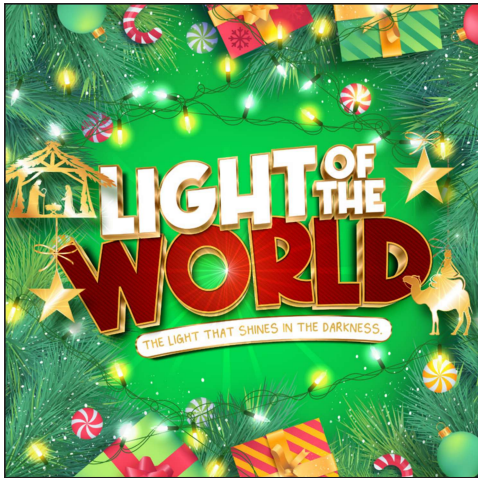




THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS

BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 1:1–17

FOCUS VERSES: Isaiah 7:14, Romans 3:23, Romans 8:28

Summary: Family histories were important in Bible times. The New Testament begins with the genealogy of Joseph's family. The listing shows that Jesus is a descendant of Abraham and David, just like God had promised. Jesus' family members were not perfect. They were human and had their challenges, just like our families. Jesus was the Son of God, born to a human family. He is fully man and fully God.



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

(LUKE 2:11)



Jesus brings hope.

We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:



DID GOD ALWAYS HAVE A PLAN TO RESCUE HIS PEOPLE?

God had a plan from the beginning to send Jesus through an earthly family to save people from sin.



WHY AREN'T FAMILIES PERFECT?

Every person in every family sins and needs a Savior. We can have hope because God uses imperfect families for His perfect plan.



HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?

Kids will reflect and respond to the truth they learned about God.

Leader TRAINING

LEADER TRAINING TOPIC: THE OVEREXTENDED FAMILY

Kids' schedules are as packed, if not more so, than the schedules of the adults caring for them, and some caregivers simply have more going on than they have time for each week. So instead of focusing on when they are absent, let's celebrate the wins when they make it to church.

- **Celebrate Church Attendance.** Instead of texting when their kid misses church, text this caregiver on a day their kid attends and share what a privilege it is to have their family with you. Choose to celebrate their presence.
- **Applaud the Progress.** Try to catch this caregiver at drop-off or pick-up and share with them ways you see God really working in their kid's life. Celebrate the important role their kid plays in your group, and what a joy it is to have them there.
- **Meet them Where They Are.** If you know this caregiver is at the ball field three nights a week, grab a coffee/snack and go there to cheer them on, and connect with them.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: FAMILY DRAMA

Surveys reveal that nearly 25 percent of Americans are estranged from family members.* These disconnects impact kids' relationships with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other extended family. It is likely that the kids in your group come from a wide range of family backgrounds. Remember that every family has dynamics that are unique and often unknown to others. As you discuss Jesus' family and background in today's lesson, be aware that some kids have positive impressions of extended family and some families may be drama-filled. Give kids a safe space to share about their families. Remember, if a kid shares something that raises concern of neglect or abuse, immediately follow your church's policy for reporting. Help kids discover that no family is perfect, including Jesus' earthly family. Families are made up of people who sin, and that is why we all needed Jesus to come.

*For more resources on this topic, check out:
britecurriculum.com/resources

ELEMENTARY GLOSSARY

Descendant: a person's children, children's children and everyone who comes after

Hypostatic Union: Jesus is both fully divine and fully human

Genealogy: a person's family line and history

Savior: the only One who can save us from our sins

Bible TEACHING

THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS MATTHEW 1:1-17



PRAY: God, You sent Jesus to Earth through a real family—a family full of not-so-perfect people. If You can use them, You can use us! Help us listen and hear Your truth today. Amen.

SUPPLIES:

Bible, teaching slides, printable pages, scissors, 1 roll of green crepe paper, ornament hooks (1 pack), hole punch, tape

PREP:

Print the printable pages and cut out. Punch holes in the top of each ornament and secure hooks to top of each one.

LEADER TIP:

When selecting volunteers to wrap the crepe paper, make sure everyone involved is the same gender.

