

Small Group Time

Interview your partner with the following questions:

When is your birthday?

Where were you born?

How many brothers and sisters do you have, and how old are they?

What city do you live in?

What school do you go to?

When you have time to yourself, what do you like to do?

After everyone has given a report—have a contest to see who knows the most about each member. Use the back of your lesson to write on.

Bible

Read and underline the following Bible verses. What do these verses say about faith?

Psalms 37:5

Rom. 10:17

Heb. 11:1

Psalms 31:14

What do you have faith and trust in?

In your small group,

review our expectations of:

Confidentiality

Preparedness—what we have to bring each week:

Attendance at church and confirmation

Homework, memory

Small group fellowship and service activities

Encouraging one another

Exchange names and prayer requests

Close in prayer for one another

Names and phone numbers of the people in my small group:

Homework/ Family Time

Memory: Books of the Old Testament: have them memorized by next lesson:

Catechism Questions:

What is meant by “I believe in God”? (87)

In what ways does the triune God make Himself known? (92)

A.

B.

C.

What are the attributes (things that describe) God? (93)

Daily Readings:

Day 1: The Gospel According to Matthew was written by Jesus’ disciple Matthew (also called Levi) who was a tax collector.

Read Matthew 1:1-17. Here Matthew shows us that Jesus is a son of David, and Abraham. Matthew is linking the story of Jesus with the history of the Israelites. He links Jesus back to Abraham. God gave Abraham a covenant (or promise) that the Messiah would come from his descendants. You are now reading the book of Matthew in the New Testament (or new covenant), where the Messiah has now come and we are promised life eternal through our faith in him. Can you find the 4 women that are in the geneology of Jesus? _____ (v. 3), _____(v.5), _____(v. 5) , _____(v. 6 also known as Bathsheba). The cool thing about these women, is that they are not the “famous

mothers” of the Israelites, but women on whom God had mercy and brought into His chosen family. What does this tell you about God’s mercy for you?

Day 2:

Read Matthew 1:18-21 Mary could have been stoned for committing adultery. Joseph knew he was not the father of the child Mary was carrying. What was his solution to the “problem” of her pregnancy?

Why did Joseph change his mind?

Jesus is the Greek name for the Hebrew name Joshua---which means “The Lord Saves” Why was that to be his name?

Matthew 1:22-23. Why did Jesus have to be born to a virgin?

Matthew 1:24-25. Some people believe that Mary always stayed a virgin, that she never had any other children....What word in verse 25 show that she was a virgin before Jesus was born, but not after?

Day 3:

Read Matthew 2:1 Were there 3 wise men that came to visit Jesus?

Matthew 2:2-4 What was Herod worried about?

Matthew 2:5-6 The Israelites knew where their Messiah would be born: In what city was it prophesied to happen?

In just these first 2 chapters, Jesus has fulfilled 2 prophecies already, just from being born---what were they?

Day 4:

Read Matthew 2:7-8. What was Herod really trying to get the wise men to do?

Matthew 2:9-11 The wise men did not worship Jesus in the stable (as popularly portrayed at Christmas)--where did they find him?

How old do you think Jesus was at the time?

Matthew 2:12. This is another instance of angel protection for Jesus. How was He protected from Herod?

Matthew 2:13-14. Angels warned Joseph to flee Bethlehem. Where did he take his family?

How did this fulfill another prophecy about the Messiah?

Day 5:

Read Matthew 2:16 What was Herod's solution to the problem of "Jesus"?

How was another prophecy fulfilled?

Read Matthew 2:17-19. An angel told them to return to Israel because Herod had died. However, Joseph was still afraid to go to Judea because Herod's son was now ruling Judea. Where did he end up moving his family?

In just these first 2 chapters, we can see that Jesus' birth and early life fulfilled 5 prophecies. Name them:

1:23

2:6

2:15

2:18

2:23

If you were a Jew at the time of Matthew, how would that make you feel about Jesus?

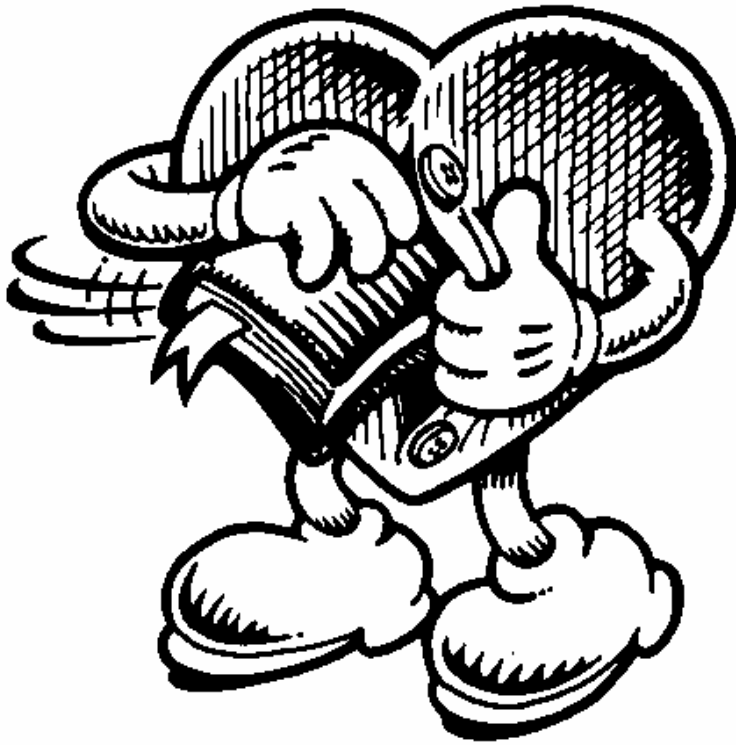
Family Covenant: We have checked in this week, read and highlighted verses, prayed for each other and blessed one another.

Signed: _____

Youth

Parent

Date



Your word I have
hidden in my heart,
that I might not
sin against you.

Psalm 119:11

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