

5th & 6th Grade Sunday Confirmation Class

Dear Parents:

Sunday Confirmation Class is once again underway and we have an exciting year planned for your child!!! The two year program that we have in place is designed to cover material your child would learn in a Lutheran confirmation class, so their **attendance is important**. This year we will be covering material that includes lessons on: **Prayer, The Sacraments – Baptism and Holy Communion, and The New Testament.**

Your child will have **Memory Verses** to memorize, occasional **Homework Assignments** to do, and **Four Tests** to prepare for throughout the year. They will have a **Folder Notebook** to keep their papers organized in and are required to **bring it with them each Sunday** for class. Your help and support in encouraging your child to follow through with these tasks will be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to spending the year with your child and know that God has wonderful things planned for this class! If you ever have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact either:

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or

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Our God is so good and His love is beyond measure. May God greatly bless you and your family as together we continue to grow in His grace.

Yours In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Brian D. Metke

(Your Child's First Assignment)

Have parent **read** this letter, **sign**, **date**, and **return** bottom portion to teacher next Sunday.

Parent Signature

Date

Confirmation Class – Year Two - 2020-2021

October – PRAYER – (The Lord’s Prayer) & (Class Prayer – Psalm 119:9-16)

11 – Opening Sunday - Intro Material - Holy Bible / Focus on Jesus Pages

18 – Why Pray? – Pages 11-17

25 – How to Pray – Pages 18-24

November – PRAYER / THE SACRAMENTS – (The Lord’s Prayer / Apostle’s Creed)

1 – God’s Answers to Prayer – Pages 25-32

8 – A Prayer Attitude – Pages 33-41

Baptism

15 – Called Into God’s Family – Pages 3-7

22 – Living Waters – Pages 8-13

29 – THANKSGIVING BREAK

December – THE SACRAMENTS (cont.) – (Apostle’s Creed)

Holy Communion

6 – A Special Meal – Pages 14-18

13 – Celebration – Pages 19-24

20 – CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

27 – CHRISTMAS BREAK

January – THE NEW TESTAMENT

3 – NEW YEARS BREAK

10 – **Review – Use Test For:** Bible Page, Prayer, Sacraments, Pertinent OT material, 400 years

17 – Pages 10 & 10a – NT The Gospels – **Assign. 10 – John 3:16**

24 – YOUTH QUAKE – Review and Games for those who don’t attend Quake

31 – SHARING of YOUTH QUAKE EXPERIENCES Questions, Review and Games

February – THE NEW TESTAMENT

7 – Pages 11 & 11a – NT Book of History – **Assign. 11 – Acts 4:12**

14 – Pages 12 & 12a – NT Epistles by Paul to Churches – **Assign. 12 – Romans 8:38-39**

21 – Pages 13 & 13a – NT Epistles by Paul to Churches cont. – **Assign. 13**

28 – Pages 14 & 14a – NT Epistles by Paul to Churches cont. – **Assign. 14**

March – THE NEW TESTAMENT

7 – **Review using Prayer and Sacrament Test and Quiz 1**

14 – Pages 15 & 15a – NT Epistles by Paul to Individuals – **Assign. 15**

21 – Catch-Up Day – Questions, Review and Games

28 – **PALM SUNDAY BREAK**

April – THE NEW TESTAMENT

4 – **EASTER BREAK**

11 – Pages 16 & 16a – NT General Epistles – **Assign. 16 – Hebrews 4:12**

18 – Pages 17 & 17a – NT General Epistles cont. – **Assign. 17**

25 – Pages 18 & 18a – NT Book of Prophecy – **Assign. 18 – Revelation 21:4**

May – MEMORY VERSES / REVIEW / GAMES / CRAFTS

2 – Pink Pages in back of books & Review – **Use Quiz 2 for Review**

9 – Mother's Day Crafts, Games, Etc.

