

### Student Handbook

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### Welcome to Sonseekers ...

#### Dear Parents

Welcome to Sonseekers, a Sunday School Program designed to give children a sound background in Biblical events, people and places. We trust that you, and your child, are blessed by participation in this program.

The curriculum has been produced by over 100 people who have voluntarily given of their time and talents to write, draw and create activities, as well as to edit, review and proof-read. We deeply appreciate the commitment and love shown by all who have contributed to this project. The benefit and blessing to children, as they learn about God's life and love, is a testimony to their faithfulness.

However, the real key to children knowing God as their Father lies with their families. As parents train their children in God's way, they begin to experience the reality of the Father's love for themselves.

The Sonseekers program is designed to support and encourage family life and order. The Student Handbook is a feature of the program, offering follow up activities and daily devotions, which you may wish to use in your own family devotions.

May God bless and guide you as you share the Lord's life with your child.

If you wish to know more about the Sonseekers program, please contact the publishers on the numbers listed.

Yours in Christ

The Sonseekers Team

# A note to parents about the Sonseekers materials . . .

### **Timeline**

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1000000	Creation
4000BC	Adam and Eve
	The Fall
2500BC	Noah
	The Flood
	Tower of Babel
2000BC	Abraham
1900BC	Isaac
1800BC	Esau and Jacob
1750BC	Joseph
1360BC	Moses
1280BC	Exodus from Egypt
	and Journeys
	Joshua
1240BC	Entry into and
	Conquest of Land
1220BC	Judges
1100BC	Gideon
1070BC	Samson
1063BC	Samuel
1020BC	Saul as King
980BC	David as King
940BC	Solomon as King
900BC	Kingdom Divided
<i>300BC</i> <i>839BC</i>	Elijah Emerges; Mt Carmel
0 <b>39</b> DC	
014DC	Jehoshaphat
814BC	Elisha's Ministry
749BC	Jonah
662BC	Hezekiah; Isaiah
576BC	Josiah
540BC	Daniel taken to Babylon
527BC	Exile into Babylon
457BC	Restoration from Babylon
4BC	Birth of Jesus
26AD	Baptism of Jesus
	Call of Disciples
28AD	Feeding of 5000
	Parables
29AD	Miracles; Transfiguration
30AD	Raising of Lazarus
	Parables
	Palm Sunday
	Jesus' Crucifixion and
	Resurrection
	Day of Pentecost
	Peter's Ministry
33AD	Conversion of Paul
45AD	Paul's Missionary Journeys
60AD	Paul as Prisoner to Rome

### What are the Sonseekers materials?

The Sonseekers Sunday School materials are a four year course of 128 Bible lessons. The lessons are written with the twin aims of teaching the students an accurate chronology of Biblical events and also drawing from each lesson pastoral points relevant to the age and stage of each child. They are written at four levels to cover from Prep to Year 6 age groups. The 128 lessons are organised into 8 units, each of sixteen lessons. The table below indicates the suitable age group for each level:

Sonseekers Level	Student Age	School Level
Level One	5 - 6	Prep, Year 1
Level Two	7 - 10	Year 2, Year 3, Year 4
Level Three	11 - 12+	Year 5, Year 6

### What's in my Sonseekers Level Three Student Handbook?

Each Level Three Student Handbook contains sixteen homework activities and sixteen "My Own Page" sections, relevant for the age of your child.

Each homework activity page comprises:

- the title of the lesson;
- the Bible reference for each lesson;
- an activity related to some aspect of the lesson;
- the memory verse to be learnt from the lesson.

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### . . . note to parents . . .

### How do I help my child use the Student's Handbook?

The following suggestions are then made with regard to using the book.

### After each lesson

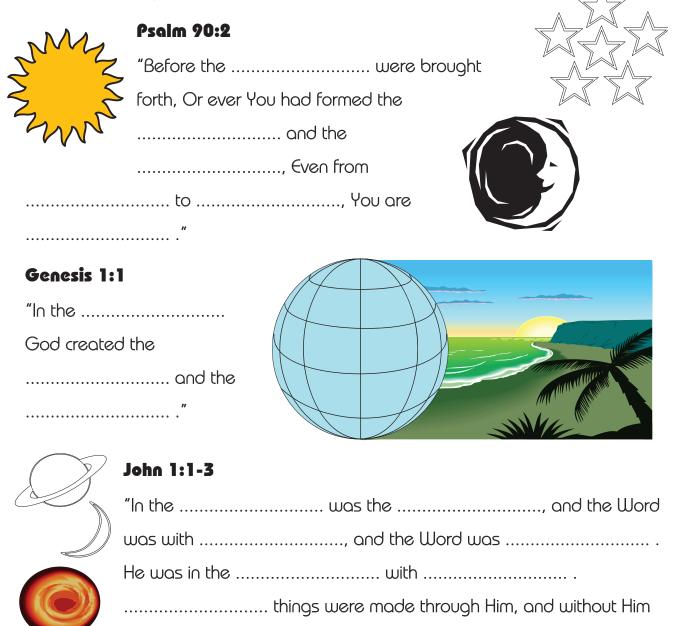
- Make sure that your child learns the memory verse from the lesson.
- Have the child read the Bible passage for the lesson again or read it to him/her. The reference is provided in the header on the homework activity page. All Scripture references are taken from the New King James Version (1983 edition).
- Discuss the story with the child and ask them what they learnt from the story.
- Link the activity that the teacher used to the story so that the significance of the activity is clear to the students.
- Set regular times each week for the child to complete the homework activity and daily devotions.
- Give your child as much help and encouragement as they need to complete these tasks. This is an opportunity to fellowship in the word of God with your child!
- Ensure that your child brings the handbook to class so that the teacher can check the homework and mark the following week's memory verse.
- Encourage your child to read ahead for the next lesson.