Say: Today we are talking about Jesus' family tree! A family tree is a picture that represents all the members of a family across many generations. And since we are talking about Jesus' family tree, and it is December, I think we should make our own Christmas family tree! First, we need a volunteer who can stand as still as a tree.

Call an older kid to the front to be the "tree." Have them stand with their arms at their side as still as possible.

Say: Now we need two volunteers to turn our volunteer into a tree!

Select two volunteers to wrap the "tree" in green crepe paper from head to toe, making sure not to cover their mouth and nose. Use tape to secure the crepe paper. Your two new volunteers can sit down after wrapping.

Say: Finally, I need more volunteers to hang some special ornaments on our tree.

Select up to 11 volunteers to hang the "Jesus' Genealogy Ornaments" on the crepe paper.

Say: Family was extremely important to the Israelite people, and knowing their genealogy, or lists of family members, was important too. The second half of the Bible, the New Testament, begins this way:

Read Matthew 1:1 directly from the Bible: *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.*

Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

Say: This genealogy, or list of Jesus' family, shows God's faithfulness to keep the promises He gave in the Old Testament. He had promised that the Savior would come from the families of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah and David. God had a plan from the beginning to send Jesus through an earthly family to save people from sin.

As you mention Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Judah, remove each ornament and show it to the kids. Do not show David yet. Then hang the ornaments back on the crepe paper.

Say: Matthew lists all of these men in Jesus' family history. God showed that Jesus was the true Savior because He was their descendant, just like God had promised.

Say: Jesus' family also shows that God's plan couldn't be stopped by people's mistakes. Some of the people listed in the genealogy of Jesus' family had messed up in big ways. Some had lied. Several deceived others. King David even had a man killed so he could steal his wife and cover up his own sin.

Show teaching illustration: King David.

Take the David ornament off the tree and show the kids, then hang it back on the crepe paper.

Say: Jesus' earthly family was not filled with perfect people. They were humans, just like you and me, who sinned and needed a Savior.

Say: God reminds us through the record of Jesus' family that all people are important to Him and part of His plan. The list includes four women, and women were never included in ancient genealogies. Matthew included names like Tamar and Bathsheba.

As you mention Tamar and Bathsheba remove each ornament and show it to the kids. Then hang the ornaments back on the crepe paper.

Say: Jesus' family also included Ruth and Rahab who were not Israelites but were women whom God used in big ways and brought into His family.

As you mention Ruth and Rahab remove each ornament and show it to the kids. Then hang the ornaments back on the crepe paper.

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Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

Say: The list also includes people we don't know anything about, but they were a part of His perfect plan.

As you mention people we don't know about, remove the Azor and Achim ornaments and show them to the kids. Then hang the ornaments back on the crepe paper.

Say: Finally, Jesus' family history shows that He was real and He was human.

Show teaching illustration: Family Line.

Say: Jesus had a real family who really did live in history. There is a record of His human ancestors. He was a real person. He would be fully God, but He would also be fully human so that He could be the perfect sacrifice for our sin.

Take the Jesus ornament off the tree and show the kids. Continue holding during the Point to Jesus section.

Show teaching slide: Point to Jesus.



POINT TO JESUS

Say: Jesus came to Earth as a real person. He came as a baby and grew up just like everyone else. However, He is fully human and fully God. As a human He could take our place and take the punishment for our sin. But only God could have the power to defeat death and sin and make a way for us to live with Him forever. Jesus was fully human and fully God so that He could be the perfect sacrifice for our sin when He died on the cross.



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Small Group ROADMAP

1

BELONG (10 MINUTES)

Goal: For kids to experience God's love through a welcoming community

FAMILY BINGO

SUPPLIES: Printable pages, writing supplies

OR

PASS IT AROUND

SUPPLIES: None

2

BELIEVE (10 MINUTES)

Goal: For kids to discover who God is by engaging with the Bible

VERSE PATH

SUPPLIES: Bibles, teaching slide, printable pages

OR

THE FLOOR IS LAVA!

SUPPLIES: Bibles, printable pages

3



DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION (10 MINUTES)

Goal: To engage kids in faith conversations that help them navigate a broken world with biblical wisdom

4

BECOME (10 MINUTES)

Goal: For kids to learn to follow Jesus by applying faith to their lives

STAINED-GLASS FAMILIES

SUPPLIES: Bibles, Take-Home page, writing supplies, transparency film (1 sheet per kid), black permanent markers (1 per kid), variety of highlighters (several per kid)

OR

PRAYER WEB

SUPPLIES: Bibles, Take-Home page, writing supplies, painter's tape, yarn



FAMILY BINGO

SUPPLIES:

Printable pages, writing supplies

PREP:

Print the printable pages (1 bingo card per kid).

LEADER TIP: If time allows, print multiple bingo cards per kid and play multiple versions of the game (blackout, four corners or X).

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: Pair kids who may struggle with this activity with a friend who can help.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*
2. **Discuss:** What was the best and worst part of your week?
3. **Discuss:** This month we are learning that Jesus is our Savior! How have you seen this week that Jesus is the Savior?
4. **Discuss:** What is your favorite thing about your family?
5. **Say:** Let's learn more about each other's families!
6. *Pass out a bingo card and writing supply to everyone.*
7. *Explain that kids will walk around and find someone whose family matches the description in the Bingo squares. When they find a match, that friend signs the square. If your group is large enough, each friend may only sign the card one time as kids try to be the first to get five squares signed in a row.*
8. **Discuss:** What is something new you learned about someone in our group?
9. **Discuss:** How many Bingo squares do you think Jesus could have signed?

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

It was fun learning about everyone's families! Today we are learning about how Jesus had an earthly family and also was the Son of God.



PASS IT AROUND

SUPPLIES:

None

PREP:

None

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: Kids with sensory needs may not want to be touched or may struggle with this interaction. Allow for a modified clap to themselves when their turn comes.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*
2. **Discuss:** What was the best and worst part of your week?
3. **Discuss:** This month we are learning that Jesus is our Savior! How have you seen this week that Jesus is the Savior?
4. *Gather kids in a seated circle. Have kids put their hands palm face down on the ground in front of them.*
5. **Say:** Let's see how quickly we can pass a clap around our circle!
6. *Clap your left hand on the ground and then your right hand. The kid to your right will then follow suit and clap their left hand then their right hand on the ground. Have everyone pass the clap all the way around the circle. Once everyone has the hang of it, see how fast the clap can be passed.*
7. *Add additional rules for challenge rounds:*
 - *Change which direction the clap is being passed by double clapping one hand.*
 - *Have kids cross hands with each other so it is more challenging to know when it is your turn to clap.*
8. *Play as long as time allows.*



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

We passed a clap around but were all connected in our circle. This reminds me of how families are connected. Our family histories pass things down to us. Today we are learning about Jesus' family history and how God worked through them!



VERSE PATH

SUPPLIES:

Bibles, teaching slide, printable pages

PREP:

Print or show the Memory Verse teaching slide. Print the printable pages.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Lead kids to find Luke 2:11 in their Bibles. Read it aloud together.*
2. **Discuss:** What city is in our memory verse?
3. **Discuss:** In our Bible story, who did we learn was in Jesus' family history?
4. **Discuss:** Did God always have a plan to rescue His people?
5. **Say:** God had a plan from the beginning to send Jesus through an earthly family to save people from sin.
6. **Say:** We can have hope because our Savior was born in the city of David! God knew right from the beginning what He was going to do to save us.
7. *Practice the verse together as a group several times.*
8. *Lay the verse pages in order on the floor in a line.*
9. *Divide kids into pairs.*
10. *Have each pair start at the beginning of the verse path and say the verse together while they walk down it.*
11. *Once everyone has walked the path, have pairs repeat the path as long as time allows.*



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

You walked down a path I made for you that ended with Christ the Lord. God has a plan for each of you that ends with Jesus.



THE FLOOR IS LAVA!

SUPPLIES:

Bibles, printable pages

PREP:

Print the printable pages.

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: For kids with mobility needs, allow extra space and time for specialized equipment or buddy them up with a familiar friend to assist.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Discuss:** Who were some of the people in Jesus' genealogy?
2. **Discuss:** Did God always have a plan to rescue His people?
3. **Say:** God had a plan from the beginning to send Jesus through an earthly family to save people from sin.
4. *Gather kids on one side of your space.*
5. *Lay the printable pages on the floor of your space, stretching across it so kids are able to jump from paper to paper to get to the other side. Add additional blank pages as needed. Adjust how challenging or easy you make it for your group.*
6. **Say:** Imagine our floor is lava! The only way to get safely to the other side is by jumping from paper to paper. Let's see how well you can get across!
7. *Once everyone has crossed on the paper path, invite kids to put the printable pages in order from 1 to 10. Review each page together.*
8. **Say:** You made it safely across the "lava" by following the path I laid down for you. God has always had a plan to rescue His people. The genealogy of Jesus shows us how that plan started at the very beginning. Sending Jesus as a baby at Christmas was not a surprise to God.
9. *Lead kids to find Philippians 2:6-8 in their Bibles. Read it aloud together.*
10. **Discuss:** What did Jesus do for us?
11. **Say:** God's plan right from the beginning was to send Jesus to die on the cross to save us from sin.

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

This Christmas season we can celebrate with great joy and hope that God has always had a plan to restore our relationship with Him!



Discipleship DISCUSSION

HOW CAN I KNOW THIS IS TRUE?

Discuss: Was Jesus a real person or just another made up fun Christmas story? How can we know?

Say: Virtually nobody denies that Jesus was born. Sometimes people who don't believe in God want to say that we can't trust what is in the Bible is true. However, much of what is in the Bible is confirmed by things outside of the Bible. That is true for the existence of Jesus. There are many early writings that mention Jesus and His followers, like Josephus (who was an early Jewish historian), or Tacitus (an early Roman historian who was even anti-Christian). There is more evidence, outside of the Bible, for the existence of Jesus than there is for the existence of the Roman emperor (Tiberius Caesar) at the time of Jesus!

Read John 1:14 directly from the Bible: *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

BUT WHAT ABOUT ... FAMILY DRAMA?

Discuss: Is there such a thing as a perfect family? Why or why not?

Discuss: Have you ever known family members who didn't get along?

Discuss: What does God have to say about that?

Say: You may have family members who don't get along. You might even struggle to get along with some of your relatives yourself. It is normal for families to have challenges. Families are made up of people. All people sin and mess up. People tend to hurt each other, especially people who are close to them. So what do we do? Romans 12:18 says: *If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.* In other words, do all that you can to keep the peace. Sometimes, though, the situation is out of your control. You can also pray for your family members and ask God to work in everyone's heart. Most of all, you can trust that God knows and loves your family. He has a great plan, even when there is drama.



STAINED-GLASS FAMILIES

SUPPLIES:

Bibles, Take-Home page, writing supplies, transparency film (1 sheet per kid), black permanent markers (1 per kid), variety of highlighters (several per kid)

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid).

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: Strategically place struggling students with a positive model on either side of them.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Discuss:** Did Jesus come from a perfect family?
2. **Discuss:** Are the people in our families perfect?
3. **Discuss:** How did people in Jesus' family mess up?
4. **Discuss:** Why aren't families perfect?
5. **Say:** Every person in every family sins and needs a Savior. We can have hope because God uses imperfect families for His perfect plan.
6. *Lead kids to find Romans 8:28 in their Bibles. Read it aloud together.*
7. *Pass out transparency sheets, permanent markers and highlighters.*
8. *Invite kids to draw thick, straight black lines on the smooth side of their sheet.*
9. **Say:** These dark lines remind me that we all sin and need a Savior.
10. *Have kids flip the transparency over with the rough side up. Invite kids to color in their shapes with the highlighters to look like stained glass.*
11. *As kids are coloring, discuss how God can use their families to share His love and hope this Christmas season.*
12. *Gather kids in a seated circle. Invite them to put their stained glass in the middle.*
13. **Discuss:** How were the imperfect people in our Bible story part of God's plan?
14. **Say:** Stained glass is made from broken pieces of glass. All families are like broken pieces, but God can use every family to make a beautiful picture. The Bible promises us that all things, even our families, will work together for His good and perfect plan. Our stained glass reminds us that Jesus brings hope.
15. **Pray:** Dear God, thank You for Your perfect plan to rescue us from sin. Thank You for using imperfect people for Your perfect plan. Amen.
16. **Say:** Jesus brings hope. Let's take time to respond to Him.



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Lead kids to use the "Me Question" box on their Take-Home pages. Ask fun, relationship-building questions while kids wait to be picked up. As parents arrive, connect with them and point out the Take-Home page.



PRAYER WEB

SUPPLIES:

Bibles, Take-Home page, writing supplies, painter's tape, yarn

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid). Create a large heart on the ground with painter's tape, large enough for everyone to stand on.

LEADER TIP: For large groups, divide kids into smaller groups and create multiple hearts.

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: For struggling kids, allow for a "phone a friend" option. Allowing them to try on their own, but if overwhelmed ask a friend to help.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Discuss:** Was anybody in Jesus' genealogy sinless and perfect?
2. **Discuss:** Why aren't families perfect?
3. **Say:** Every person in every family sins and needs a Savior. We can have hope because God uses imperfect families for His perfect plan.
4. *Lead kids to find Romans 3:23 in their Bibles. Read it aloud together.*
5. **Say:** No one is perfect. We all need a Savior.
6. *Have kids stand on the painter's tape heart. Together, they should form the outline of the heart.*
7. *Hold the yarn and give an example of how families make mistakes. Invite someone to give another example and pass the yarn to them. Invite kids to continue sharing examples and passing the yarn around. Attempt to have the yarn criss-cross across the heart as much as possible.*
8. **Say:** Our families are not perfect, and sometimes life can feel like a messy web. Thank the Lord that is not the end of the story! We are always loved by Him.
9. **Read:** Romans 8:28.
10. **Say:** The Bible promises us that all things, even our families, will work together for His good and perfect plan. God loves your family very much. Even when our families aren't perfect, God is always working.
11. **Pray:** Lord, thank You for Your perfect plan to rescue us from sin. Thank You for using imperfect people for Your perfect plan. Give kids a moment to pray. Amen.
12. **Say:** Jesus brings hope. Let's take time to respond to Him.



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Lead kids to use the "Me Question" box on their Take-Home pages. Ask fun, relationship-building questions while kids wait to be picked up. As parents arrive, connect with them and point out the Take-Home page.



FAMILY BINGO

OLDER ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP
THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS

PAGE 1 OF 5

PREP: Print the printable pages (1 bingo card per kid).

Has a pet fish	Family moved within the last year	Has been on an airplane	Family has movie nights	Cooks meals together
Has no pets	Birthday in the summer	Has visited another state	Family likes music	Family members wear glasses
Family all has the same hair color	One kid family		Family all has different eye color	Family has gone camping
More than four kids	Has more than two pets	Has one pet	Birthday in the winter	Lived in the same home three years
Family enjoys board games	Family plays sports together	Family enjoys outdoor activities	No one wears glasses	Family has never moved



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PREP: Print the printable pages (1 bingo card per kid).

Has no pets	Birtherdays in the summer	Has visited another state	Family likes music	Family members wear glasses
Family all has the same hair color	One kid family	Has one pet	Family all has different eye color	Family has gone camping
More than four kids	Has more than two pets		Birthday in the winter	Lived in same home three years
Family enjoys board games	Family plays sports together	Family enjoys outdoor activities	No one wears glasses	Family has never moved
Has a pet fish	Family moved within the last year	Has been on an airplane	Family has movie nights	Cooks meals together



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PREP: Print the printable pages (1 bingo card per kid).

Family members wear glasses	Has no pets	Birthday in the summer	Has visited another state	Family likes music
Family has gone camping	Family all has same hair color	One kid family	Has one pet	Family all has different eye color
Lived in same home three years	More than four kids		Has more than two pets	Birthday in the winter
Family has never moved	Family enjoys board games	Family plays sports together	Family enjoys outdoor activities	No one wears glasses
Cooks meals together	Has a pet fish	Family moved within the last year	Has been on an airplane	Family has movie nights



FAMILY BINGO

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Cooks meals together	Has a pet fish	Family moved within the last year	Has been on an airplane	Family has movie nights
Family members wear glasses	Has no pets	Birthday in the summer	Has visited another state	Family likes music
Family has gone camping	Family all has same hair color		Has one pet	Family all has different eye color
Lived in same home three years	More than four kids	One kid family	Has more than two pets	Birthday in the winter
Family has never moved	Family enjoys board games	Family plays sports together	Family enjoys outdoor activities	No one wears glasses