16 – **Review** for Memory Verse Quiz (Games)

23 – **Memory Verse Quiz & Crafts / Games / Awards / Etc.**

When Studying the Bible, Always Look For:

PEOPLE

EVENTS

GREAT TRUTHS

HOLY BIBLE - FOCUS ON JESUS !!!

Names for the Bible

Holy Bible
Holy Scriptures
Word of God
Living Word
Good News
Good Book
Canon (measuring rod)

Bible Facts

- 1) Very Old – (1st book written 3,500 years ago)
- 2) Is the Inspired Word of God
- 3) A Book of Promise
OT – (Promise Savior Will Come)
NT – (Savior came – Promised Will Return)
- 4) Collection of 66 Books (a library)
- 5) Two (2) Main Parts – OT & NT

Old Testament – OT

Written in Hebrew
39 Books
32 Authors
Took over 1000 years to write
Focus on Israel (one nation)
Promises Savior Will Come
(Before Jesus is Born)

New Testament - NT

Written in Greek
27 Books
8 Authors
Took about 100 years to write
Focus on Ch(ur)ch (one body)
Savior Has Come & Will Return
(Jesus is Born & After)

Both OT & NT Show: God Loves Us!

God's Promise of Salvation From Sin

God Works in Our Lives

God Works in History & Today (He has a Plan)

We Must Obey God

We Must have Faith in God

We Must Focus on Jesus!

PSALM 119 : 9-16

9. How can a young person keep their way pure? By living according to Your word.
10. I seek You with all my heart; do not let me stray from Your commands.
11. I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.
12. Praise be to You, O Lord; teach me Your decrees.
13. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from Your mouth.
14. I rejoice in following Your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.
15. I meditate on Your precepts and consider Your ways.
16. I delight in Your decrees; I will not neglect Your word.

New Testament Memory Verses

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13. Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Gospels - John 3:16. For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Book of History - Acts 4:12. Salvation is found in no one else (but Jesus), for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Epistles by Paul - Romans 8:38-29. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is (ours) in Christ Jesus our Lord.

General Epistles - Hebrews 4:12. For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Book of Prophecy - Revelation 21:4. He (God) will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

PRAYER

PRAYER – Communicating with God. Prayer helps us develop a close relationship with God.

God gave us **2 ears** and **1 mouth** - This reminds us we should **listen twice as much as we talk!!!**

JESUS gave us the example of the **LORD'S PRAYER** and it shows us the 4 parts of prayer.

The 4 Parts of Prayer:

Praise/Thanks – Worshipping God – Tell God you love, respect, and appreciate Him and all He does.

Repent – Confess your sins and ask God's forgiveness and help to change your sinful ways.

Ask – Pray for your needs and the needs of others.

Yield – Trust God to guide you and answer your prayer in the way that is best (even if it's not what you want).

The 4 Answers to Prayer: (True prayer is **always** answered but not always as expected)

NO – Your prayer is not right – selfish, unforgiving, impatient, dishonest, lack of faith, uninformed, etc.

SLOW – The time is not right – God is still working on the situation/people involved.

GROW – You are not right – You need to grow and mature to be ready for the answer.

GO – Everything is right – God's perfect plan keeps moving forward.

The Details of Prayer:

WHO – God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) and people.

WHAT – The 4 parts of prayer (PRAY) and the 4 answers to prayer (No, Slow, Grow, Go).

WHEN – Anytime – When get up, go to bed, before meals, at school/work, special daily prayer time, etc.

WHERE – Anywhere – In private and in public.

WHY – Because God Loves Us and wants to hear from us
Because we need God and a close relationship with Him
To feel God's presence
To experience God's forgiveness
To glorify God
To fight temptation and evil
To grow spiritually
To build our faith
To be guided by God
To be comforted in times of need

HOW – Follow Jesus' example – The LORD'S PRAYER.

Pray **humbly** and **honestly** and put your **whole self** into it – body, mind, and spirit.

Kneel, bow your head, fold hands, raise hands, lay on floor, sit in chair, walk, etc.

