

The BIBLE STORY

Bible Storytelling Tips

From Abraham to Jesus

Matthew 1:1-17

• Draw on a

chalkboard: With each person's name, draw a stick figure on a chalkboard to help show the large size of Jesus' family.

• Post name tags:

Prepare adhesive name tags with the names included in the Bible story. As you mention each name, stick the tag to a focal wall.

Jesus is God the Son. God the Son has always existed; no one created Him. God planned to send His Son to earth to save people from sin. Jesus came to earth as a baby. He was born to Mary, who was married to Joseph. Jesus is fully God, and He is fully human too. That makes Jesus different from any other man.

Like all people on earth, Jesus' family had a history—a family tree. Jesus had parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and great-great-grandparents ... all the way back for many generations.

Jesus came from the family of Abraham and the family of King David. Abraham had a son named Isaac. When Isaac had a family, one of his sons was named Jacob. Jacob was part of Jesus' family.

Years later, a man named Salmon (SAL mahn) was born into Jesus' family tree. He married Rahab (RAY hab), who hid the Israelite spies when they came to Jericho. Rahab had a baby, and his name was Boaz (BOH az). Boaz was a farmer, and he married Ruth. Boaz and Ruth had a son named Obed (OH bed).

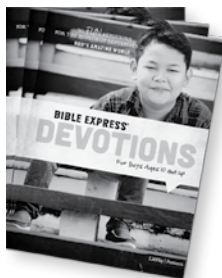
Obed's son was Jesse. Jesse had many sons, and the youngest was David. David was just a boy when he was chosen to be Israel's king. King David liked to write. He wrote songs—called psalms—and some of them were about the time when Jesus would come to earth.

Other people in Jesus' family were kings too. David's son Solomon was a king. King Jehoshaphat (jih HAHSH uh fat) was part of Jesus' family, and so was Uzziah (uh ZIGH uh), Ahaz (AY haz), Hezekiah (HEZ ih kigh uh),

and Josiah.

Then came Matthan (MAT than). Matthan's son was named Jacob, and Jacob's son was named Joseph. Joseph is the man who took Mary to be his wife. Mary was Jesus' mother, and Joseph raised Jesus as his own son. Jesus was truly God's Son—the Messiah.

Christ Connection: 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.



**WANT TO
DISCOVER
GOD'S WORD?
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BIBLE EXPRESS!**

Invite kids to check out this week's devotionals to discover that Jesus had an earthly family, but His true Father is God. God's plan for Jesus was to rescue people from sin. (1 John 4:14) Order in bulk, subscribe quarterly, or purchase individually. For more information, check out www.lifeway.com/devotionals.

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.