### May God bless you and guide you as parents as you help your children in this way!

# **Creation 1**

Genesis 1 & 2

Here are some verses about God in the beginning. Find them in your Bible and fill in the missing words.



### Memory Verse

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)
"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God." Hebrews (11:3)



### **God the Creator**

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 1:1-5. Who created the heavens and the earth? What was divided on the first day?

### Tuesday

Isaiah 40:28-29. What does the Creator do with His power?

### Wednesday

Ecclesiastes 12:1-2. When is the right time to remember your Creator?

### Thursday

Psalm 33:4-6. How were the heavens made?

### Friday

Genesis 1:26-31. What did God create and bless on the sixth day?

# **Creation 2**

Genesis 1 & 2

God Q1. the Father How did the three members of the GODHEAD WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE? PLACE THE CORRECT ANSWER IN EACH CIRCLE. (A) SPOKE IT God God (b) CREATED IT the Word the Holy Spirit (C) HOVERED OVER

Q2.

DO YOU THINK GOD HAD A PLAN BEFORE HE started creating, or did He design as He went along? GIVE A REASON FOR YOUR ANSWER:

### **O**3.

Answer the following questions. Put the first letter of each answer in the box BELOW AND SEE WHAT CAUSED GOD TO CREATE.

(A) GOD SET STARS IN THE HEAVEN TO GIVE ...... ON THE EARTH. (GENESIS 1:17).

(B) "Then God said, 'Let us make man in ...... image'." [Genesis 1:26].

(c) The adjective God used to describe how good everything was that He made 

(D) What Herbs did God give for food? some/none/every? (Genesis 1:30).



### **Memory Verse**

"God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19). "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works." (Ephesians 2:10).

### God's new creation

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

2 Corinthians 5:17. Who brings us into God's new creation?

#### Tuesday

Ephesians 2:8-10. What does God want us to do in His new creation?

### Wednesday

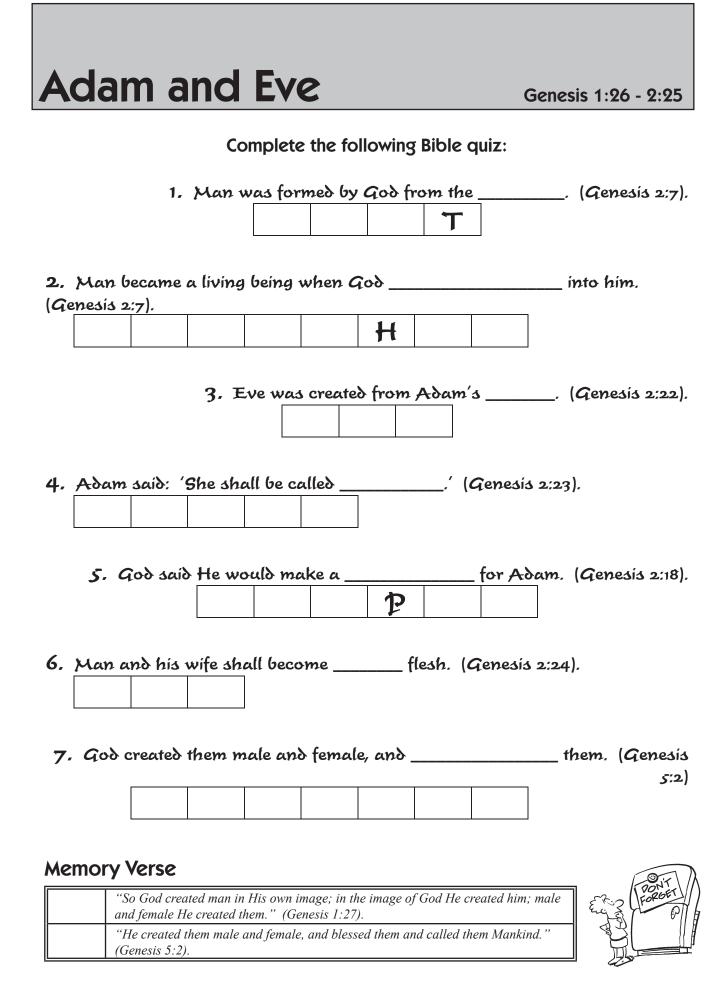
2 Peter 3:11-14. Because we look forward to the new heavens and new earth, in what are we to be diligent?

### Thursday

Revelation 4:9-11. Why is the Lord worthy to receive glory and honour?

### Friday

Ephesians 4:22-24. What do we put off and what do we put on?



### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 2:1-7. From what did God form man and what did man become?

### Tuesday

Genesis 2:21-25. What does a man do before he is joined to his wife?