Be **prepared**, **confident**, **unselfish**, **disciplined**, **open** and **surrendered** to God.

Be joyful always, **PRAY CONTINUALLY**, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament: An act commanded by Jesus that uses ordinary, earthly substances.

There are **2 sacraments** in the Lutheran church – **Holy Baptism** and **Holy Communion**.

HOLY BAPTISM: Commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28:19 – Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus tells us in John 3:5 – Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. (Water washes and purifies things and is necessary for life to exist).

In **BAPTISM**, the power of God's Word combined with water gives us new life in Jesus Christ. Our old, sinful self dies and we are washed clean and reborn as children of God. This new life includes:

Forgiveness of sins – Sin separates us from God – Jesus died for our sins so we could be reunited with God

Salvation – Is by God's Grace through Faith – it is God's gift to us, we can't earn it

Adoption into God's family – The Church

Victory over death – Jesus' victory over death becomes our victory over death

Eternal Life in God's Kingdom – Begins now and is empowered by God's love

The Holy Spirit – He comes to live in us and gives us power to live as Jesus' disciples

HOLY COMMUNION: Commanded by Jesus in Matthew 26:26-28 – While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then He took the cup (filled with wine), gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

(Bread and Wine nourish and strengthen our bodies and help to sustain life).

In **COMMUNION**, the power of God's Word combined with bread and wine works to sustain our life in Jesus Christ. Communion reminds us of Jesus' presence in our lives and our rescue from sin – we have joyful new life in Jesus. When we take communion we:

Follow Jesus' command – Matthew 26:26-28

Receive God's Gifts – Forgiveness of sins and eternal life in union with God and the Church

Celebrate our Joy – God's love and care for us every day

Strengthen our Fellowship – As the Family of God when we commune together

Offer Praise and Thanks to God – Praise and thank Him in word and song

Remain close to God – Baptism begins our life in Jesus and communion helps our relationship with God grow.

Holy Communion is also called: The Lord's Supper, Sacrament of the Altar, Eucharist – "Thanksgiving"

Jesus instituted Holy Communion during the Last Supper with His disciples as they celebrated Passover.

PASSOVER

Old Testament

Sacrifice Lamb & its Blood (Angel of Death)

Eat: Lamb, Bread, Wine, etc.

Escape: Slavery to Pharaoh in Egypt

LAST SUPPER / HOLY COMMUNION

New Testament

Sacrifice Jesus & His Blood (Victory over Death)

Eat: Bread & Wine

Escape: Slavery to Sin in our lives – Gives Eternal Life

Prepare for Communion with Prayer and Confession of Sins (Public / Private), and sometimes Fasting.

During Holy Communion THE LORD'S PRAYER and THE APOSTLE'S CREED are usually said.

CREED: A statement of faith or belief.

New Testament Books

The Gospels

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

Epistles by Paul (continued) (to Individuals)

1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon

Book of History

Acts

General Epistles

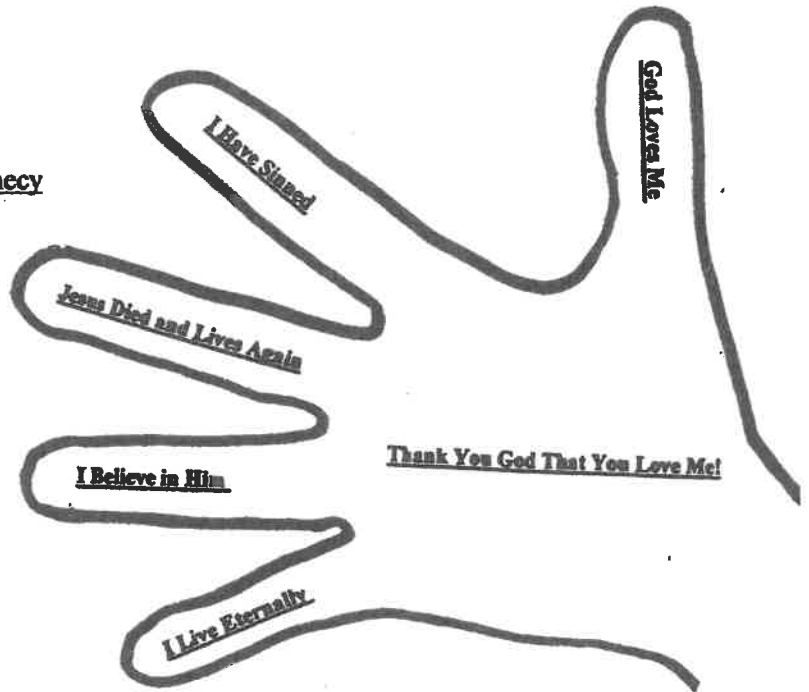
Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude

Epistles by Paul (to Churches)

Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians

Book of Prophecy

Revelation



5 – FINGER GOSPEL

Sing to: "This Old Man" or
"Barney Song"

- 1) **God Loves Me** : Romans 8:38-39 – For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is (ours) in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Psalm 139)
- 2) **I Have Sinned** : Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (1 John 1:8)
- 3) **Jesus Died and Lives Again** : Romans 14:9 – For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that He might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. (Matthew 28:5-7)
- 4) **I Believe in Him** : Romans 10:9 – That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (John 11:25-26)
- 5) **I Live Eternally** : Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (John 10:27-28)

Thank You God That You Love Me! John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Who is Jesus in the Bible?

Old Testament

Genesis-He is the Breath of Life
Exodus- He is the Passover Lamb
Leviticus-He is our High Priest & Perfect Sacrifice
Numbers-He is the Cloud by day & the Fire by night
Deuteronomy-He is Moses' Voice
Joshua-He is our Choice for Salvation
Judges-He is the Law Giver
Ruth-He is our Kinsman-Redeemer
1 & 2 Samuel-He is our Trusted Prophet, Priest & Judge
Kings & Chronicles-He is our True & Sovereign King
Ezra-He is the True & Faithful Scribe
Nehemiah-He is the Rebuilder of broken walls & lives
Esther-He is Courage
Job-He is the Timeless Redeemer
Psalms-He is our Eternal Song
Proverbs-He is Wisdom
Ecclesiastes-He is the Time & Season-
He gives meaning to life
Song of Solomon-He is the Eternal Lover of our Souls
Isaiah-He is the Prince of Peace & Coming Messiah
Jeremiah-He is the Weeping Prophet & Coming Messiah
Lamentations-He is the Cry for Israel & Our Only Hope
Ezekiel-He is the Shepard calling us away from Sin
Daniel-He is the Stranger in the Fire & Coming Messiah
Hosea-He is the Forever Faithful One
Joel-He is the Spirit's Power & Coming Messiah & Judge
Amos-He is the Arms that Carry & Restore us
Obadiah-He is the Lord Our Savior
Jonah-He is the Great Missionary
Micah-He is the Promise of Peace
Nahum-He is God's Justice, Love & Power- Our Strength
& Our Shield & Refuge
Habakkuk-He is the Perfect Plan
Zephaniah-He is Pleading for Revival before The Day
of the Lord
Haggai-He is the Restorer of a Lost Heritage
Zachariah-He is Our Fountain, Servant & Glorious King
Malachi-He is the Sun of Righteousness Risen with
Healing in His Wings

