sell to him, you cannot sell it for a profit. Stores buy and then sell at a higher price. That’s how they make money. God forbids making money off the poor. He says sell it for the same price you bought it. God repeatedly shows His care for the poor. It’s one of the things I love about Him! It may seem like every religion takes care of the poor in some way. But in other religions people only take care of the poor for selfish reasons. They believe it helps them earn their way to heaven. They will only do it if they feel they need to make up for some sin. Christians do it out of love. We love God and love others. That’s our motivation for everything.

Day 84
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Day 85
L
1. Read Numbers 11:1-23, 31-34.
2. What did the Israelites do wrong? (answer: They complained.)
3. How did God punish them? (answer: God sent a fire and a plague.)

M

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1. Read Numbers 11.
2. What was the Israelites’ sin? (answer: They complained about their hardships and about wanting meat, even acting like it had been better in Egypt.)
3. What was God’s response? (answer: He was angry. He sent fire and a plague.)

Day 86

L

1. Did you notice we are in a new book now? It’s called Numbers. Can you guess why? Yep, there are a lot of numbers in the book. They count up everyone by family and keep records of everything. This is all significant as a record of history, but it’s not terribly exciting.
2. Read Numbers 12.
3. Remember that Aaron, Moses and Miriam are brothers and sister. How are Aaron and Miriam feeling? (answer: sounds like they were prideful and jealous)
4. What happened to Miriam? (answer: She got leprosy.)
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Day 87

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3. Who wasn’t afraid of the people in the land and they should go take the land? (answer: Caleb)
4. Why is everyone else afraid? (answer: They say the people there are so big and their cities have walls around them.)
5. Stand up. Look down at your feet and picture a grasshopper. The Israelites said that’s what they felt like next to the people who lived there. There were giants living there, like Goliath was a giant, but saying they were like grasshoppers next to them was definitely an exaggeration

M

1. The Israelites have reached part of the land that God promised them, a land “flowing with milk and honey.” Moses sends spies into the land to see what’s there.
3. Who's not afraid? (answer: Caleb)
4. Why were the others afraid? (answer: They say that there are giants in the land and that the cities are fortified, have big walls around them.)
5. The Nephilim are mentioned previously in Genesis 6:4, “The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.” We don’t know much else about them but in Numbers it seems to say that they are abnormally tall. You can ask your parents what they think about the Nephilim. I have wondered if the myths of the some of the Greek myths come from these.

Day 88

L
1. This is a bit of a long one today. Be patient to read it. Read Numbers 14:1-10, 26-45. This starts right after the Israelites hear that there are giants living in the land they are supposed to go and conquer and live in.
2. What are they saying? (answer: They want a new leader. They don’t want to fight.)
3. What do they want to do to Joshua and Caleb? (answer: They want to kill them.)
4. What’s their punishment? (answer: They can’t enter the promised land. Anyone 20 years old and up will have to die in the desert. The Israelites will wander in the desert for 40 years instead of entering into the promised land.)
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Day 89

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2. These men were sons of Levi. That means they were Levites. They were the tribe chosen to care for the tabernacle and all related duties. Only specially chosen ones could be priests and enter the tabernacle to offer sacrifices and be in God’s presence. They thought they were just as good as Aaron. They said, “The Lord is with us too, so we can present an offering to the Lord too.”
3. They are all killed.

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4. Do you have any guess why the Israelites didn’t fear God after those men were killed? We know they didn’t because they complained that Moses and Aaron had killed the Levites when God was the one who had done it.
5. Then God punishes the Israelites and sends a plague. Thousands die until Aaron makes a sacrifice that they can be forgiven.
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3. How are the leaders killed to show that it’s from the Lord? (answer: The earth opens up and swallows them, their families and all of their belongings.)
4. We know they didn’t because they complained that Moses and Aaron had killed the Levites when God was the one who had done it. Why do you think they still didn’t fear God?
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6. These stories should teach you the fear of the Lord. He is holy and all powerful and we can’t treat Him any way we please. This is the same God who sent Jesus. God is love, but God is holy.
7. Jesus’s sacrifice made it so that we can be “priests,” we can enter the presence of the Lord, but we still can’t be like Korah and declare ourselves a position in the Church, in the body of Christ. There are many today who just print up a business card with the word “apostle” or “prophet” and expect others to follow them because of the title, when they were not ordained and sent by God to fulfill that position in the church. Those people need to learn the fear of the Lord!

Day 90

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1. Read Numbers 17.
2. What does God do to teach the Israelites who He has chosen so that they will stop complaining about their leaders? (answer: He has the leader of each tribe write his name on a staff and place it in the tabernacle. In the morning Aaron’s staff had budded, blossomed and produced almonds. His staff was placed in the tabernacle as a reminder to everyone.)

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Day 91

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2. You read that Miriam, Moses’ sister died. Later in the chapter Aaron dies.
3. The Israelites are complaining again about food and say it would have been better to have been killed than to die of thirst. Why don’t they believe God will provide for them?!
4. What instruction does God give Moses? (answer: Speak to the rock and water will come out.)
5. What does Moses do? (answer: He strikes the rock like God had had him do 40 years earlier.)
6. Because Moses didn’t treat God as holy (by disobeying what God had said), Moses and Aaron are told they will not be allowed to enter the promised land they have been leading the Israelites toward for 40 years. (It would have been a short journey, but they were forced to wander in the desert for 40 years because they didn’t believe God would help them defeat the giants.)

M

1. Read Numbers 20.
2. Who dies in this chapter? (answer: Miriam and Aaron)
3. What are the Israelites complaining about again? (answer: not having food or drink)
4. There’s one reason to fast…to make sure food is never that important to you that you would complain against God and think it would have been better to be dead.
5. What does Moses do wrong? (answer: He doesn’t treat God as holy. He disobeys the command to speak to the rock. Instead he hits the rock the way that had worked 40 years earlier.)
6. What is his punishment? (answer: He will not enter the promised land.)
7. This again teaches the fear of God. Moses knew God face to face. He obeyed all of these years. But one time disobeying what may seem a small thing, kept Moses from entering the promised land.