### Wednesday

1 Corinthians 11:1-3. Who is the husband's head? Who is the wife's head?

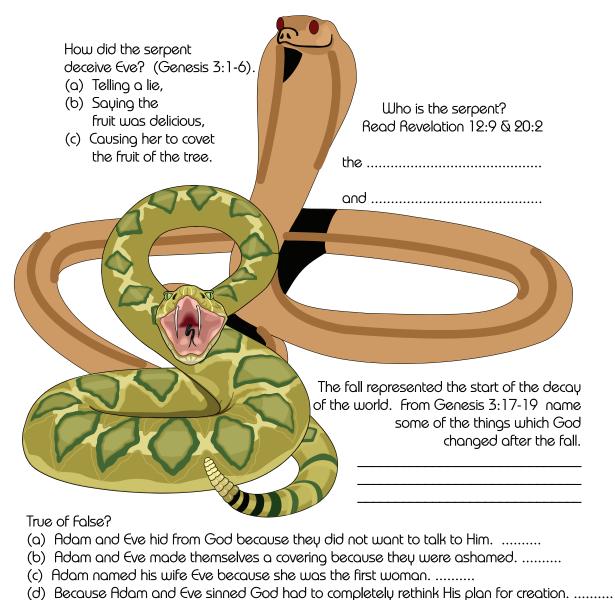
### Thursday

Ephesians 5:25-29. How ought a husband act toward his wife?

### Friday

Ephesians 5:30-33. How is a wife to respond to her husband?

# The fall





"The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations." (2 Peter 2:9).
"Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men." (Romans 5:12).



### Sin enters the world

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 2:15-17. What was the one thing God said to Adam that he could not do?

### Tuesday

Genesis 3:1-7. The serpent put doubt in Eve's mind. What did she do when she saw the tree?

### Wednesday

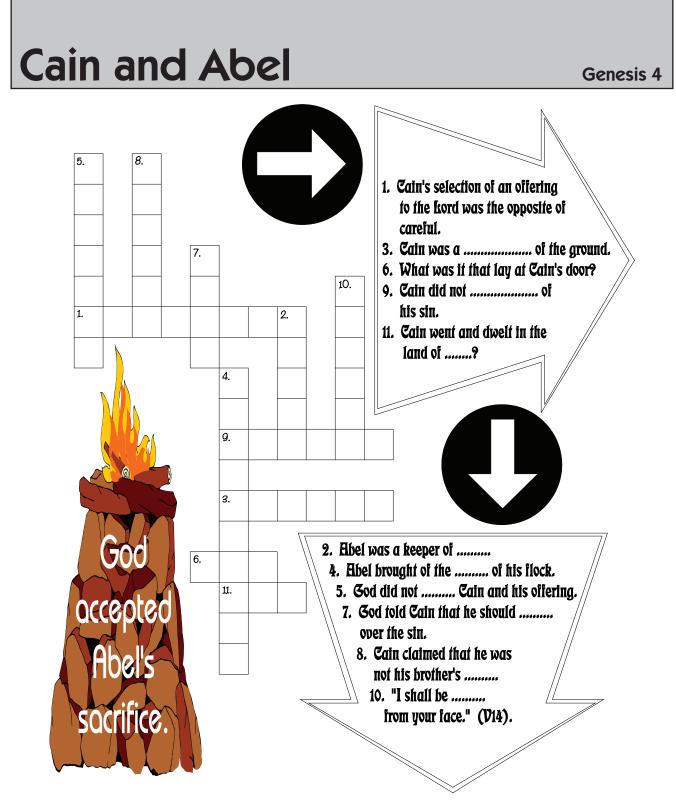
Genesis 3:8-10. What did Adam do when he heard God's voice?

### Thursday

Romans 5:12-16. One man brought sin into the world. What did the one Man Jesus bring?

### Friday

1 Corinthians 10:13. What comes with temptation that helps us?



"For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." (Hebrews 12:6).	T PONT
"Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted." (2 Corinthians 7:10).	Eng Force



### Our brother's keeper

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 4:1-10. What was Cain's reply when God asked him about his brother?

### Tuesday

1 John 3:10-15. Why did Cain murder his brother?

### Wednesday

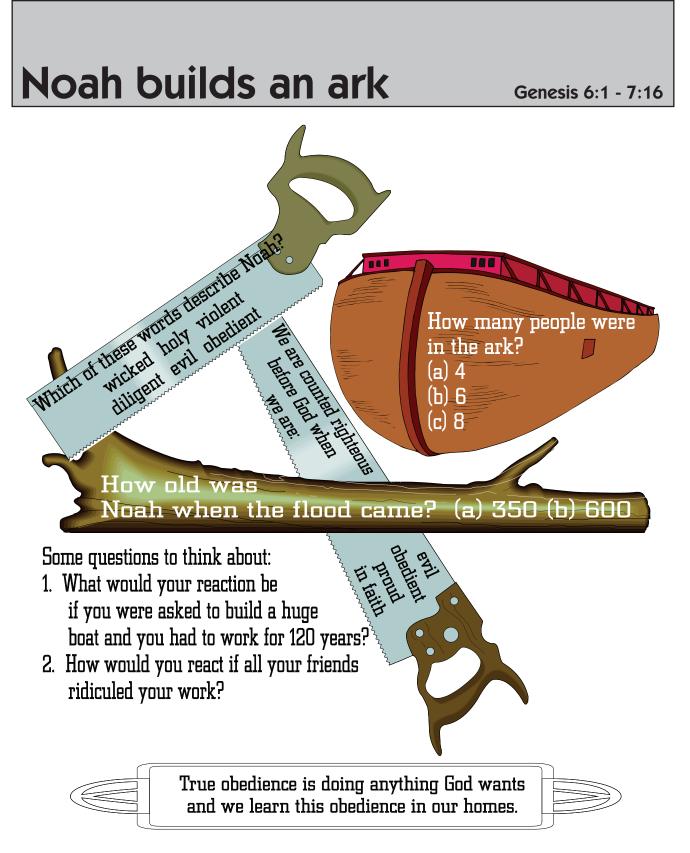
Matthew 5:21-26. What does God want us to do before we bring some kind of offering to Him?