New Testament

Gospels-He is God, Man & Messiah
Matthew-He is the King of Jews
Mark-He is The Suffering Servant King
Luke-He is The Son of Man-The Perfect Man
John-He is The Son of God
Acts-He is Fire from heaven
Romans-He is the Grace of God
1 Corinthians-He is the Power of Love
2 Corinthians-He is our Comfort & Source
of Power-The One who calls us to Ministry
Galatians-He is our Freedom
Ephesians-He is our Glorious Treasure
Philippians-He is the Servant's Heart &
Source of our Joy
Colossians-He is the Head of the Church &
Lord of Creation
1 Thessalonians-He is our Living Hope
2 Thessalonians-He is the King returning
for His Bride.
1 Timothy-He is our Mediator (between God & Man)
2 Timothy-He is our Risen Lord & Savior-
The Source of Eternal Light
Titus-He is our Faithful Pastor
Philemon-He is Forgiveness
Hebrews-He is the Everlasting Covenant-
Our High Priest & Perfect Sacrifice
James-He is Healer of the Sick & The One
we Must Obey
1 Peter-He is Our Shepherd & Example
2 Peter-He is The Lord Returning in
Power & Glory
1 John-He is True God, True Man &
Eternal Life
2 John-He is The Truth worthy of our
love & obedience-The Lover coming
for His Bride (church)
3 John-He is the Son of God we Must Obey
Jude-He is the One Who Keeps Us &
Who Cares for us
Revelation-He is King of kings & Lord of Lords
The Alpha & The Omega
The First & The Last
The Lamb of God
The Great I AM
The Prince of Peace
The Living One
Our God & Our Savior

He Is Jesus Christ the Lord!

27 New Testament Books

The 4 Gospels

1. **Matthew:** Jesus Christ - King of Jews
2. **Mark:** Jesus Christ- The Servant King
3. **Luke:** Jesus Christ-The Perfect Man ("Son of man")
4. **John:** Jesus Christ-The "Son of God" John is the Gospel of Belief

*Matthew, Mark & Luke - The Synoptic Gospels

The Book of History

5. **Acts:** History of the Holy Spirit Working in the Church

9 Epistles by Paul (To Churches)

6. **Romans:** Paul explains "The Gospel of Jesus" - How to Love & Obey God
Doctrine of Faith Based on God's Grace
7. **1 Corinthians:** Errors in Behavior & Problems in the Church Addressed
8. **2 Corinthians:** Live According to "The True Gospel" (Paul Shared)
9. **Galatians:** The Law verses Liberty in Jesus - We're "Justified by Faith"
10. **Ephesians:** The Living Church of Jesus - A Chosen & Christ-Like People
Put on God's Spiritual Armor
11. **Philippians:** Joys in the Christian Life
12. **Colossians:** Hope & Fulfillment Found in Jesus & in Living for Him
13. **1 Thessalonians:** Live the Life of Faith with the Hope of Jesus' Return
14. **2 Thessalonians:** "The Day of the Lord"
Paul shares the True Facts of Jesus' 2nd Coming

27 New Testament Books (cont.)

4 Epistles by Paul (To Individuals)

15. **1 Timothy:** Advice to a Young Leader - Shaping the Local Church
16. **2 Timothy:** Hold on to True Faith - Obey & Preach God's Word
The Call to Commitment
17. **Titus:** Follow Sound Doctrine (Teachings) - Do Good Works for God
18. **Philemon:** Treat a Fellow Christian with Love

8 General Epistles

19. **Hebrews:** The New Priesthood of Jesus - He Fulfilled the Law of the O.T.
20. **James:** Good Works are Signs of Your faith in Jesus
Practical Advice on Living a Christian Life
21. **1 Peter:** How you Respond to Trials Proves Your Faith
Be Steadfast during Suffering
22. **2 Peter:** Add Righteousness of Your Faith - Beware of False Teachings
Persevere Before Jesus Returns
23. **1 John:** How to Live in the Light - Fellowship with God as His Children
24. **2 John:** The Lady is loved & Should Show Love to Others
25. **3 John:** Gaius, Continue to do God's Work
26. **Jude:** Jude Warns Against False Teachings
Encourages Believers to Stay Faithful