Day 92

L

1. The Israelites defeat one of the peoples living in Canaan. Another group, the Moabites, are afraid. Their king, Balak, tries to get God on their side by asking Balaam to curse the Israelites.
2. Read Numbers 22:7-34.
3. God tells Balaam not to go with them. But when Balak’s officials push him, he goes and asks God again. God is not pleased that Balaam was still willing to go with them after He had told Balaam no. What does God do to show Balaam He is angered? (answer: He sends a destroying angel to block his path.)
4. What keeps Balaam from being killed by the angel? (answer: His donkey stays away from the angel.)
5. What do you think makes this a famous story from the Bible? (answer: The talking donkey!)

M


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2. Take a look at the logo for the American Medical Association. What is it? (answer: a snake on a pole) You can see this symbol in various forms associated with the medical profession. One Two

3. The people were healed by looking at the snake on the pole. Of course God was the only one with the power to heal them, but He gave them something to show their trust and obedience. If they believed God’s command and were willing to obey, they showed it by looking at the snake and they were healed.

4. Read Numbers 22:7-34.

5. Why was God angry with Balaam? (answer: God had told him specifically and directly to not go with them. But when higher officials come and ask again, he doesn’t tell them no. He says that he’ll ask God again. He already knew the answer.)

Day 93

L

1. Read Numbers 27.

2. This may not seem a significant chapter, but I wanted to point out something. It was really remarkable to have these daughters get the right to inherit land. Their father had died and he had no sons. God gives the land ownership to the man’s daughters. While men seem to rule everything and get all the rights, God doesn’t leave the women without hope. He provides for them and is thoughtful of them at all times.

3. Moses is about to die. Who does he pass on leadership responsibilities to? (answer: Joshua)

M

1. Read Numbers 27.

2. I want you to notice that women are given the right to own land in this chapter. It’s not heard of in most places in ancient times. God doesn’t leave them homeless just because they had no brother. He gives them land, the inheritance that would have gone to their brother if they had had one. God doesn’t forget about them just because they are women. He cares for everyone.

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4. The next two chapters are about the Israelites’ special days if you are interested in their holidays. Chapter 33 is about each place they camped as they moved around if you are interested in geography.

Day 94

L

1. We come to the book of Deuteronomy. In this book there is a retelling of Israel’s history.

2. Read Deuteronomy 6.


4. What promises does God give them if they obey? (hint: verses 2, 3 and 24)

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Day 95

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3. What is the choice? (answer: He says you can choose between life and death. If they obey God, they will live. If they disobey God, they will die.)
4. We have the same choice today. We've already broken God’s laws, but we can ask for forgiveness because of Jesus’ death for us. And we can ask for the Holy Spirit to fill us and help us live according to God’s Word.

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2. Read Deuteronomy 30.
3. What is the choice? (answer: He says you can choose between life and death. If they obey God, they will live. If they disobey God, they will die.)
4. How do we have the same choice today? (answer: We’ve already broken God’s laws, which means choosing death. But if we want to choose life, we can ask for forgiveness because of Jesus’ death for us. And we can ask for the Holy Spirit to fill us and help us live according to God’s Word.)
5. What is your choice?

Day 96

L

1. Moses dies and Joshua becomes Israel's leader. He sends spies into Jericho and then leads all of Israel across the Jordan River.
2. Find the Jordan and Jericho on the map. The Jordan runs between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. Jericho is just north of the Dead Sea.
4. How does Israel cross the Jordan? (answer: The priests stand in the water carrying the arc of the covenant and the water stops flowing and heaps up in a pile leaving the ground dry for the Israelites to cross.)

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5. How does Rahab help the spies and encourage the Israelites? (answer: She hides the spies and lies to those looking for them. She tells them that everyone is afraid of them and knows that God will give them the victory.)

Day 97

L

2. What did they have to do in order to make the wall fall down? (answer: Obey God! Did I trick you? Yes, they had to march 7 days and play trumpets and shout, but the marching and shouting doesn’t make walls fall down, only God could have done that. Their obedience showed their faith in Him to do it!)

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3. Did they keep their promise to Rahab? (answer: yes)

Day 98

L

2. What happens when they go to attack Ai? (answer: They are defeated and chased away.)
3. Why? (answer: Someone had disobeyed God’s command not to take anything from Jericho for themselves.)
4. Who broke God’s command? (answer: Achan)
5. He is stoned to death because he disobeyed.

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5. What happens to him? (answer: He and everything that was his is killed and burned.)
7. They obey God’s commands. Do you think they defeat them this time?

Day 99

L

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3. Why does verse 9 remind me of George Washington crossing the Delaware?
   (answer: Washington led the troops all through the night to bring the close for the
   surprise morning attack. The book of Joshua has lots of clever ways of attacking.)
4. How did the Lord fight for them and kill the enemy without the use of swords?
   (answer: He sent down hailstones. God controls the weather. He can control whether the
   hailstone hit an Israelite or the enemy. God doesn't miss.)
5. We know now that the sun always stands still. It's the earth that's moving. It was just an
   expression to say that the sun stood still. Joshua was asking that night wouldn't fall until
   the battle was over. Maybe the Lord provided the light Himself for the Israelites that day,
   to make it light all night. Or, maybe the earth could have stopped spinning. It's a law of
   physics that objects in motion tend to stay in motion. If the earth suddenly stopped
   spinning, the people, animals, trees, buildings, etc. would have kept moving and flown right off!
   However, if God spoke the universe into existence, then He can control it by His word as well.
   Jesus and Elijah just lifted off into heaven. God is big enough and powerful enough to
   make the earth stand still without it causing catastrophes.
6. It was light all day and all night. What does verse 14 say was remarkable about that?

