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## LESSON ONE - Introduction

### Ages 9-12

The Bible is a special book. God has given us the Bible to communicate to us. It is the way God tell us about Himself and what He wants us to do. It answers questions such as: How did we get here? Why is there sin in the world? How are we saved from sin? And where do we go when we die? The answers to these questions and many more have answers in the Bible. In this set of lessons we will be going through the first eleven chapters of Genesis to learn about beginnings.



## READ PROVERBS 16:25

People do not get to decide what is right and wrong. God tells us what is right and wrong in the Bible. You can know what is right or wrong by reading God's Word. The Bible holds the way to true life.

You have probably heard the word "evolution." Evolution teaches that the earth is here due to a Big Bang that happened billions and billions of years ago. It says there is no God, apes changed into people, and dinosaurs lived before man. Evolution is wrong even if your school book or teacher says it is right. We know it is wrong because the Bible tells us the right way. God created the heavens and earth. Man and dinosaurs were both created on Day 6 of Creation. Christians do not hate science. We love studying about God's creation, but we do disagree with scientists who teach evolution as if it is a fact that cannot be argued against.

Judges have said it is okay for two men or two women to be married. T.V. shows, movies, and cartoons have begun to show two men/women kissing. This is wrong. The Bible says that God created one man and one woman to be married for their entire lives. The one man (husband) and one woman (wife) are to work together to have homes that honor God.

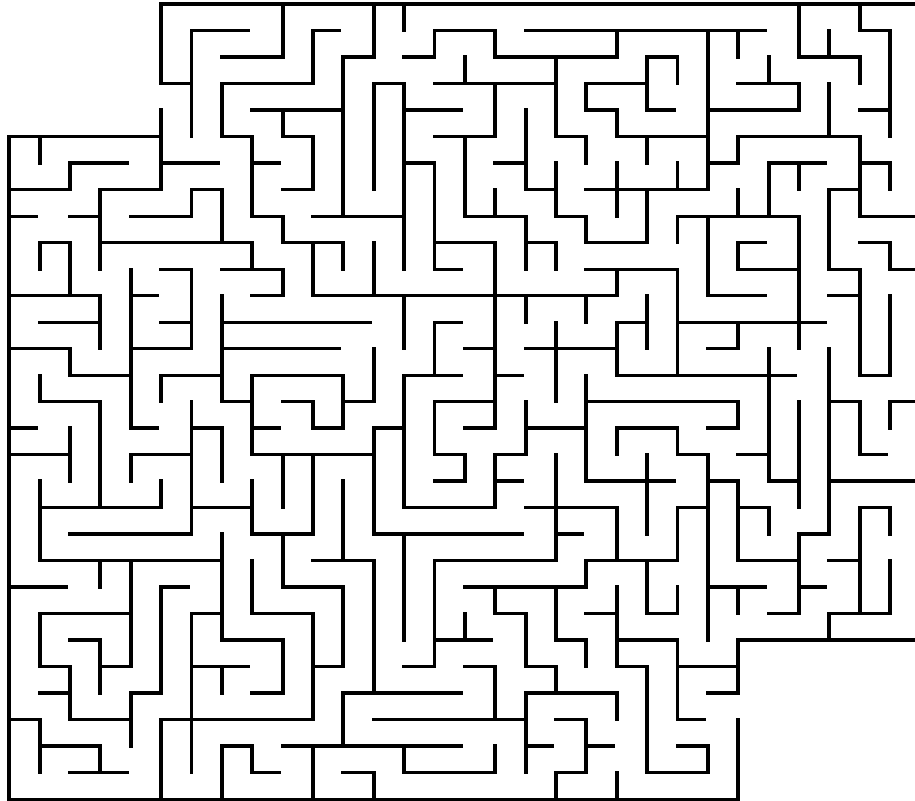
Some people think the world has always been the same way throughout history. They think the mountains have always been the same. The rivers have always been the same. The weather has always been the same. This is wrong. The Flood changed the climate and land of the earth in a big way! We can only guess what the weather and land was like before the Flood.