#### Thursday

Galatians 5:16-23. How do we avoid fleshly lusts such as hatred?

### Friday

Psalm 133. What does God promise to brethren who dwell together in unity?



"Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God." (Genesis 6:9).
"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit." (John 15:5).



# God the Master Builder

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 6:13-19. Why did God tell Noah to build an ark?

### Tuesday

Exodus 25:8-9. What was the purpose of the sanctuary that Moses was told to build?

### Wednesday

1 Chronicles 28:1-6. Why did God choose Solomon to build His house and not David?

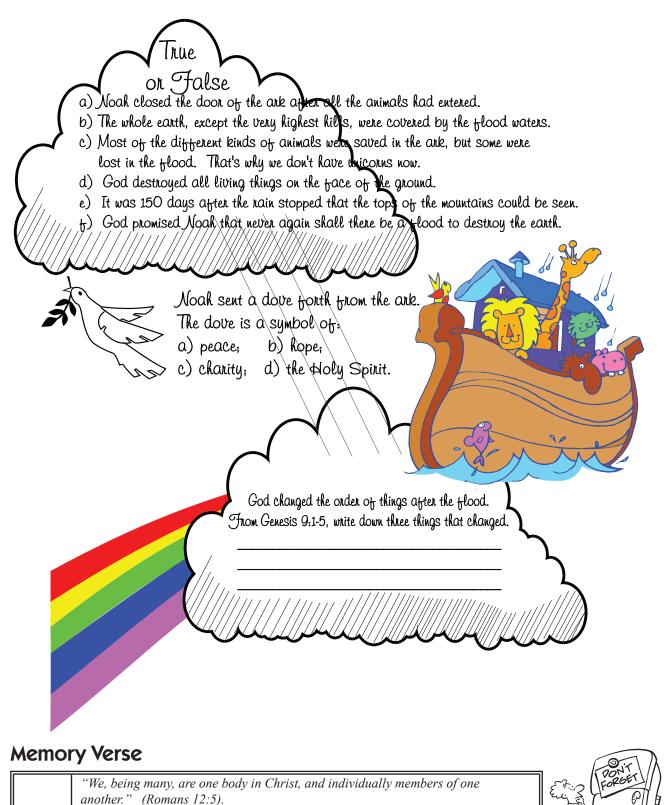
### Thursday

Matthew 7:24-27. The wise man built his house where?

### Friday

1 Peter 2:4-5. What is God building His people (living stones) into?

# The flood, Noah and his sons



(2 Corinthians 5:17)

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away."

# God's judgement

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 7:17-23. What was the effect of the flood on the earth?

#### Tuesday

Genesis 19:23-29. How did God judge the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

### Wednesday

Jonah 3. How did the people of Ninevah escape God's judgement at that time?

### Thursday

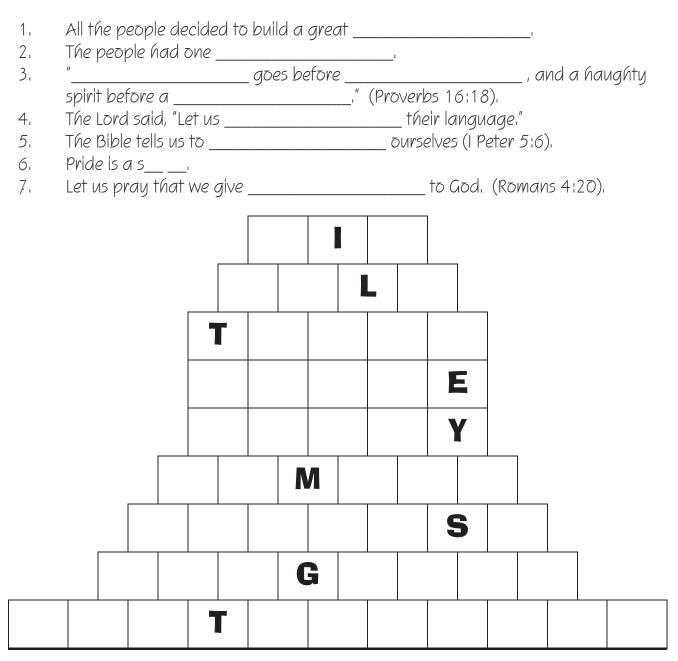
John 5:22-24. When we hear God's word and believe in Him, what do we have, and what do we not come into?

### Friday

Revelation 20:11-15. What does God judge the dead according to?

# The tower of Babel

### Complete the questions, then place the answers in the tower below.



"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe." (Proverbs 18:10).	Ę
"The Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses." (Daniel 4:23).	



# The folly of man's way

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 11:1-9. What happened to the city men were building when God became involved?

### Tuesday

Psalm 1:1-6. Which way does God know - that of the righteous or the ungodly?

### Wednesday

Proverbs 14:12. What is the end of man's way?