Day 101

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2. You’ll see that we’ve started a new book. Joshua dies and they don’t have a leader except the Lord.
3. What do they do? (answer: They disobey. They serve other gods. They break their word.)
4. What is their punishment for breaking their side of the covenant? (answer: God will no longer drive out the nations before them. Other peoples will still live in their land.)
5. When another nation defeats them, what is God going to do to help them? (answer: He will raise up a judge to deliver them from their enemies.)

Day 102
L
2. The first verse mentions Ehud. He was the previous judge of Israel. Israel sins, God punishes them, they cry out to God for help, God sends a judge to deliver them and teach them again what is right and wrong.
3. Who is the newest judge? (It says “leader,” but you can read what her job was. She acted as a judge. She told the people what was right and wrong.) (answer: Deborah)

Day 103
M
1. Read Judges 4. (You may notice this is a different translation today.)
2. The first verse mentions Ehud. He was the previous judge of Israel. Israel sins, God punishes them, they cry out to God for help, God sends a judge to deliver them and teach them again what is right and wrong.
3. Who is the new judge? (answer: Deborah)
4. Who did she tell to go and fight for Israel, but he refused to go without Deborah? (answer: Barak)
5. What woman received the glory (instead of Barak) for destroying Sisera, the enemy king? (answer: Jael)

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L
2. What did the Israelites do again? (answer: They disobeyed.)
3. What happened to them? (answer: They were taken over by the Midianites.)
4. Anyone remember hearing about the Midianites before? (answer: It’s who Moses lived with when he ran away from Egypt.)
5. God chooses a man name Gideon to be the next deliverer and judge of Israel. How does Gideon feel about that? (answer: Unsure he asks God to show me twice that He really was going to use Gideon to do this big job. God does what Gideon asks.)

M
1. Read Judges 6.
2. Who oppresses the Israelites after they again disobey God? (answer: Midianites)
3. Do you remember who Moses lived with after he ran away from Egypt? (answer: Midianites)
4. Who is the new judge? (answer: Gideon)
5. Tell the story of how he finds out, what he does in the night, and how he checks with God to make sure.

Day 104

L
2. How many Israelites fought? (answer: 300)
3. God showed them that it wasn’t their strength that won battles but His.
4. What trick did they do to make the Midianites think there were a lot more of them. (answer: Each one carried a torch and a trumpet, so it looked like there 300 light carriers and it sounded like there were 300 trumpet blowers all coming before what must be a really big army!)

M
1. Read Judges 7.
2. How did God trim down the number of Israelites fighting? (answer: He sent home the ones that were scared and the ones who didn’t drink from their hands.)
3. Why do you think God only wanted a few fighting? (answer: That way God gets the glory. Everyone will know God is the one who fought for them.)
4. How did God do to encourage Gideon to not be scared? (answer: God gave the Midianites a dream that Israel would destroy them, and He let Gideon hear them talk about it.)
5. How is Gideon like Moses when he first was chosen to lead? (answer: Moses didn’t think he could do it. Gideon is not confident either, but God sticks with them both and gives them “gifts” to build the confidence in being God’s chosen tool for deliverance.)

Day 105

L
1. Read Judges 14:5-20.
2. Gideon has died and many other judges have ruled as Israel is in constant need of saving because they keep disobeying God.

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3. Samson is the next chosen deliverer of Israel. He falls in love with a Philistine woman. Israelites aren’t supposed to marry non-Israelites, but he does and God uses it as a way to get the Philistines, who at the time are ruling over Israel.

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Day 106

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1. It happens again! Read Judges 16:5-22.
2. Why does he tell Delilah the secret even though it is obvious that she’s helping the Philistines? (answer: She wore him down with constant nagging.)

3. Again, the strongest man is weakened by a woman.

M

1. It happens again! Read Judges 16:5-30.
2. Who does he tell the secret to? (answer: Delilah, a woman he’s fallen in love with)

3. Why does he tell her even though it is obvious she is helping the Philistines? (answer: She wore him down with nagging, again! It also sounds like maybe Samson didn’t really believe his strength could just leave him.)

4. How does Samson die? (answer: His hair starts growing back and his strength returns and he knocks down pillars holding up a ceiling over a huge gathering of Philistines. They all die and he does too.)

Day 107

L

1. Read Judges 17.
2. What’s wrong in this story? Micah’s mother says the silver is for the Lord. But what does she say to do with it? (answer: make an idol)

3. What was a Levite’s job, do you remember? (answer: They were in charge of the temple
and the sacrifices.

4. What does the Levite in this story decide to do? (answer: He becomes a priest for the idol.)

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7. Many Christians today do the same thing. They think they can make their own version of what it means to be a Christian. But in doing so they are making their own god and not honoring the One True God at all. Can you think of any ways people do that?
8. The rest of the story...Israel just gets worse and worse. Then a sin is revealed that everyone agrees is so bad that they all unite together to fight against those who committed it and together they clean up Israel and turn back to God.

Day 108

L

1. Read Ruth 1:1-16.
2. Who are Ruth and Naomi? (answer: Naomi is an Israelite who left Israel because of famine. She returned to Israel after her husband died. Her two daughter-in-laws are with her. One goes back to Moab. Ruth decides to stay with Naomi and become a follower of the God of Israel.)

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3. It was a big deal for Ruth to go with Naomi. In that culture a widow had no way to care for herself. She owned nothing. Ruth gave up the chance of remarrying and gaining a “life” again.
4. Ruth is constantly going above and beyond. She offers grace in abundance to those around her throughout the story.