You may have been taught that most humans are good people, and you just need to live your life to make you happy. Do what you like to do because life is short and then we die. This is wrong. People may do kind things for others, but people have a big problem - sin. Our life isn't to make us happy, our lives are to honor God. This will bring us true joy.

These are just some of the examples of what is taught to be right by some, but they are wrong. They are not God's ways. We learn about these subjects from the very beginning of the Bible.

## READ PSALM 119:105

The Bible directs us how to honor God. Let the Bible light your path to the other side of the maze.



## READ ROMANS 1:19-22

You can step outside to see the stars at night. You can see the trees as they change colors in the fall, or you can see the leaves form in the spring. There is no excuse not to believe in a Creator God. You can see His work all around you. You can also see the effects of sin. People arguing. Animals dying. Fruit rotting. Sick people. There is no excuse not to know that sin and death are in God's Creation. This reminds you that you need a Savior. His name is Jesus Christ. He went to the cross to pay for your sins. He was buried in a grave but came back to life three days later. If you want to go to Heaven one day, you have to trust in what Jesus Christ did for you.

**Have you trusted in Him?**

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**LESSON TWO - creation**

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Most of the books, movies, and T.V. shows you watch about dinosaurs will say they lived millions of years ago. You may have heard that a person comes from a monkey. This is not true. The Bible tells the true story. It tells us God created the earth and the heavens. Then, He took six days to shape and fill what He created.



## **READ GENESIS 1:1-2**

On Day 1, God made light. Now there was day and night.  
In the box, draw a picture of what God created on Day 1.

**Read Genesis 1:3-5**

On Day 2, God made the sky.  
In the box, draw a picture of God's creation on Day 2.

**Read Genesis 1:6-8**

On Day 3, God made dry land and plants.  
Draw a picture of God's creation on Day 3.

**Read Genesis 1:9-13**

On Day 4, God made the sun, moon, and stars.  
Draw a picture of God's creation on Day 4.

**Read Genesis 1:14-19**

On Day 5, God made the sea animals and birds.  
Draw a picture of God's creation on Day 5.

**Read Genesis 1:20-23**

On Day 6, God made the land animals, man, and woman.  
Draw a picture of God's creation on Day 6.

**Read Genesis 1:24-28**

## **READ GENESIS 2:1-2**

**What did God do on Day 7?**

The Bible is very clear in telling us that each day lasted an evening and a morning. Does this sound like it took millions of years to create the world?

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### LESSON THREE - Adam and Eve

Ages 9-12

Genesis Chapter One gives us a record of what God created on each day of creation. God could have created it all in a second if He chose to do it that way. He spread it out over seven days to give us a pattern for our weeks. Genesis Chapter Two focuses on the most special part of God's Creation - Adam and Eve. God created them to have a special relationship with each other and with Him.



### READ GENESIS 2:4-9

God had created the land and plants. It didn't rain, but a mist came up from the earth to keep the plants watered. But there was no one to care for the plants. The next day God made Adam to take care of Creation. Adam was to be in charge of the plants and animals. It is also important to notice that Adam was created "in the image of God" (Genesis 1:27). This tells us that God created human beings to enjoy a special relationship with Him and the privilege to serve Him.

What was Adam made from?

- a). Goo and muck
- b). Puppy dogs tails and snails
- c). Dust of the ground
- d). Lego bricks

God breathed into Adam the breath of God. God made a Garden and put Adam in it to take care of it. There were rivers in the Garden and pretty gems/stones. In this Garden were many trees with tasty fruit. God tells us the names of two of the trees. **What are the two trees in verse 9?**

God tells Adam he can eat from every tree except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. We are not sure where the Garden of Eden was located, because the Flood has since changed the earth. But, it must have been a beautiful place! Even though sin has taken away some of the beauty of God's creation, we still can see beauty all around us.

**What beauty do you see in Creation?**

## READ GENESIS 2:21-23

God did not want Adam to be alone. He wanted Adam to have a someone to be a partner to help and a mate for companionship. First, God created the animals. They came to Adam who named them. We do not know what Adam named the animals, so we have had to come up with our own names for them like hippo, dog, and cat. God knew Adam needed someone other than the animals to be his helper and companion.



What did God create Eve from?