### Thursday

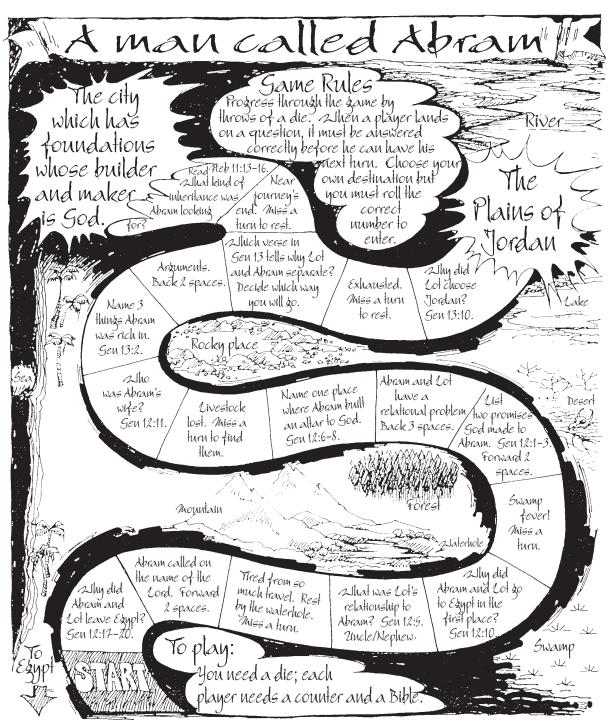
Matthew 7:13-14. Narrow or wide - which gate leads to life?

### Friday

John 14:1-7. Thomas did not know the way to follow Jesus. What was Jesus' answer?

# Abram called, Abram and Lot

Genesis 12 - 14



<i>"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5).</i>
"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." (Colossians 3:2).



### **Overcoming fear**

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 12:10-16. Abram's faith was tested here. How did he respond?

### Tuesday

Matthew 26:69-74. Peter was later to become a great apostle but what do we see in his character here?

### Wednesday

Luke 12:4-5. To whom is Jesus referring in verse 5?

### Thursday

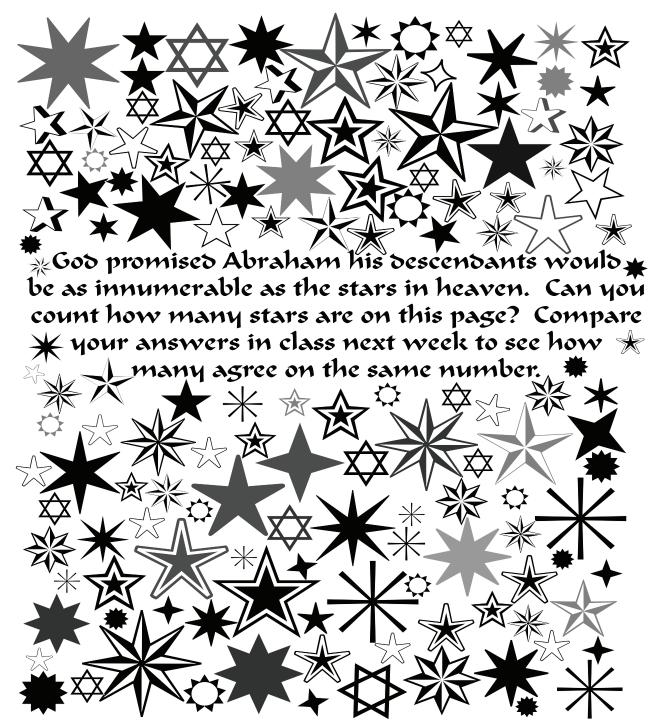
Matthew 14:22-27. How would you have felt had you been in the boat?

### Friday

Proverbs 29:25. How can fear lay a trap for us?

# The covenant with Abraham

Genesis 15 - 17



"He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith." (Romans 4:20).	Ę
<i>"Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." (Romans 4:3).</i>	



# God's work and ours

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 16:1-15. Ishmael is often called a son of the flesh. Why does this name apply to him?

### Tuesday

Psalm 127:1. What does it mean when we say, "the Lord builds the house"?

### Wednesday

Luke 5:1-11. What can we learn about the works of the disciples, from verses 5-7?

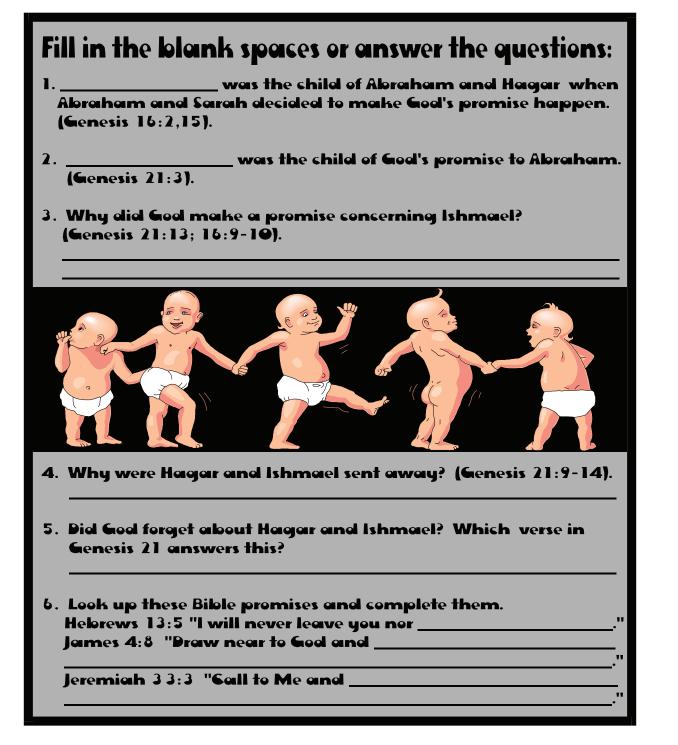
### Thursday

James 2:14-17. What is the Lord saying here about 'works'?