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Has been on an airplane	Has visited another state	Has one pet	Has more than two pets	Family enjoys outdoor activities
No one wears glasses	Birthday in the winter	Family all has different eye color	Family likes music	Family has movie nights
Cooks meals together	Family members wear glasses		Lived in same home three years	Family has never moved
Family plays sports together	One kid family	Family has gone camping	Birthday in the summer	Family moved within the last year
Has a pet fish	Has no pets	Family all has same hair color	More than four kids	Family enjoys board games



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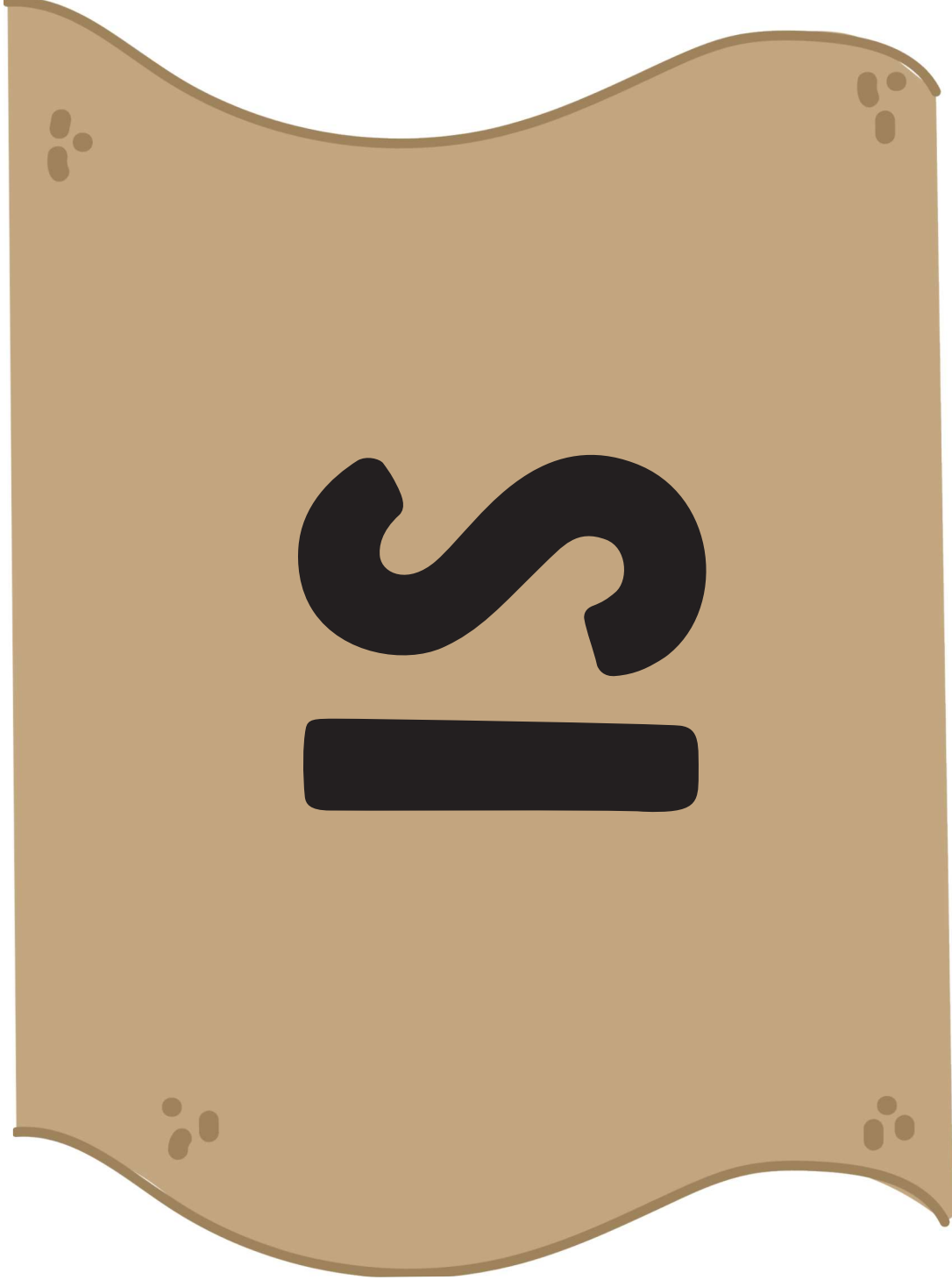