- a). Adam's rib
- b). Sugar and spice
- c). Dust of the ground
- d). Spare doll parts

Adam called his partner "Woman." She was special to Adam. The Man and Woman would live with each other and help each other. They lived in a beautiful garden with nice animals. What a wonderful time! It would stay nice unless Adam ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

## READ COLOSSIANS 1:16

Some people think that Jesus was created when He was born in a manger. This verse tells us that Jesus Christ is the Creator. He is God eternal! Your Creator became like you and died on the cross for your sins!

**Was anything made without Jesus Christ?**

**What were all things created for?**

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**LESSON FOUR - The Fall**  
**Ages 9-12**

Adam and Eve were created and told to help each other take care of God's Creation. They lived in a garden with fruit trees, rivers, and pretty stones. Satan was jealous. He wanted to take God's place. He wanted people to worship and obey him. Satan came up with a plan to ruin God's creation.



**READ GENESIS 3:1-5**

Satan took on the form of a snake. He tricked Eve by causing her to question God's Word and doubt God's goodness. He caused her to listen to selfish desires. The fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil did look delicious! Eve ate the fruit and gave it to Adam. Adam sinned by eating the fruit that God told Him not to eat. Sin is doing what God tells you not to do. Sin is also not doing what God wants you to do. Now that Adam ate of the fruit, he knew what evil was.

You should learn from this true story. Satan will try to get you to doubt that God's Word is true. He will get people to change what the Bible actually says. The Devil will try to deceive you into thinking that God does not really care for you. Do not be tempted into doing something God has told you not to do just because it looks fun and nice. God knows what is best for you. He tells you in the Bible what is right and wrong.

This is a sad story. Now sin and death were in God's Creation. Adam and Eve knew what they had done. They tried to hide from God. No one can hide from God. We may think we are getting away with sin like Adam did. **Does God see us?**

There were bad things that would happen now that sin was in the world.

**Read verse 14. What bad things would happen to the serpent?**

**Read verse 16. What bad things would happen to the woman?**

**Read verse 18-19. What bad things happened because of Adam?**

We don't know what the fruit looked like that Adam ate. We do know that when he ate it, Adam and Eve immediately died spiritually, and they began to die physically. Sin makes the earth a much harder place to live. God knew it. He tried to tell Adam. Adam disobeyed.

*The fall of God's creation into sin is a sad story, but we need to know it.*

*See if you can find these words in the word search below:*

**ADAM EVE SERPENT TREE SIN  
FRUIT COVERING GARDEN LIES DEATH**



**Genesis 3:15**

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*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

*John 1: 29*



**READ GENESIS 3:21-24**

Adam and Eve were thrown out of the Garden. An angel was sent to guard the gate. Even though Adam had sinned, God still loved Adam and Eve. He provided a covering for their sins. An animal had to die to cover the sin. This pictures Jesus Christ who had to die to take away our sins. Because of Adam's sin, all of us are born sinners, but we can be forgiven if we believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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### LESSON FIVE - Cain and Abel

Ages 9-12

Adam and Eve had many children. Two of them were Abel and Cain. Adam and Eve's children were born into a world of sin. God told them an animal needed to be offered to cover sins. Cain and Abel is a true story that reminds us of what it means to obey and disobey.



### READ GENESIS 4:1-7

We do not know how old Cain and Abel were at this time, but they were not kids. Even though we only read of Cain and Abel in this passage, Adam and Eve had many other children. They may even have had grandchildren when this takes place. We don't know for sure.

**What job did Abel have?**

**What did he bring as an offering to the Lord?**

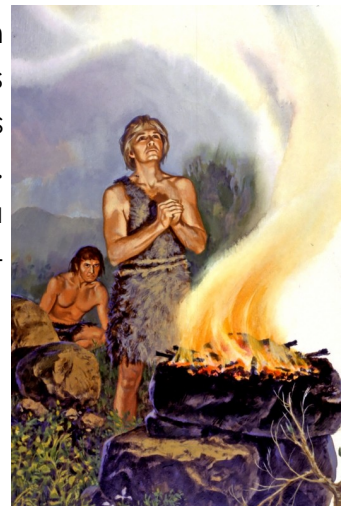
**What work did Cain do?**

**What did he bring as an offering to the Lord?**

**Which one did God accept?**

**Why?**

God does not just want our best. He wants our obedience. Even though Cain brought the best of his crops, it was disobedience. Obeying God is important. We may think we know a better way, but God knows what is best. God tells Cain that if he obeys, God would be happy with his work. If he did not obey, sin would control him. We must never think we know a better way than God's way. Sin will get control of us so that we start doing more and more things our way instead of God's way.