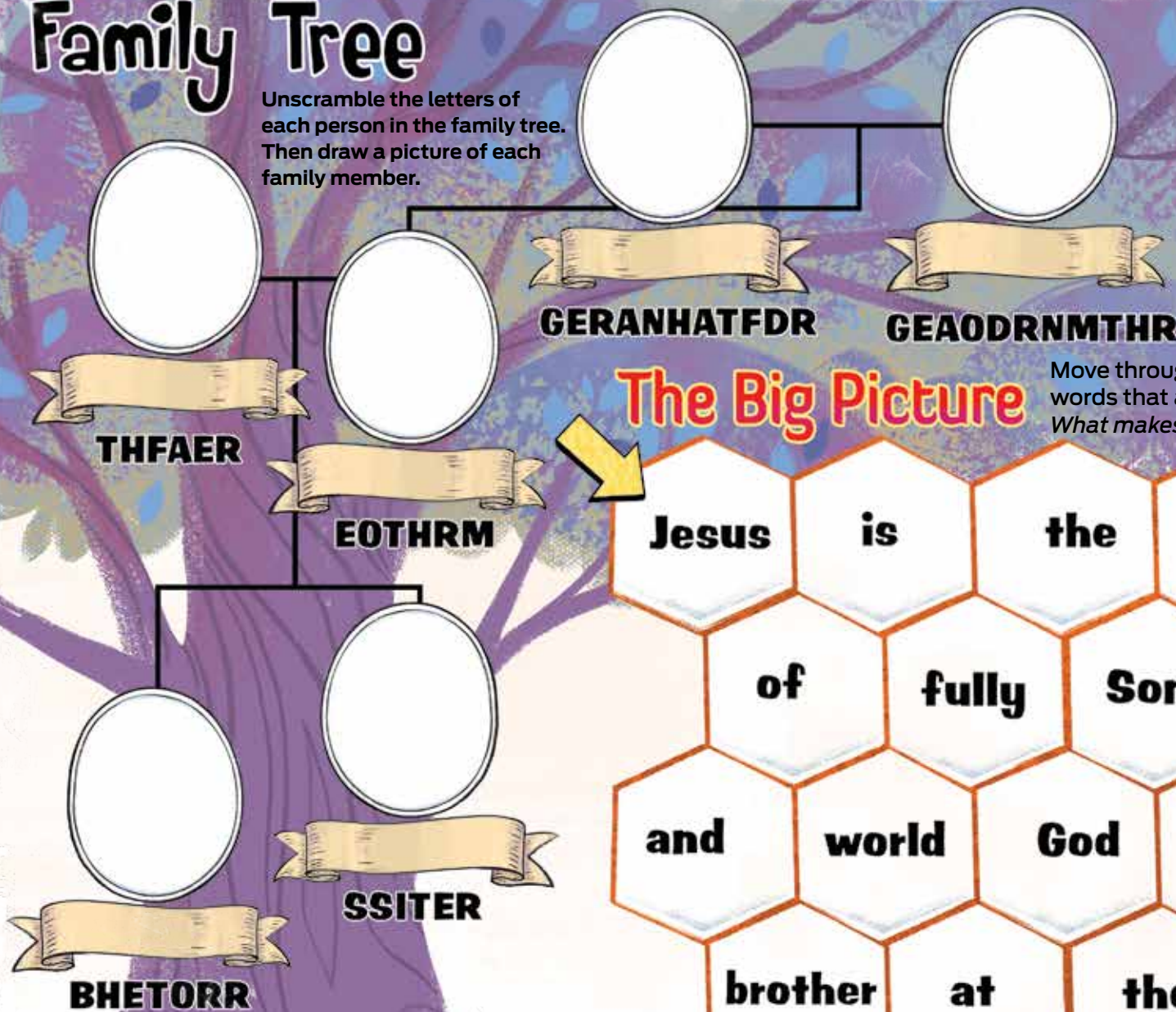


We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.

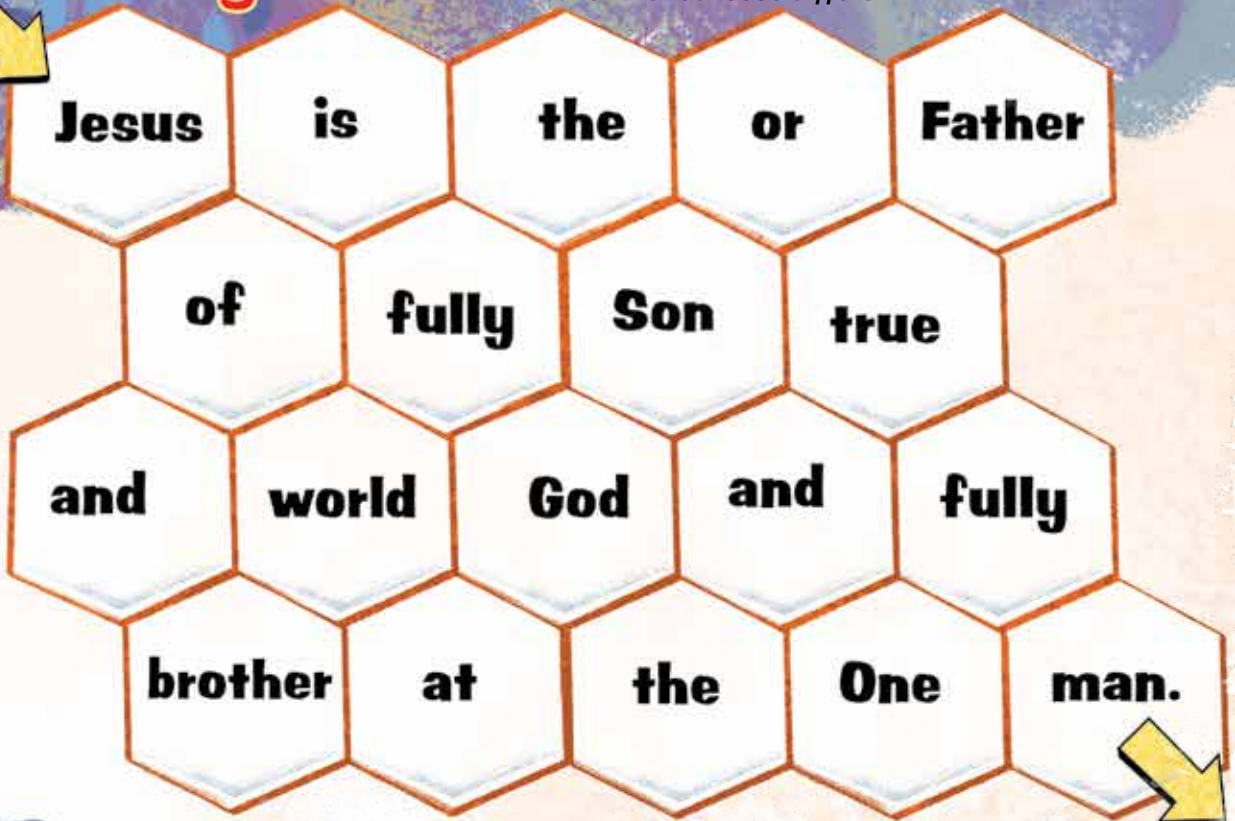
Family Tree

Unscramble the letters of each person in the family tree. Then draw a picture of each family member.



The Big Picture

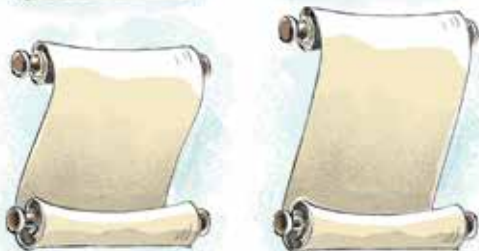
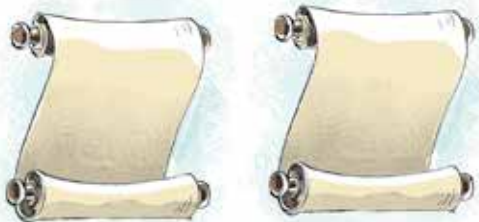
Move through the word maze, passing through the words that answer the big picture question:
What makes Jesus different?



Similarity Search

INSTRUCTIONS: In each of the follow sets of pictures, circle the one that is different from the others.

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TGP FAMILY APP



KEY PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 1:15

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What makes Jesus different?
Jesus is fully God and fully man.

BIBLE STORY:

FROM ABRAHAM TO JESUS

- Jesus' earthly family included Abraham, David, and others.
- From Abraham to King David there were 14 generations, and from King David to the exile in Babylon there were 14 more.
- Jesus came 14 generations after the exile to fulfill God's promises to Abraham and David.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why do you think Jesus' earthly family matters?
- What promises did God make to Abraham and David?
- How can we know Jesus fulfilled those promises?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Work with your kids to research your family heritage as far as you can. Is there anyone interesting or famous in your family tree?

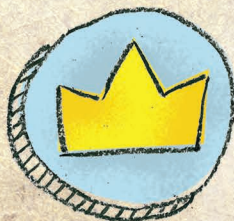
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THE GOSPEL

GOD'S PLAN for US

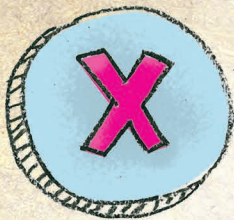
The gospel is the good news, the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use these prompts to share the gospel with your kids.



GOD RULES.

Ask: "Who is in charge at home?" Explain that because God created everything, He is in charge of everything.

Read Revelation 4:11.



WE SINNED.

Ask: "Have you ever done something wrong?" Tell kids that everyone sins, or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God. Read

Romans 3:23.



GOD PROVIDED.

Explain that God is holy and must punish sin. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve.

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JESUS GIVES.

Ask: "What is the best gift you've ever received?" Say that Jesus took our punishment for sin by giving His life, and He gives us His righteousness. God sees us as if we lived the perfect life Jesus lived. This is the best gift ever! Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.



WE RESPOND.

Explain that everyone has a choice to make. Ask: "Will you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord? You can turn from self and sin and turn to Jesus." Read Romans 10:9-10.