Day 109

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L

1. Read **Ruth 2:8-23**.
2. Ruth goes to collect grain from a field so that she and Naomi have food to eat. God sees her to a field of a relative of Naomi’s. He blesses her in return for how she has cared for Naomi. Naomi recognizes that God has not abandoned her, He is caring for her.

M

1. Read **Ruth 2**.
2. Whose field does Ruth gather in? (answer: Boaz, a relative of Naomi’s)
3. Why is that a good thing? (answer: He is a relative and will care for her.)

Day 110

L

1. Read **Ruth 4:1-12**.
2. This is like a court scene. In the previous chapter Ruth reminds Boaz of the Jewish way of relatives obtaining the property and wives of the deceased in order to continue the family of the deceased. Boaz makes sure that the law is followed. Another relative has the first right to the land, but he doesn’t want the obligation.
3. What is the outcome? (answer: Boaz agrees to take Ruth as his wife.)
4. They have a child and Ruth becomes the great-grandmother of the future King David.

M

1. Read **Ruth 4**.
2. Ruth prompts Boaz in the previous chapter to take action on the laws about relatives obtaining the property of the deceased and the laws of marrying the widow in order to produce heirs for the family of the deceased. Ruth, the non-Jew, is the one to prompt the Jews to obey their own laws.
3. Boaz sees to it in chapter 4.
4. What is the outcome? (answer: Boaz agrees to marry Ruth.)
5. What is Ruth’s relationship to King David? (answer: She is his great grandmother.)

Day 111

L

1. The book of 1 Samuel is about, guess who? It starts with a woman named Hannah who has no children. She is at the house of the Lord at one of the times of sacrifice. She is crying. She promises the Lord that if she has a son, she will dedicate him to the Lord. The priest, Eli, sees her and tells her that she will receive whatever she is asking for. Hannah believes him and is soon pregnant.
2. Read **1 Samuel 2:12-26 and 30-36**.
3. Eli’s sons did may evil things. What is one of them? (answer: The biggest is that they didn’t fear the Lord. They stole meat that people were bringing to sacrifice to God.)
4. What’s going to happen to them? (answer: They will both die on the same day.)
5. God says He’s going to raise up a new priest. Who do you think it’s going to be?

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2. Read 1 Samuel 2.
3. What do you think is the biggest problem with Eli’s sons? (answer: They had no fear of the Lord.)
4. Any ideas why Eli doesn’t do anything about it?
5. What is the prophecy against their family? (answer: It says a lot, but it says that both sons will die in one day and he will no longer use their family as priests. He will raise up a new priest.)
6. Who do you think the new priest will be?

Day 112

L

1. Read 1 Samuel 3.
2. Who calls to Samuel? (answer: the Lord)
3. Who does Samuel think is calling to him? (answer: Eli)
4. What does Samuel grow up to be? (answer: a prophet)

M

1. Read 1 Samuel 3.
2. Why doesn’t Samuel want to tell the prophecy to Eli? (answer: It’s bad news, the worst. Verse 14 says that Eli’s family cannot be forgiven for their sin.)
3. What does it mean that the Lord “let none of his words fall to the ground?” (answer: Everything he prophesied happened.)

Day 113

L

1. The Israelites are fighting the Philistines. They are losing. So, they have an idea...
2. Read 1 Samuel 4:4-18.
3. What do the Israelites bring into camp? (answer: the ark)
4. What happens to the ark? (answer: It is captured.)
5. What happens to Eli’s sons? (answer: They are killed in battle. They both die in one day just like Samuel had prophesied.)
6. What happens to Eli? (answer: He falls over and dies when he hears the ark has been captured.)

M

1. Read 1 Samuel 4.
2. Why do the Israelite’s think that they will win when they bring the ark to camp? (answer: They don’t get that God’s the one with power. The ark is only powerful in that God’s presence is there. The ark itself has no power.)
3. How is Samuel’s prophecy fulfilled? (answer: Eli’s sons both die in the same day.)
4. What does ensure victory for the Israelites? (answer: Obeying God)

Day 114

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L
1. Read 1 Samuel 5.
2. I think this is a funny story. Where do the Philistines put the ark? (answer: in one of their temples and placed it next to a statue of Dagon, one of their gods)
3. What did they find in the morning? (answer: the statue was lying face down before the ark like he was honoring and worshiping God)
4. What else happens to the Philistines? (answer: They are plagued with tumors.)
5. They decide to give the ark back to Israelites and send it to them with a sacrifice.

M
1. Read 1 Samuel 5 and 6.
2. What happens to Dagon? (answer: he worships God, falling down on his face before the ark each morning)
3. What happens to the Philistines? (answer: They are plagued with tumors.)
4. Why are seventy Israelites killed after the ark is returned? (answer: They looked inside the ark.)

Day 115

L
1. Read 1 Samuel 8.
2. What does Israel want? (answer: a king)
3. Why is that wrong? (answer: because God is their king)
4. What is the problem with kings? (answer: They will demand things from the people for themselves.)
6. Who is chosen king? (answer: Saul)
7. What makes Saul different? (answer: He’s taller than everyone else.)

M
1. Read 1 Samuel 8 and 1 Samuel 10:17-24.
2. What’s wrong with a king? (answer: They are rejecting God as their king and a human king will bring trouble.)
3. What tribe is Saul from? (answer: Benjamin, the smallest)
4. What does Saul think about becoming king? (answer: unsure...They find him hiding when it’s time to announce that he is king.)

Day 116

L
1. Read 1 Samuel 12.
2. This is a little review of Israel’s history. What sin do they realize they have committed? (answer: asking for a king)
3. What is the only way to avoid future disaster for Israel? (answer: They and their king have to obey God.)

M
1. Read 1 Samuel 12.
2. Samuel points out Israel’s sin in asking for a king.
3. What does verse 24 say they need to do? (answer: But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.)
4. They and their king need to obey to keep the Lord from bringing disaster against them. If they follow verse 24, they will obey God. Why? How does fearing the Lord make someone obey? How does choosing in your heart to serve Him only make someone obey? How does remembering all He has done for you make you obey?
5. Do you fear the Lord? Have you determined in your heart to serve Him only? Do you stop and remember what He has done for you?