### Friday

Ephesians 2:8-10. What is the danger of doing many 'good works' apart from the will of God?

### Ishmael and Isaac



<i>"With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible." (Mark 10:27).</i>	
"But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete." (James 1:4).	



# Faith without wavering

### **Daily Devotions**

#### Monday

Genesis 18:9-15. Has there ever been a time in your life when you have considered a problem as too hard for the Lord? What was the outcome?

### Tuesday

James 1:5-8. Work out in your own words what it means to be 'double-minded'. Think of a situation where you may be tempted to be double-minded

### Wednesday

Hebrews 10:19-25. What do you understand as the 'hope' referred to in verse 23?

### Thursday

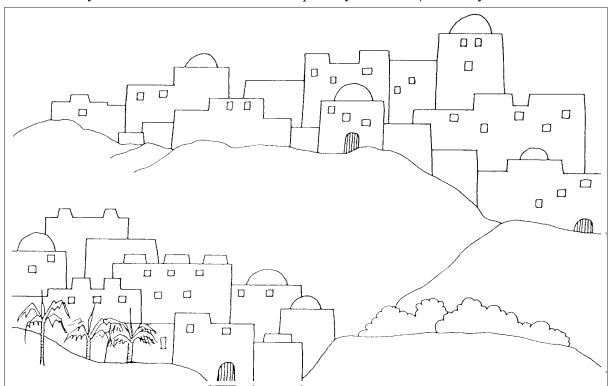
Psalm 26:1-3. Think of a time when you trusted the Lord without doubting. How did it work out?

### Friday

Matthew 21:18-22. Does this mean that we can ask anything of the Lord and He will do it? Read Mark 14:32-36.

# Sodom and Gomorrah

Here are the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Read Proverbs 11:5; 15:29 and Psalm 7:9 to see what God says He will do to the wicked. Write on each house what God says, until the cities are completely covered/destroyed.



ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

- 1. How many people were saved from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah? (Genesis 19:30)
- 2. Who were they?
- 3. Why do you think God saved them?

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2:15).
<i>"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy." (Psalm 103:8).</i>



# Going on in the Lord without looking back

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Hebrews 12:1-2. Lot's wife looked back. What does God's word tell us to do?

### Tuesday

Hebrews 11:8-10. What is the city referred to in verse 10?

### Wednesday

Exodus 14:10-12. Moses was leading the people out of exile but what was their heart attitude?

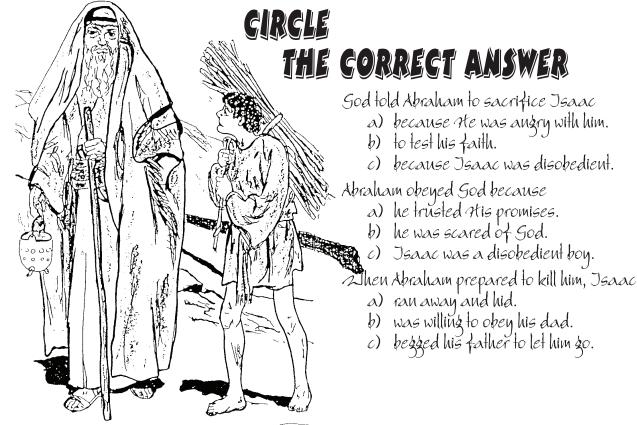
### Thursday

Numbers 14:1-12. What was the Lord's response as the people continued to look back?

### Friday

2 Kings 2:1-12. Think about the difference between Elisha and those previously mentioned this week. Why did Elisha persist in 'going on'?

# The sacrifice of Isaac



### true or false

If we learn to obey our parents, it will be easy for us to obey the Lord. Two servants watched as Abraham tot ready to sacrifice Isaac. Isaac went and found a lamb for the sacrifice.

Because Abraham was obedient, Sod stopped him from killing his son.

TRUE/FALSE TRUE/FALSE TRUE/FALSE TRUE/FALSE

"Obey My voice, and do according to all that I command you; so shall you be My people, and I will be your God." (Jeremiah 11:4).	]
"Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness." (Psalm 37:3).	



# An acceptable sacrifice

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 22:1-12. Why did God test Abraham by asking him to sacrifice Isaac?

### Tuesday

Exodus 12:21-28. Why did the children of Israel have to sacrifice the Passover lamb?

### Wednesday

Leviticus 4:27,31. Why did the people sacrifice animals when they had sinned?

### Thursday

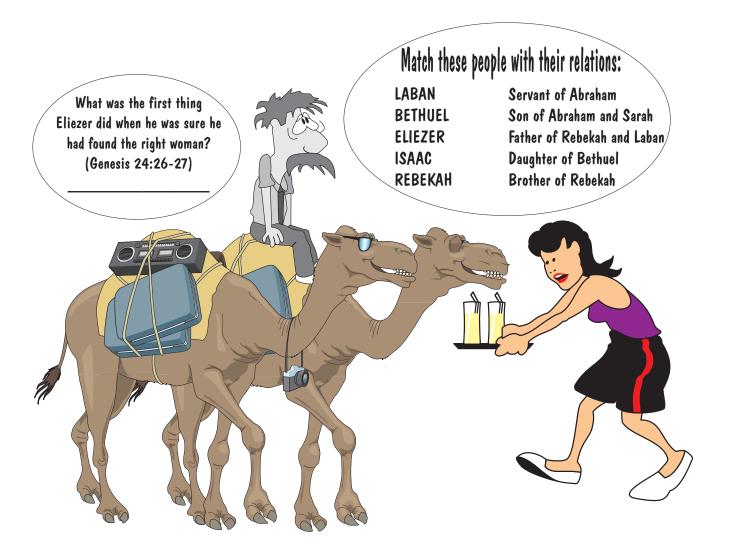
Hebrews 9:24-28. What did Christ achieve when He was sacrificed on the cross?

### Friday

Hebrews 13:12-16. How do we offer sacrifices which are pleasing to God?

# Rebekah, Isaac's bride

**Genesis 24** 



Eliezer prayed for wisdom to choose the right wife for Isaac. He set a plan before the Lord, so he would know which woman to choose. Put these steps in sequence by numbering them.

I will ask one to draw me some water to drink. She will offer to water my camels, also.

- Now I will know she is the bride for Isaac.
- I will stand by the well with the camels.
- Women will come down to the well for water.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God and it will be given to him." (James 1:5).
"Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share." (1 Timothy 6:18).



### God's guidance

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 24:1-8. Why was Abraham confident that his servant would find a wife for Isaac?

#### Tuesday

Matthew 15:10-20. Why did Jesus describe the Pharisees as blind guides?

### Wednesday

Acts 8:26-38. What happened to the eunuch when Philip guided him in the Scripture?

### Thursday

John 16:5-13. Why did Jesus say that it was to our advantage that He go away?

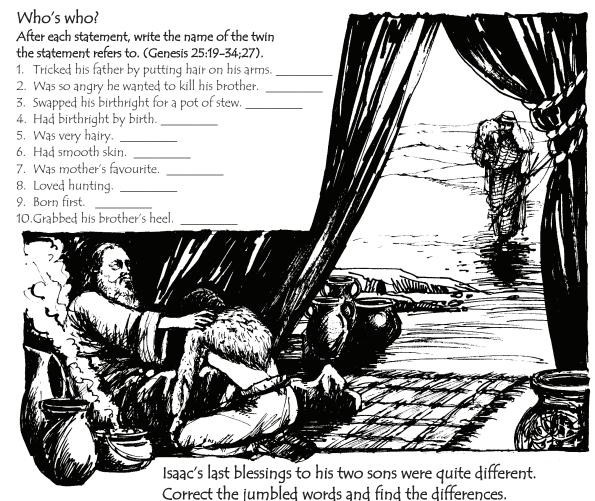
### Friday

Psalm 32:8-11. In this Psalm, the Lord promises to guide and teach us. Write down one or two things you want the Lord to guide you in.

## Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25:19-34; 27

# Colour this picture and complete the puzzles.



JACOB (Genesis 27:29)ELet (opepsle) serve you,EAnd (toinnas) bow down to you,ABe (rstame) over your brethren,AAnd let your mother's (snos) bow down toF

#### ESAU (Genesis 27:40)

By your (wdors) you shall live, And you shall serve your (rohbret); And it shall come to (asps), when you become restless,

"That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us." (2 Timothy 1:14).
"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35).



### God's blessing

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 27:5-20. Why did Jacob pretend to be Esau when he went to see his father, Isaac?

### Tuesday

Genesis 39:1-5. Why was the Lord's blessing upon the Egyptian, Potiphar's house?

### Wednesday

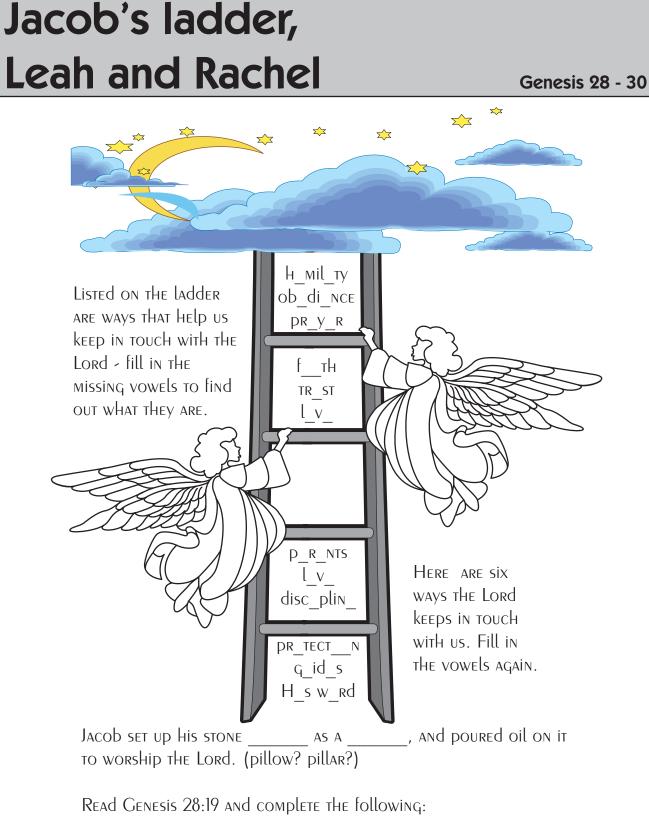
Deuteronomy 11:22-28. Name two ways in which the Lord said He would bless the children of Israel.

### Thursday

Romans 12:14-21. How can we bless those who persecute us?

### Friday

1 Peter 3:8-12. What kind of behaviour does the Lord require of us, in order that He may bless us?



He changed the name of the city from \_\_\_\_\_to \_\_

### **Memory Verse**

"For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise." (Hebrews 10:36).
"But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete." (James 1:4).



# God's faithfulness

### **Daily Devotions**

### Monday

Genesis 28:15-22. How did Jacob respond when the Lord declared His faithfulness to him?

### Tuesday

Deuteronomy 7:6-9. How do we know that the Lord is a faithful God?

### Wednesday

Matthew 24:45-47. How was the faithful slave rewarded by his master?

### Thursday

1 John 1:5-10. The Lord is faithful and just. What must we do in order to receive His forgiveness?

### Friday

James 1:2-7. What is the Lord's purpose when He tests our faith?

# **Sonseekers Curriculum**

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<ol> <li>Creation 1</li> <li>Creation 2</li> <li>Adam and Eve</li> <li>The fall</li> <li>Cain and Abel</li> <li>Noah builds an ark</li> <li>The flood, Noah and his sons</li> <li>The tower of Babel</li> <li>Abram called, Abram and Lot</li> <li>The covenant with Abraham</li> <li>Ishmael and Isaac</li> <li>Sodom and Gomorrah</li> <li>The sacrifice of Isaac</li> <li>Rebekah, Isaac's bride</li> <li>Jacob and Esau</li> <li>Jacob's ladder, Leah and Rachel</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Jacob becomes Israel</li> <li>Joseph, the favourite son</li> <li>Joseph goes to Egypt</li> <li>Joseph interprets the dreams</li> <li>Joseph's brothers</li> <li>Israel in Egypt</li> <li>Israelite slaves, Moses born</li> <li>Moses flees and returns to Egypt</li> <li>"Let My people go"</li> <li>The first passover, Israel delivered</li> <li>Crossing the Red Sea</li> <li>Manna, water from the rock</li> <li>Sinai and the ten commandments</li> <li>Moses and the tabernacle</li> <li>The golden calf</li> <li>Twelve spies, 40 years of wandering</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>33. Aaron's rod</li> <li>34. Moses hits the rock</li> <li>35. The bronze serpent</li> <li>36. Balaam and his donkey</li> <li>37. Joshua and Rahab</li> <li>38. Crossing the Jordan, Jericho</li> <li>39. The sin of Achan</li> <li>40. The sun stands still</li> <li>41. Gideon's fleece</li> <li>42. Gideon and his army</li> <li>43. Samson</li> <li>44. Samson and Delilah</li> <li>45. Ruth, Naomi and Boaz</li> <li>46. Hannah</li> <li>47. Samuel hears God speak</li> <li>48. Eli, Hophni and Phinehas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>49. Saul chosen</li> <li>50. Saul and the Amalekites</li> <li>51. David chosen</li> <li>52. David and Goliath</li> <li>53. David and Jonathan</li> <li>54. David and Saul</li> <li>55. David crowned</li> <li>56. David and the ark</li> <li>57. Absalom</li> <li>58. Solomon becomes king</li> <li>59. Solomon's temple</li> <li>60. Israel divided, Rehoboam and Jeroboam</li> <li>61. Elijah and the widow</li> <li>62. Elijah on Mount Carmel</li> <li>63. Good King Jehoshaphat</li> <li>64. Elisha and the double portion</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Unit Five</li> <li>5. The widow's oil, a boy raised</li> <li>66. Naaman</li> <li>67. Famine in Samaria</li> <li>68. Jonah</li> <li>69. The captivity of Israel (the northern kingdom)</li> <li>70. Hezekiah and Sennacherib</li> <li>71. Isaiah</li> <li>72. Josiah</li> <li>73. Jeremiah</li> <li>74. The captivity of Judah (the southern kingdom)</li> <li>75. Daniel interprets the king's dream</li> <li>76. The fiery furnace</li> <li>77. The writing on the wall</li> <li>78. Daniel in the lions' den</li> <li>79. Esther</li> <li>80. Restoration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Unit Six</li> <li>81. Zacharias, Elizabeth, Mary and John</li> <li>82. The birth of Jesus</li> <li>83. Jesus in the temple</li> <li>84. John the Baptist</li> <li>85. Jesus baptised and tempted</li> <li>86. The call of the disciples</li> <li>87. Water turned to wine</li> <li>88. The temple cleansed, Nicodemus</li> <li>89. The woman at the well</li> <li>90. Healing of the paralysed man</li> <li>91. The house built on the rock</li> <li>92. Jesus stills the storm</li> <li>93. The feeding of the 5000</li> <li>94. The centurion's servant</li> <li>95. Forgiveness in Simon's house</li> <li>96. The sower and the seed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><b>Unit Seven</b></li> <li>97. Jairus' daughter, a woman touches Jesus</li> <li>98. Jesus walks on the water</li> <li>99. Miracles of healing</li> <li>100. The transfiguration</li> <li>101. A boy is healed</li> <li>102. The unmerciful servant</li> <li>103. A man born blind</li> <li>104. The good Samaritan</li> <li>105. Prayer</li> <li>106. The raising of Lazarus</li> <li>107. The lost sheep, coin and son</li> <li>108. Attitudes of a servant</li> <li>109. The marriage of the king's son</li> <li>110. The ten lepers</li> <li>111. The ten virgins</li> <li>112. The talents</li> </ul>	Unit Eight 113. Palm Sunday 114. The last supper and Gethsemane 115. The crucifixion 116. The resurrection 117. Peter restored 118. The risen Christ and His ascension 119. The day of Pentecost 120. Peter and John 121. Peter and the Gentiles 122. Stephen 123. Philip 124. Paul's conversion 125. Paul's first missionary journey 126. Paul's second and third missionary journeys 127. Paul's capture and imprisonment 128. Paul's final journey