## READ GENESIS 4:8-15

Cain did not listen to God. He got mad at Abel instead.  
**Was it Abel's fault that Cain did not obey?**

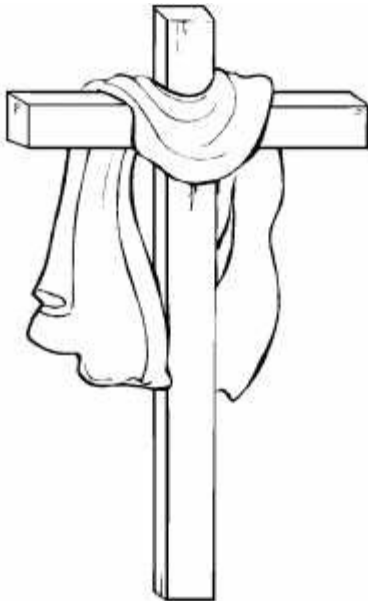
Cain disobeyed God. His sin got worse. One day as they were talking (maybe arguing) in the field, Cain killed Abel. God punished Cain by making him go away from his home and his parents. Cain asked for God's mercy. Even though Cain had done an awful thing, God put a mark on Cain to warn anyone who tried to hurt Cain. Cain did not deserve this kindness, but God is a merciful God.

## READ ROMANS 5:8

Sin is bad. It brings bad things into our lives. Lies, cheating, stealing, fighting, and other sins only bring harm. We should not be happy with sin. Even though we are sinners, God gave us mercy. He sent His Son when we were unkind and did not deserve it. Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross. We can be saved if we trust in Him.

**Have you trusted in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ to save you?**

We still have to be careful not to let sin tempt us. When we are tempted to sin, we can trust in Christ to help us say no.



**You can color the picture to the left. The cross represents that Christ died for our sins. If you have ever seen a piece of cloth wrapped around the cross, this reminds us that He is risen from the grave. Christ died on the cross for your sins. He was buried, but He rose again. You have eternal life if you have trusted in Him!**

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## LESSON SIX - Adam's Family Tree

Ages 9-12

Adam and Eve's had lots of children. We do not know exactly how many. The Bible only records the families of Cain and Seth. People who do not believe the Bible will tell you that we came from stupid cave-men, but the Bible shows us that the people in Adam's day were not stupid. They were very smart. We will look at some of these people in Adam and Eve's family tree.



### READ GENESIS 5:1-5

#### How old was Adam when he died?

That is a long time to live! Adam was 130 years old when Eve had Seth. This means that Cain and Abel may have been over 100 years old when Cain killed Abel. Although we do not know their age for sure, it helps us understand where Cain got his wife. First, Adam and Eve would have had many children in 100 years. Their children would have had children who would have had children who would have had children. Cain could have married his cousin. This would have been okay back then.

### READ GENESIS 4:20-22

Jabal (verse 20) was not living in a cave and hitting animals with a club. He and his family lived in tents and took care of cattle. It may have been sheep that he took care of. It may have been donkeys. They were smart enough to care for animals and make tents.

Jubal (verse 21) did not grunt to speak. He made instruments and played music. I wonder what it sounded like? Today, there is still something called a Jubal harp.

Tubal-cain (verse 22) made things with metal. He didn't use just rocks and sticks. They found the metals and he would hammer them into shape to be used.

These people were not stupid. They were smart. They were able to do amazing things without the tools and machines that we have today.



## READ GENESIS 4:23-24

Their intelligence did not keep them from sinning. God had given them all things to honor Him. Instead, people used what God had made to disobey Him. Lamech had \_\_\_\_\_ wives even though God only wanted one man and one woman to be married. Lamech was also a murderer. Not only did Lamech sin, but he was proud of it. He bragged about it when he should have been sorry about sin.