Day 117
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2. I don’t know how long it has been since Saul has been king. It’s not the end of his reign though. The first verse there just tells how long all together that he is king.
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5. Who will receive the kingdom? Did you notice that at that time God has already found someone else? (answer: someone after God’s own heart)

Day 118
L
1. Read 1 Samuel 15:1-23.
2. What did Saul do wrong? (answer: He didn’t obey God.)
3. Saul said that he didn’t obey because he wanted animals to sacrifice to God. He wanted to do a “good” thing. What does Samuel say is better than sacrifice? (answer: to obey is better than sacrifice)
4. Samuel tells him his kingdom is taken away and given to another.

M
2. What did Saul do wrong? (answer: He didn’t obey God.)
3. What “good” thing had Saul intended to do? (answer: Sacrifice the animals they had taken.)
4. What does God want more than sacrifice? (answer: obedience)
5. What Saul did was called rebellion and compared to what other sin? (answer: divination, witchcraft, really serious!)
6. What has happened to Saul? (answer: The kingdom has been taken from him and given to another.)

Day 119

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1. Read 1 Samuel 16.
2. Who did Jesse probably think was God’s chosen? (answer: his oldest son)
3. How does God choose someone? (answer: not by appearance but by their heart)
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5. The true anointing was that “the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power.” There are lots of people who talking about getting anointed and different anointings. There is only one anointing that you should ever want or that you will ever need and that’s the anointing of the Holy Spirit. He has all of the power you need to live a godly life in Christ Jesus and to worship the Lord and to serve others.
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Day 120

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2. How is David again in the king’s presence and now gaining recognition in the kingdom?
3. Here was a boy who was tending sheep. He had no dreams that he could ever even be near the king. Do you see how easy it is for God to change someone’s circumstances? Not that it is going to be easy for David. Not at all. But it’s easy for God to make the impossible happen.

Day 121

L
2. What do the people say about Saul and David’s success on the battlefield? (answer: Saul has killed thousands and David tens of thousands.)
3. How is Saul feeling about David? (answer: He is jealous. He thinks David will take his kingdom.)
4. Who does David marry? (answer: Saul’s daughter.)

M

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1. Read 1 Samuel 18.
2. Saul begins to realize that it is David that is going to take his kingdom. He knows it going to happen, but he fights it anyhow. Who wins when you fight against God's plans? (answer: God)
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Some people use the phrase, “Touch not the Lord’s anointed,” to say that no one can say anything against them because God has sent them. But if someone is not teaching the truth, they are not the Lord’s anointed; they are not sent by God. It’s okay to speak out against lies and false teachings!

Day 123

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2. Read 1 Samuel 28:3-24.

3. Anyone who does this kind of work with spirits is supposed to be killed. The woman fears for her life.

4. There are fake psychics who make things up and tell people what they want to hear. Horoscopes and fortune cookies are forms of this. Even if they are meaningless, it’s best to avoid them because Satan can use them to try and control your mind and make you think a certain way.

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7. Seeking to speak to spirits is a very serious and dangerous sin. Ouiji boards and TV shows or movies that talk about that kind of stuff are not entertainment. It’s sin. Don’t be fascinated by it. It’s Satan playing tricks on people. That’s not fun.

Day 124

L

1. I’m going to tell you what happens over the next several chapters. Saul and Jonathan are killed in battle against the Philistines. David is made king in Hebron and rules of Judah, but the leader of Saul’s army makes one of Saul’s sons king over Israel. Israel is split. The two sides war for seven years. David grows stronger and stronger and the other side grows weaker and weaker. Finally, Israel is united under king David.

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Day 125

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2. What were they bringing to Jerusalem? (answer: the ark of the covenant)

3. Why was David scared of it? (answer: Someone touched it and was killed.)

4. What does David do to celebrate? (answer: dances)

M

1. Read 2 Samuel 6.

2. Why was David scared of the arc? (answer: someone had touched it and was killed for not treating it as holy)

3. Why did Michal despise David? (answer: She thought he was acting undignified.)

4. What is David’s response? (answer: He welcomes being humiliated to honor the Lord and knows he has honor in the eyes of others.)

Day 126

L

1. Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17.
2. Just like God made a covenant promise with Abraham that his people forever would be God’s people, God makes a covenant with David and promises that his son will rule after him and that David’s kingdom will be established forever through his descendants. God says he will punish David’s son, who will disobey, but He will not remove His love like He did from Saul. David does not understand that his first born son is not the one who will be king after him, nor does he understand that the everlasting kingdom will be a heavenly kingdom established by the Messiah.

3. Who is the prophet that delivered the message? (answer: Nathan)

4. What did David want to do? (answer: build a house for the Lord)

5. Who will build it? (answer: his son)

Day 127

L

1. Read 2 Samuel 9.
2. Usually a new king wants to kill everyone from the previous royal family so that there is no threat to his throne. Why does David want to show kindness to someone from Saul’s family? (answer: for Jonathan’s sake)

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4. I like this in particular because this certainly was a time and place where the disabled were not part of the mainstream. David welcomes him, with crippled feet, to sit at his table.

Day 128

L

1. Read 2 Samuel 11.
2. What sins does David commit? (answer: adultery—treating another woman as if she were his wife, murdering Uriah)
3. What was Bathsheba’s sin? (answer: adultery—Even though disobeying a king probably meant possibly being killed, she still should have refused King David.)

4. This chapter tells us Bathsheba’s father’s name. We can read several chapters later that his father, Bathsheba’s grandfather, was one of David’s advisors, someone David trusted to give him advice. He gave perfect advice. After he realizes what has happened, he leaves David and works for someone else who wants to be king in David’s place. That story is coming next.