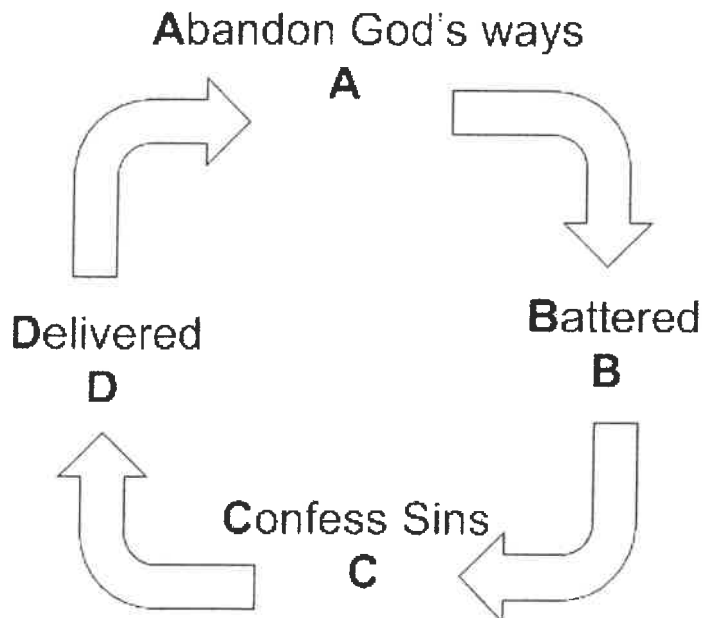
Book of Prophecy

27. **Revelation:** Prophecy About the Future - Jesus is Unveiled
God's Eternal Promises are Fulfilled