## READ GENESIS 5:22-24

We read of a man named Enoch. He walked with God. This means that he tried to obey God. This is a strange passage. It says Enoch was on earth one day and the next day he was not on earth. This is one of only two men we know of who went to be with God without dying. The other man was the Prophet Elijah.

## READ GENESIS 5:25-32

Enoch's son was Methuselah. Methuselah had Lamech (not the same one as in verse 23).  
**What was Lamech's son's name?**

We will talk about the Flood in the next few lessons. Lamech died while Noah was finishing the ark. Noah's grandfather Methuselah died in the Flood (or just before it). This means that when God looked on the earth and saw it was wicked, He meant Noah's father and grandfather too.



**Get a piece of paper. Write a note or draw a picture for someone that teaches you about God and the Bible. Thank them for telling you about God.**

**Pray to God to thank Him for all He has created. Thank Him for sending His Son to die on the cross and come back to life so you could be saved.**

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## **LESSON SEVEN - Noah builds an ark**

**Ages 9-12**

We've briefly looked at a few of Adam and Eve's relatives. We also learned that they were smart people. They were not dumb cave-men. But people still disobeyed God. We now come to the days of Noah. He had three sons named Ham, Shem, and Japheth.



### **READ GENESIS 6:5-13**

The earth was full of wickedness. People constantly disobeyed God. They did what they wanted to do. God was saddened by their rebellion and the fact that He had to destroy the wicked people. God chose to save one man's family. His name was \_\_\_\_\_. He had a wife and three sons. His sons had wives also. Eight people in the family.

### **READ GENESIS 6:14-18**

God's plan to save Noah and his family was for Noah to build a ark. The ark was like a boat. It would float and keep them safe. The ark was big! It was made of gopher wood. We don't know what kind of wood that is. He was to cover the ark inside and outside with something to keep the water out.



***Here's something fun to do. Get an adult to help you measure 450 feet. Mark where you began and where you end. This is how long the ark was. To get how wide the ark was, measure 75 feet. Mark it. Stand in the middle of where you marked and imagine the top is as high as a school gym, or 8 adults standing on top of one another. (45 feet high). Pretty big, huh? Use the area to pretend you are Noah's family in the ark.***

### **READ GENESIS 7:1-3**

Noah was told to take a male and female of all of the animal kinds but to take seven of the clean animals. He was told to take food for the animals and his family. How did he fit all the animals on the ark? Well, he did not have to take two of every cat. He did not have to take tigers, lions, and panthers. They are all cats. Also, some of the animals may have been babies, and they did not need to be in exhibits like you see in the zoo. The animals could all fit on the ark.

## READ GENESIS 6:21-22

Noah obeyed God.

You should obey God even when it is hard. Even when other kids make fun of you. Even when you don't know how it will work out. Building the ark was hard work, but Noah obeyed God. Others may have made fun of him, but Noah obeyed God. Noah may not have known how it was going to work, but Noah obeyed God. You should obey God too. He knows what is best for you. He wants to keep you safe.

How did Noah get all of the animals to come to him? God did not tell Noah to gather them. God could bring the animals to Noah. God just told Noah to take them on the ark.

How did Noah build the big ark all by himself? God did not tell Noah that he had to build it alone. His three sons helped. Noah may have also paid people to help. We don't know for sure, but he did not have to do it all by himself.

There came a day when God told Noah to take his family and get in the ark. Once again, Noah obeyed. Noah was 600 years old when he entered the ark. Seven days after they entered the ark the Flood began.



**Write the letter of the correct match next to each problem.**

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| 1. ____ Shem, Ham, and Japheth were ____.        | a. Flood       |
| 2. ____ God told Noah to build an ____.          | b. Seven       |
| 3. ____ The world was ____.                      | c. Two         |
| 4. ____ Take ____ of every unclean animal.       | d. Wicked      |
| 5. ____ God would destroy the earth with a ____. | e. Obeyed      |
| 6. ____ Take ____ of every clean animal.         | f. Ark         |
| 7. ____ Noah ____ God.                           | g. Noah's sons |

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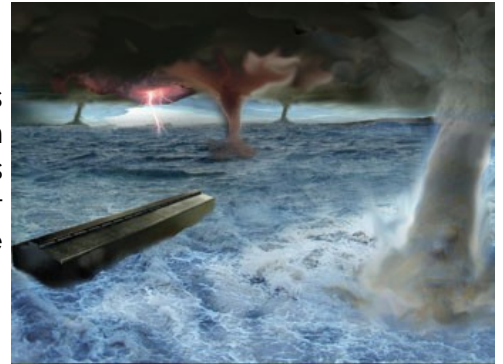
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## LESSON EIGHT - The days of the Flood

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God was going to send a flood to destroy wickedness from the earth. God told Noah to build an ark. Noah obeyed and built an ark. Noah, his family and the animals went inside the ark to be safe from the Flood. God shut the door. Seven days later, destruction came upon the earth.



### READ GENESIS 7:6-12

The Flood was an event the world will never see again. Worldwide judgment of any kind will not be seen again until the Lord judges the earth in the Last Days. We can only imagine the violence of the Flood. Many Christian scientists think there were storms, tornadoes, and volcanic eruptions. If you look at a map of the continents, it looks like a puzzle you could put back together. Perhaps the continents broke apart as the "fountains of the great deep" burst and sprayed up from below the ocean surface, shooting water miles into the air before crashing back down to earth. The movement of the continents may have caused tidal waves of untold height to bury the land in water almost instantly.

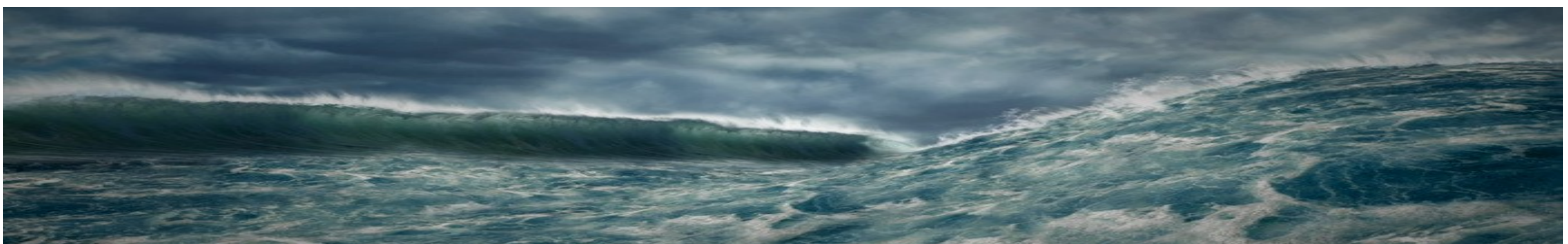
"The heavens opened" could mean a few things. It could be a heavy downpour of rain. Or, if the earth had a water canopy above it, this could have come crashing down. An option is that it could mean both.

Despite exactly what this all looked like, the fact remains that it was a flood that did not begin slowly and calmly. It was a violent outburst of water from above and below that would have wiped out anything living on the earth.

### READ GENESIS 7:17-20

**It continued to rain for how many days and nights?**

This was a long rainstorm! The waters on the entire earth continued to rise. The ark continued to rise, floating on top of the water. By the end of the rain storm, the waters were over 200 feet above the tallest mountain! That is a lot of water!



## READ GENESIS 7:21-8:5

Any living thing that was not on the ark died. We see evidence of this in the fossil record. We see the skeletal remains of animals and plants in the rock layers. Finally, the rains stopped and the waters of the Flood began to go down.

**How did the water start to go down?**



***Let's deal with numbers. All Jewish months have 30 days.***

**What year, month and day did the Flood begin? (See Gen. 7:11)**

**Noah had entered the ark seven days before the Flood began (See Gen. 7:10). This means Noah entered the ark in his 600th year, 2nd month, 10th day of the month.**

**What month and day did the ark rest on Mount Ararat? (See Gen. 8:4)**

**What month and day was it when the tops of the mountains could be seen? (See Gen. 8:5)**

**What year, month, and day were the Flood waters dried up? (See Gen. 8:13)**

**What year, month and day did Noah exit the ark? (See Gen. 8:14)**

**How many days passed from the time Noah entered the ark until he exited the ark?**



The ark came to rest on Mount Ararat. We can only guess where it is located. Forty days later, Noah opened a window in the ark and sent out a raven and a dove. The raven did not return, because it could fly back and forth until the earth dried. The dove returned. A week later, Noah sent the dove out again. This time the dove returned with an olive leaf. Noah knew the Flood waters were mostly gone, but it was probably still a muddy mess outside. Another week passed, Noah sent out the dove again. This time it did not return. Fifty days after the dove left for the third time and didn't return, God told Noah to exit the ark.



## READ 2 PETER 3:4-7

Evolutionists have to assume that the earth is the same today as it always has been. This passage tells us that the earth before the Flood was much different than the way the earth is now. Weather has changed, even Christian scientists believe the Flood caused an ice age for many years after the Flood was over. They also believe volcanic activity and storms were worse right after the Flood. The landscape of the earth has changed. The earth would have folded creating mountains and valleys. The Flood waters would have created canyons like the Grand Canyon. The continents have spread apart. The oceans, lakes, and rivers are different. We have no idea how deeply the earth was changed by the Flood. We can only imagine what the earth was like before it.

*\*Answer to Let's Deal with Numbers is Noah was in the ark for 377 days. The Flood waters were on the earth for 370.*

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## LESSON NINE - A Reminder and A Prophecy

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God destroyed wickedness on the earth with a flood. Only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark were alive to repopulate the earth. Not only did the land, water, and weather of earth change, the animals would now be afraid of people and people could eat meat. God also told Noah to give men authority to punish those who murdered someone. God gave Noah (and us) a reminder that He is good, just, and full of mercy.



**READ GENESIS 8:18-22**

**What was the first thing Noah did after exiting the ark?**

**What type of animal did he offer?**

**Was God pleased with his sacrifice?**

You may have heard scientist, teachers, and others talk about Global Warming bringing an end to the seasons. **What does God's Word say about our seasons in Genesis 8:22?**

**READ GENESIS 9:8-16**

God makes a special promise. The earth is still full of sinners, but God is patient and kind. He said He will never again judge the whole earth with a Flood. But one day the wicked will be judged again. The next time the earth will be judged by fire. God does not want anyone to be there at this time. He has provided His Son Jesus Christ so anyone can be saved. For someone to be saved, they must trust that Christ died for their sins, was buried, and came back to life. There will be many that will not trust in Him. Sadly, God must punish those who will not trust in Jesus Christ.

God has given us a reminder of His mercy and longsuffering. You can see this reminder on rainy days when the sun shines - the rainbow.

## READ GENESIS 9:20-29

After the Flood, Noah became a farmer. Even though Noah had just lived through a violent Flood where God judged wickedness, he still sinned against God. One day he got drunk on wine and passed out in his tent. Noah's sin of being drunk caused Ham to sin. The other two brothers tried to cover up the sin, but it had already been done.

Noah wakes up and gives a prophetic declaration. Ham's son Canaan would serve the descendants of Shem. Religious people in the past have made this a passage to promote slavery. This passage is not about races of people. It is about families of people. The way these words came true was the Lord would promise the land of Canaan (Ham's descendants) to Israel (Shem's descendants).

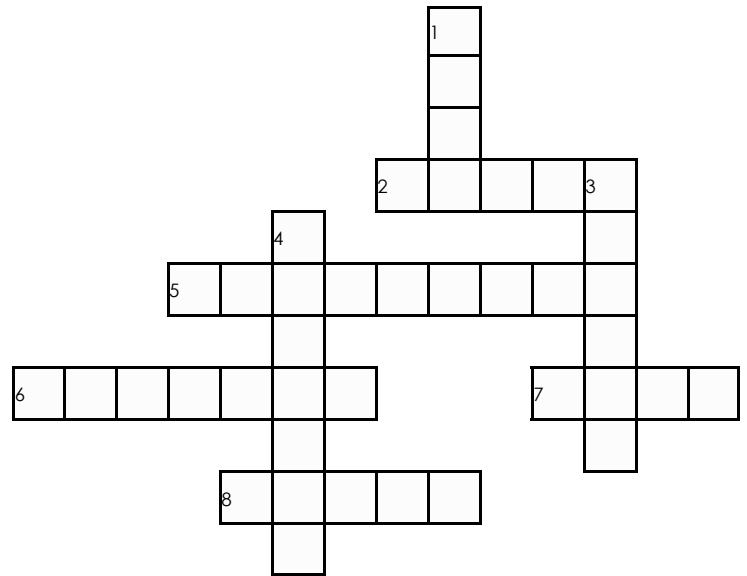
**Use Genesis Chapter Ten to fill in the crossword puzzle.**