M

1. Read 2 Samuel 11.
2. Notice how the chapter starts. It seems like David isn’t where he should be. Is he being lazy? Where should David be? (answer: off to war)
3. What sins did he commit? (answer: adultery, murder)
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Day 129

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2. Who does God use to confront David about his sin? (answer: Nathan)
3. What happens to Bathsheba’s baby? (answer: dies)
4. What do they name their next son? (answer: Solomon)

M

2. How does Nathan get David to confess his sin? (answer: He uses a parable.)
3. Why does David fast? (answer: He hopes the Lord will let the baby live.)
4. What are the baby’s two names? (answer: They name him Solomon which is what we know him as. God sent word for him to be named Jedidiah.)

Day 130

L

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Day 131

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2. After several years Absalom, David’s son starts planning his move to become king. He was David’s oldest son, so he expected he was to be the next king. What does he do? (answer: He starts acting as judge and then gets a group together to declare that he is king in the city of Hebron.)
3. What does David do? (answer: flees the palace)

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3. Who is helping Absalom? (answer: Ahithophel, David’s advisor and likely the grandfather of Bathsheba, which explains why he switched sides)

Day 132

L

2. Ahithophel was David’s advisor and became a traitor and joined Absalom. He always gave perfect advice.
3. Hushai was a servant of David’s pretending to help Absalom. David sent him to keep Absalom from following Ahithophel’s advice.
4. Whose advice does Absalom take? (answer: Hushai)
5. Whose side is the Lord on? (hint: verse 14) (answer: David’s)
6. If we know whose side the Lord is on, then we know the outcome. Who is going to win and be king? (answer: David, Absalom and Ahithophel die.)

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7. It would seem that Ahithophel’s sin was unforgiveness. We can’t know for sure, but it seems like God forgave David of his sin but Ahithophel did not, and it destroyed him.

Day 133

L


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2. What was David’s sin? (answer: taking a census, counting his army)
3. It may not seem like a sin, but we read that David felt guilty about it. He knew it was wrong. He wanted to know his strength, as if he knew what he could rely on in battle. He was acting as if he’d forgotten that with God on your side, you can fight with no people and still win!
4. God had reason to punish Israel and this is how he does it. What punishment does David choose? (answer: a plague)
5. David prays to God and the plague ends. He was right that he could rely on God’s mercy.

Day 134

L

1. Read 1 Kings 1:28-40. We’ve entered a new book, Kings. What’s it going to be about?
2. Who is going to be king after David? (answer: Solomon)
3. Whose son is Solomon? (answer: David and Bathsheba’s)
4. He is not David’s oldest son. Again, God is choosing who will be king and is not following the custom of the day where the eldest son would become king.

M

1. Read 1 Kings 1:5-53. We’ve started a new book. We’re right in the middle of the Bible’s history books.
2. Who will be the next king? (answer: Solomon, Bathsheba’s son)
3. Who was trying to make himself king? (answer: David’s oldest son, Adonijah)
4. Can you guess why he held onto the horns of the alter when he heard that Solomon had been made king? (answer: It’s a place of safety. It’s neutral ground and he couldn’t be killed there. He wanted a promise he wouldn’t be killed before he left its safety. A common practice of the day would be to kill anyone who was a threat to try and take the throne. Since he had already tried to make himself king, he could be considered a threat!)
5. Does Solomon promise his brother safety? (answer: Yes, as long as he has done no evil thing.)

Day 135

L

1. King David has died and Solomon is ruling as king. Read 1 Kings 3:1-15.
2. God offers Solomon anything he wants. What does he ask for? (answer: wisdom, understanding, knowing what is right and wrong)
3. What does God give him? (answer: wisdom and understanding and honor and riches)

M
1. Read 1 Kings 3.
2. What does Solomon ask for? (answer: wisdom)
3. What does he receive? (answer: wisdom, wealth, honor, a promise of long life if he obeys)
4. How does Solomon know the first woman was the baby’s mother? (answer: She cared more about the baby than herself.)

Day 136

L
1. Read 1 Kings 4:29-34.
2. Read 1 Kings 5:1-12.
3. What do these two examples show? (answer: how God had given him great wisdom)

M
1. Read 1 Kings 4:29-34.
2. Read 1 Kings 5:1-12.
3. Read 1 Kings 6.
4. Why does it take wisdom to tell about insects and birds and trees, etc.? (answer: Everyone sees those things, but it takes careful observation and understanding to know what’s happening.)
5. What was wise about Solomon’s dealings with the other king? (answer: He made peace and continued the good relationship that his father had had with the king.)
6. What is one thing about the temple that made an impression on you?

Day 137

L
1. Solomon works for 13 years to finish building the temple. Then he gathered everyone together to dedicate the temple to the Lord. You are going to read his prayer at the dedication.
2. Read 1 Kings 8:22-53.
3. What do you think is the main thing he asks for? (answer: It seems like he is asking, “Hear us when we pray,”)

M
1. After 13 years the temple is finished. Read 1 Kings 8.
2. Solomon acknowledges that they are going to sin. He doesn’t make an empty promise here. What does he ask God for? (answer: that when they do sin God would hear them when they repent and turn back to Him)
3. The only reason Solomon doesn’t lose the kingdom himself is because of God’s promise to David and God’s love for David. It’s also the reason Solomon’s son, Rehoboam, will only rule over one of the twelve tribes of Israel. The tribe of Judah. That’s the tribe Jesus will come from.

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Day 138

L
1. Read 1 Kings 10:14-29.
2. What did Solomon have? (answer: everything! He got so much money, horses and chariots and we'll learn, wives.)
3. What's wrong with all this stuff he got for himself? Read this portion of the law that Solomon forgot.
4. Is Solomon in trouble? (answer: You bet!)

M
1. Read 1 Kings 10.
2. Who visited Solomon? (answer: the Queen of Sheba)
3. How many “talents” each year did Solomon receive? (answer: 666, do you recognize that number)
4. What else did Solomon collect? (answer: chariots and horses, and later we learn, wives)
5. What’s wrong with all this? Read this portion of the law.
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Day 139

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4. Samson was the strongest man on earth and women were his downfall. Solomon was the wisest man on earth and women were his downfall. That shows you, young men, that you need to take every precaution to guard your heart, mind and eyes from fixing on any girl until the Lord shows you the one He has given you for marriage. And girls, you need to help them by not trying to attract their hearts, minds and eyes to you. You need to fix your heart, mind and eyes on Jesus and He’ll take care of the rest. A good wife is meant to build up her husband, not tear him down like the women in these stories.

Day 140

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1. Read 1 Kings 12:1-20.
2. Rehoboam does not have his father’s wisdom. What foolish mistake does he make? (answer: He doesn’t listen to his father’s advisors. He listens to his friends who have no wisdom from experience and he makes the whole nation mad!)
3. Everyone leaves Rehoboam. He is left ruling only in Judah. Who is ruling over the rest of the tribes of Israel? (answer: Jeroboam)
4. From now on it will talk about Judah and Israel, these two portions of formal Israel. They will be against each other now.

5. What does Jeroboam do to keep people from going to worship the Lord at His temple? (answer: He makes golden calves for them to worship. He is only concerned with keeping power for himself.)

Day 141

L

1. Jeroboam is king over Israel.
2. Rehoboam is king over Judah.
3. The nation of Israel has been torn in half and they are constantly at war with each other.
   A long line of kings takes the throne in each place. By far, most of the kings are evil. Read the list of kings. Try and pay attention to whether the king is in Israel or in Judah. Also, pay attention to anyone who is a good king. (Keep scrolling down the page.)
4. Who was the one good king? (answer: Asa, king in Judah)
5. The last we read, Ahab, married to Jezebel, was king in Israel.

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4. Who was the one good king? Where was he king (answer: Asa, king in Judah)
5. Who is Ahab’s wife? (He’s the last king of Israel you read about.) (answer: Jezebel)

Day 142

L

1. While Ahab is king in Israel, a new prophet comes on the scene, Elijah. In this chapter
we read a prophecy and about several miracles.

2. Read 1 Kings 17.

3. What is the prophecy he makes? (answer: that there will be no dew or rain for the next few years)

4. How does God provide for him at first? (answer: God tells him where there is a source of water and sends ravens to deliver him bread and meat twice a day.)

5. When the brook dried up, where did God send Elijah? (answer: to the house of a widow)

6. What miracles did the widow receive? (answer: She never ran out of oil and flour to make bread. Her son came back to life.)

Day 143

L

1. A few years have passed and Ahab is still king in Israel. Read 1 Kings 18:16-46. This is a long, but a famous story.

2. Tell the story of the Mount Carmel challenge.

3. Afterwards, Elijah goes and prays. What happens? (answer: the drought is ended and it rains)


M

1. Read 1 Kings 18.

2. What has Jezebel, Ahab’s wife, been doing to the Lord’s prophets? (answer:killing them)

3. What has Obadiah been doing for the Lord’s prophets? (answer: He has hidden 100 of them and has been feeding them.)

4. Who works hard to get their god to answer? (answer: Baals prophets)

5. Elijah doesn’t work; he has faith. He drenches the altar in water to show his faith in God’s ability. He prays a simple prayer.

6. Afterwards, he goes up to the top of the mountain to pray. What mountain is he on? (answer: Carmel)

7. What happens after he has prayed? (answer: the drought has ended)
8. What happens when the power of the Lord comes on Elijah when the rain has started to come? (answer: He runs faster than Ahab’s chariot. Can you imagine the look on Ahab’s face to see him running past?)

Day 144

L

2. Read 1 Kings 19:9-18.
3. God comes to Elijah. He doesn’t come in the power of an earthquake or a fire. What does he come and speak in? (answer: a gentle whisper)
4. Who will be God’s prophet after Elijah? (answer: Elisha)
5. The Israelites are going to be punished for worshiping Baal. How many will the Lord keep safe because they never worshiped another god? (answer: 7000)
6. We call that the remnant. There is always a remnant, a group of true believers. Never feel like you are alone in loving and serving God. God always has a people that He has kept for himself.

M

1. Read 1 Kings 19.
2. Who pledges to kill Elijah? (answer: Jezebel)
3. An angel cooks some bread for Elijah and makes sure he eats for his long journey. How long does he travel? (answer: 40 days and 40 nights)
4. He is in Beersheba and travels to Horeb, Mt. Sinai. Find them both on this map.
5. How does God speak to Elijah? (answer: not in the earthquake or fire, but in a whisper)
6. How many Israelites are part of the remnant, the faithful people of God? (answer: 7000)

Day 145

L

1. The king of Israel, Ahab, and the king of Judah, Jehoshaphat, came together in an alliance to fight against Aram. Jehoshaphat asks that they inquire of the Lord before battle. Ahab has many false prophets who all say that he will have success. Jehoshaphat insists on having a prophet of the Lord come. They send for Micaiah.
2. Read 1 Kings 22:12-35.
3. Micaiah describes a heavenly meeting. What was God looking for? (answer: a way to get Ahab to Aram so he would be killed there)
4. What was the plan to get Ahab to Aram? (answer: put lies in the mouths of his prophets, saying he would be successful)
5. How is Ahab killed? (answer: Ahab tries to hide, but an arrow “randomly” is shot and strikes him just at the right place and kills him.)

M

2. Usually the kings of Israel and Judah are at odds, but here they join together to fight someone else.
3. What happened at the heavenly meeting described by Micaiah? (answer: God was seeking a way to get Ahab to Aram so that he would be killed there. A spirit says that he
will put lies in the mouths of Ahab’s prophets to convince him he will be successful.)
4. It works, but the prophets seem to believe they are speaking for the Lord.
5. Ahab tries to hide in battle. How is he killed? (answer: Someone “randomly” shot an arrow that hit him just in the right place and killed him.)
6. Was Jehoshaphat one of the good kings or bad kings? (answer: He was the king of Judah and he was a good king.)

Day 146

L
2. How does Elisha know he has received what he asked for? (answer: He saw Elijah being taken away in a fiery chariot.)
3. What is the first miracle Elisha does now that the Spirit of God is on him? (answer: He strikes the Jordan with his cloak and it parts so that he can walk across.)

M
1. Read 2 Kings 2.
2. Elijah seems be one of two people in the Bible who never had to die. Enoch is the other. Elisha sees him being taken away in a fiery chariot, and so knows he has received what he asked for. What miracles does he perform now that the Spirit of God is on him? (answer: parts the Jordan, purifies the water, calls down a curse)

Day 147

L
1. Read 2 Kings 4:1-7, 38-44.
2. Tell someone the three miracle stories you read about. Here are reminders: oil, stew, bread.

M
1. Read 2 Kings 4.
2. Tell someone the the miracle stories in this chapter: oil, baby, life, stew, bread.

Day 148

L
1. Read 2 Kings 5:1-16.
2. Who was healed of leprosy? (answer: Naaman, He wasn’t an Israelite.)
3. He almost wasn’t healed, why? (answer: He was proud and didn’t think dipping himself in the water was worth it.)
4. The dipping in water wasn’t important. That didn’t do anything. It was the act of obeying that showed faith in the Word of God that was important.
5. What does Elisha say when Naaman wants to pay for being healed? (answer: no way)

M
1. Read 2 Kings 5.
2. Naaman wasn’t an Israelite but a slave girl from Israel told his wife about Elisha.
3. Naaman almost wasn’t healed because he didn’t want to dip in the water. What was important about doing that? (answer: He was too proud at first, but he had to humble

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himself and put his faith in God’s Word instead of relying on himself.

4. Elisha refuses the money. In the New Testament we read Jesus said, “Freely you have received, freely give.”

5. What does Elisha’s servant do? and what happens? (answer: He was greedy and went back and asked for money and clothing. He got leprosy.)

Day 149

L

2. What does God allow Elisha’s servant to see? (answer: fiery horses and chariots ready to fight for them)

M

2. While it is really neat to see fiery horses and chariots on your side and ready to fight for you, my favorite part of this story is that they win the battle with no one being killed. How? (answer: Elisha prays that they will be blinded. He leads them to another city. Instead of killing them, the Israelites feed them and send them home.)

Day 150

L

1. The Israelites are under siege. Do you remember what a siege is? It’s when the enemy army has you surrounded. You wait and see who can last the longest. The Israelites have run out of food. Everyone is starving. If anyone had any bread, it would sell for so much money because everyone would want it. There is a prophecy in the chapter you will read today that flour and grain would sell cheaply.
2. Read 2 Kings 7.
3. How many Arameans (air-a-me-ins) were killed when God gave the victory to the Israelites? (answer: none)
4. How did God give food to the Israelites? (answer: He scared away the Arameans with the noise of an approaching army. Then the Israelites took all of the belongings of the Armeanians.)

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5. The is another example of how God gave the victory to the Israelites with how many people being killed? (answer: zero)

Day 151

L

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1. Read 2 Kings 8:1-6.
2. How does God make a way for the woman to receive her land back? (answer: The king was just hearing about her as she walked in.)
3. There is a list of kings that all do wrong and are eventually killed. Here read about Jehu. He was a king of Israel. He wasn’t one of the “good” kings, but God gave him the job of destroying what was left of Ahab’s family.
5. Next we will read about a new king in Judah. Joash is only 7 years old when he becomes king. A priest, Jehoida, is leading Israel on Joash’s behalf and teaching Joash the right way to live.

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4. Read 2 Kings 11.
5. Who is the child king that was hidden away to keep him alive? (answer: Joash)
6. Who is really in charge at the moment? (answer: the priest, Johoiada, he is showing Joash how to live by God’s word)

Day 152

L

1. Read 2 Kings 12:1-12.
2. What did Joash accomplish? (answer: repairing the temple)

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2. What does verse 2 teach you? (answer: how important it is who you allow to influence your thoughts and decisions)
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Day 153

L

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Day 156

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2. Read 2 Kings 22.
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Day 159

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1. The next book of the Bible is Chronicles. There is a first and second Chronicles. A chronicle is a history. This is a history record of what happened. It starts with a genealogy, a list of names, starting with Adam and listing their children down through thousands of years.
2. It also retells some of the stories we just read. When it retells stories, it often adds in more detail than we read before.
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4. Why does God not destroy them? (answer: They aren’t destroyed because they humble themselves. They accept that God is right and they are wrong.)
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2. Read Ezra 1.
3. What king of Persia decides to rebuild the temple of the Lord? (answer: Cyrus)
4. Here is a map showing Persia during Cyrus’ rule. You can see what colors are his on the map key. It starts with the red, then it grows to the purple, then it grows to the light blue. He says that God has given him all the kingdoms on earth. That was the “whole world” to them.
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Day 164

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Day 165

L

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Day 169

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Day 170

L

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Day 173
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Day 174
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Day 176
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Day 177
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Day 178
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Day 179
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Day 180
L
1. Read Esther 9 and 10.
2. Tell someone how the story ends.

M
1. Read Esther 9 and 10.
2. Tell someone how the story ends.
3. Do you remember any of these? Romans 8:28  Jeremiah 29:11  Exodus 14:14  Deuteronomy 6:4-5

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