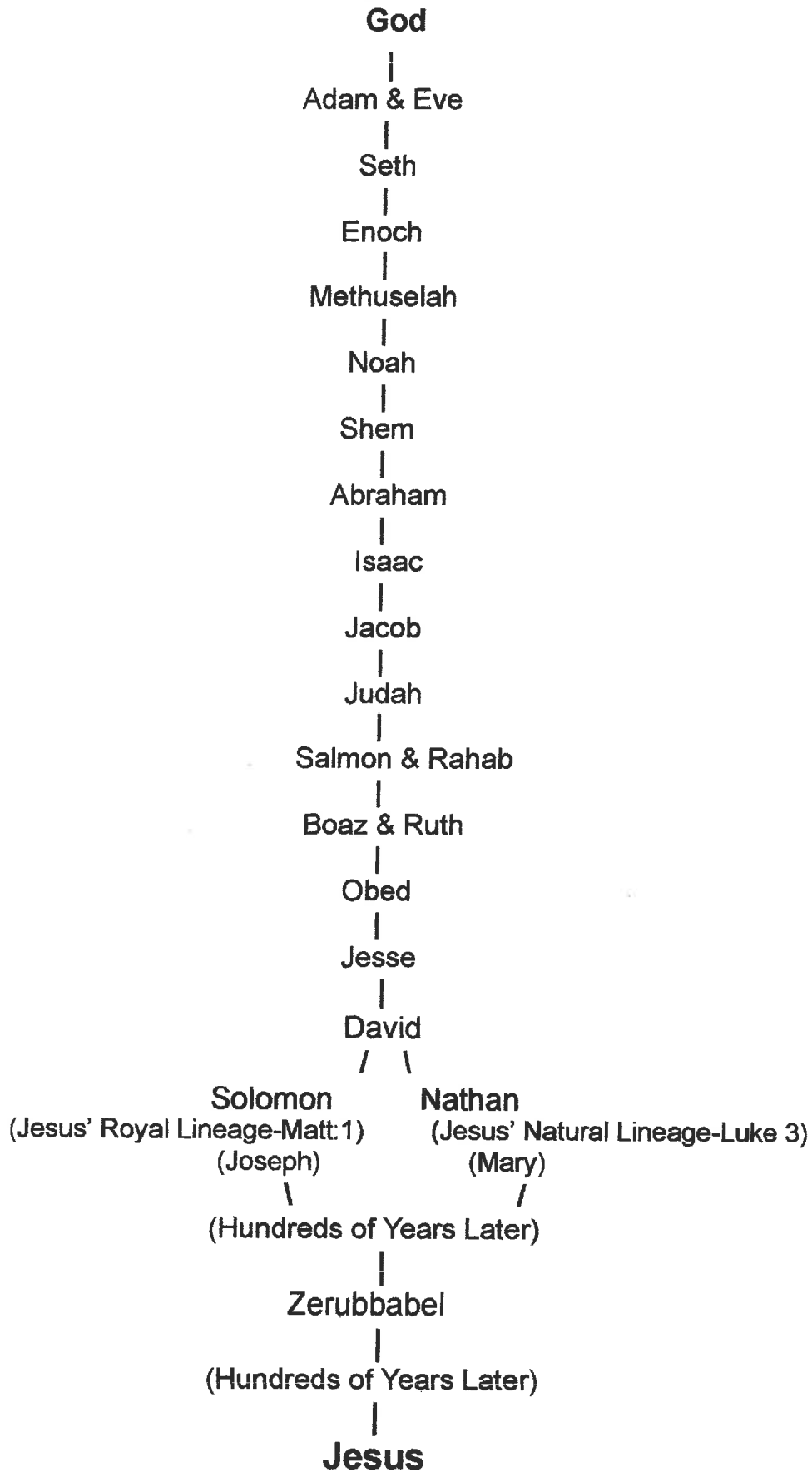
Beginnings and Firsts in Genesis

1. **World was created (Genesis 1 & 2)**
2. **People were Created (Genesis 1 & 2)**
3. **First Sin (Adam & Eve in Garden of Eden-Genesis 3)**
4. **First Promise of Savior (Genesis 3:15)**
5. **First Family (Genesis 4)**
6. **First Murder (Cain & Abel-Genesis 4)**
7. **Beginning of Civilizations (Genesis 4:16-9:29)**
8. **Civilizations Destroyed (Noah & the Flood-Genesis 6-9)**
9. **Nations & Languages (Tower of Babel- Genesis 10 & 11)**
10. **Nation of Israel Begins (Abraham & his Descendants- Isaac, Jacob, Joseph & Judah - Genesis 12-50)**

Judges - A, B, C, D Cycle



Jesus' Family Tree



The Narrow Road to Life

Sin

Adam & Eve
Seth
Enoch

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Destroyed the World

Noah
Shem
Terah

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Nation of Israel

Abraham - Blessed to be a Blessing

Isaac
Jacob

12 Sons - Become the 12 Tribes of Israel

Judah - The Tribe of Kings

Joseph

Moses

Joshua

16 Judges - A, B, C, D Cycle

Deborah

Gideon

Samson

Kings - Not always obedient to God- Needed Prophets to keep the focus on God

Saul

David

Solomon

Jehoshaphat

Jehu

Josiah

Prophets - Major & Minor -Samuel, Nathan, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Jonah, Micah,

Remnant - Return from Babylon to Jerusalem

Ezra

Nehemiah

Zerubbabel

400 Years of Silence -Lots going on in World History

Preparing for the Birth of Jesus

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Redemption

JESUS- Embodies the true Nation of Israel, he is our Greatest Blessing!

12 Disciples- Share the Gospel Message

Jerusalem- Jews

Judea & Samaria

Whole World - Gentiles

Paul

Barnabas

Silas

Timothy

Priscilla

The Church

God has a Plan for our Redemption.

All books of the Bible focus on **JESUS!**

He is the Redeemer, Messiah & Savior.

12 Sons of Jacob

Reuben

Simeon

Levi-Became Tribe of Priests

Judah-Became Tribe of Kings

Zebulun

Issachar

Dan

Gad

Asher

Naphtali

Joseph

Manasseh-2 sons of Joseph

Ephraim- given land in Canaan

Benjamin

12 Disciples

Peter

Andrew

James

John

Thomas

Matthew

Philip

Bartholomew

James

Thaddeus

Simon

Judas

(Matthias)

Through the Bible in 50 Words

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split
Jacob fooled
Joseph ruled
Bush talked
Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided
Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peeked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained