

From Abraham to Jesus

Matthew 1:17 Unit 19, Lesson 1

What we learned

Jesus came to earth as a baby in Bethlehem. Jesus had earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, but His true Father is God. Through Jesus, God kept His promises to Abraham and David. Jesus saves people from their sin and adopts them into God's family.

Discussion Questions

- Jesus' earthly family included Abraham, David, and so many others. There is a
 diverse mix of very different people in the family tree of Jesus written in
 Matthew. Every person was important because they are part of God's story.
 - Since the family tree of Jesus includes people who made big mistakes, does that mean God can forgive our mistakes and include us in His plan?
 - When our family members sometimes do things that hurt our feelings, what can we learn from the different people in the family tree of Jesus?
- 2. God used many people to bring about His rescue plan for the world: people in the earthly family of Jesus and many who were not.
 - God promised that the family of Abraham would be "as numerous as the stars."
 We can join God's family when we trust in Jesus. How does it feel to be a part of His family?
 - David, Solomon, Rehoboam, Asa, Hezekiah and Josiah are just a few of the kings in the family tree of Jesus. How is Jesus a better king and the King of Kings?

Memory Verse for this unit

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am chief."

- 1 Timothy 1:15

Pray Together

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Pray together that God would bring new life and new hope to members of your family, your neighbors, and our city through the Gospel.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person's request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

Here is a prayer we can all join in throughout the week: "Father, You are good and loving. You are merciful and kind. You are gracious and faithful. Thank You for giving us Your Word so we can learn about You and Your Son. Thank You that Jesus is fully God and fully man. Thank You for adopting us into Your family. Help us love You and make You famous in the world. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

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