### Across

2. How many sons did Japheth have? (10:2)
5. Out of Cushluhim came the \_\_\_\_\_. (10:14)
6. During the days of Peleg the earth was \_\_\_\_\_. (10:25)
7. How many sons did Ham have? (10:6)
8. The beginning of Nimrod's kingdom was \_\_\_\_\_. (10:10)

### Down

1. How many sons did Shem have? (10:22)
3. Cush begat \_\_\_\_\_. (10:8)
4. Asshur built \_\_\_\_\_. (10:11)



**Genesis 10:19 gives the land borders of the Canaanites. Circle the cities on the map that are mentioned in Genesis 10:19. Remember, this is the land that God would promise to the nation of Israel in later years, fulfilling the prophecy of Genesis 9:26.**

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## LESSON TEN - The Origin of Languages

Ages 9-12

Since only four couples existed after the Flood, it was upon Noah's sons to repopulate the earth. These couples were to have children and spread out over the earth. Surprise, Surprise. People disobeyed, so God had to force them to separate.



### READ GENESIS 11:1-9

Have you ever heard someone speaking a language you did not know? Did you understand anything that they said? Imagine trying to work on a project with someone that does not speak the same language that you do. It is almost impossible to work together on something if you can not talk to each other.

This passage starts by speaking of a day when everyone spoke the same language. They could talk to one another and work together. Sadly, they worked together against God. They wanted to build a city so they would not be spread out. They also made bricks in order to build a tall tower to worship the heavens. The Lord saw their rebellion. He knew the people were united in rebelling against Him. He also knew it was possible to make these rebellious plans because the people could talk together.

**From verse 7, what did the Lord do to stop it?**

**From verse 8, What else did the Lord do?**

This is how we now have different skin colors, eye colors, hair colors, and other body differences. When God confused the languages and separated the people, people married a person that they could talk to. The information inside people (called genes) that decides what a person looks like separated through the years until certain physical traits (skin color, eye color, etc.) became seen in certain groups. While people may look different, there really is no such thing as different races of people. We all come from the same two people - Adam and Eve.

## READ GENESIS 10:32 AND ACTS 17:26

Both of these verses speak of every person having a common relative.

**Genesis 10:32 says that everyone born is a relative of whose sons?**

**Acts 17:26 speaks of who as the father of all human beings?**

## READ ROMANS 5:12

We all come from Adam, but there is a big problem. Adam died spiritually when he ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. This spiritual death passed to everyone that was born from Adam, which includes...well, everyone that has ever been born. We are born into this world separated from God. We cannot get into Heaven the way we were born. We need someone to fix the broken connection between us and God.

## READ ROMANS 5:18-21

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There are two men mentioned here. The first person in verses 18 and 19 is Adam. Adam brought death, condemnation (you are guilty), and sin. It doesn't matter what color of skin that you have; we are all born into this world as dead, guilty sinners.

The second man mentioned is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ brought life, righteousness, and grace. We can be spiritually reborn into Christ as living, forgiven children of God. God has provided the way to reconnect with Him through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christ died for the sins of the world, which includes people of all skin color, all eye colors, and all body shapes. Anyone anywhere at any time can have eternal life if they trust in the work of Jesus Christ.

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**Have you trusted in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to save you?**

You are not saved by the good things that you do, but only by trusting that Christ paid to have your sins forgiven.

**Have you thanked Christ for saving you?**

**Does your life show that you are thankful to Him?**

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