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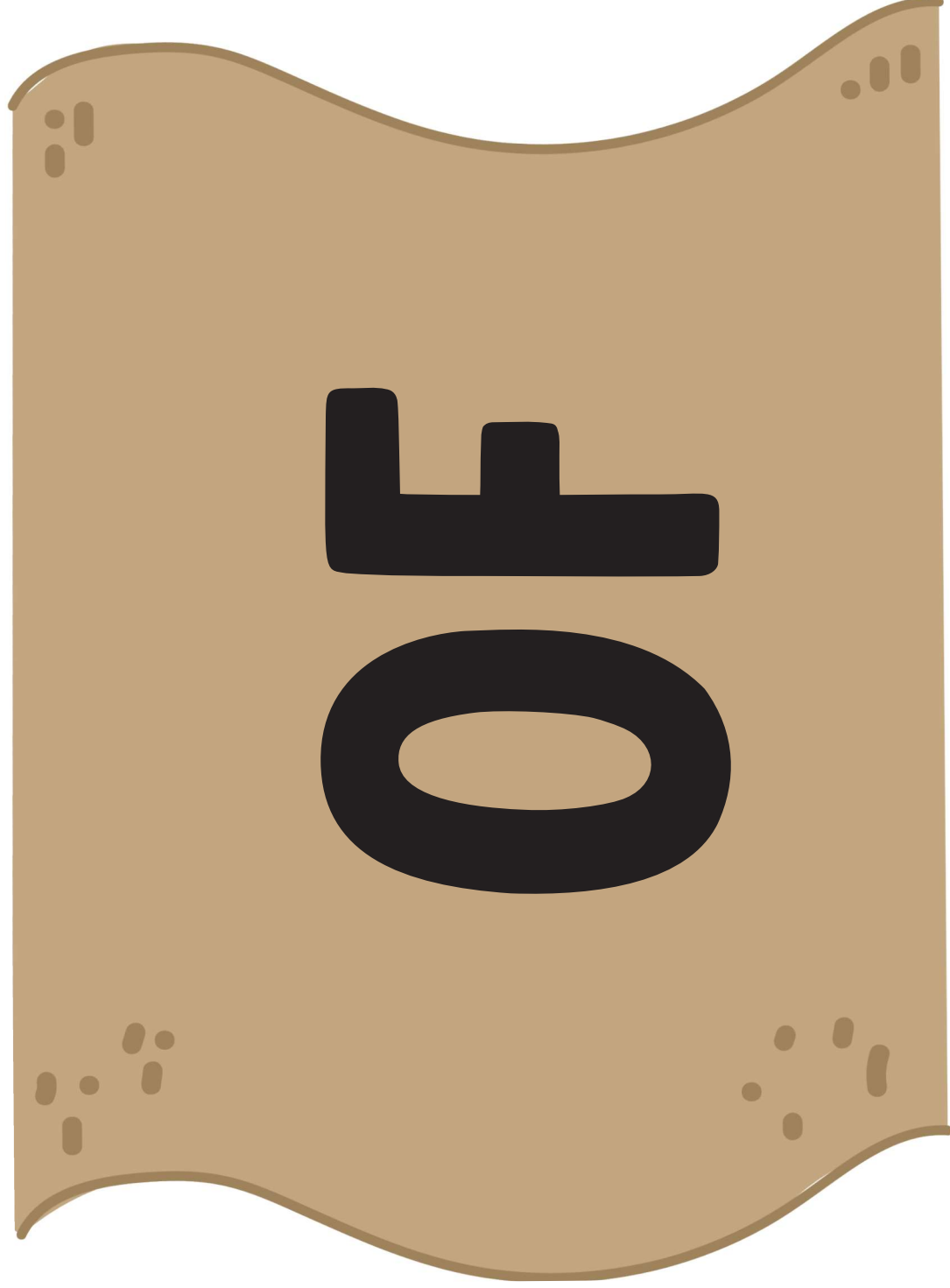


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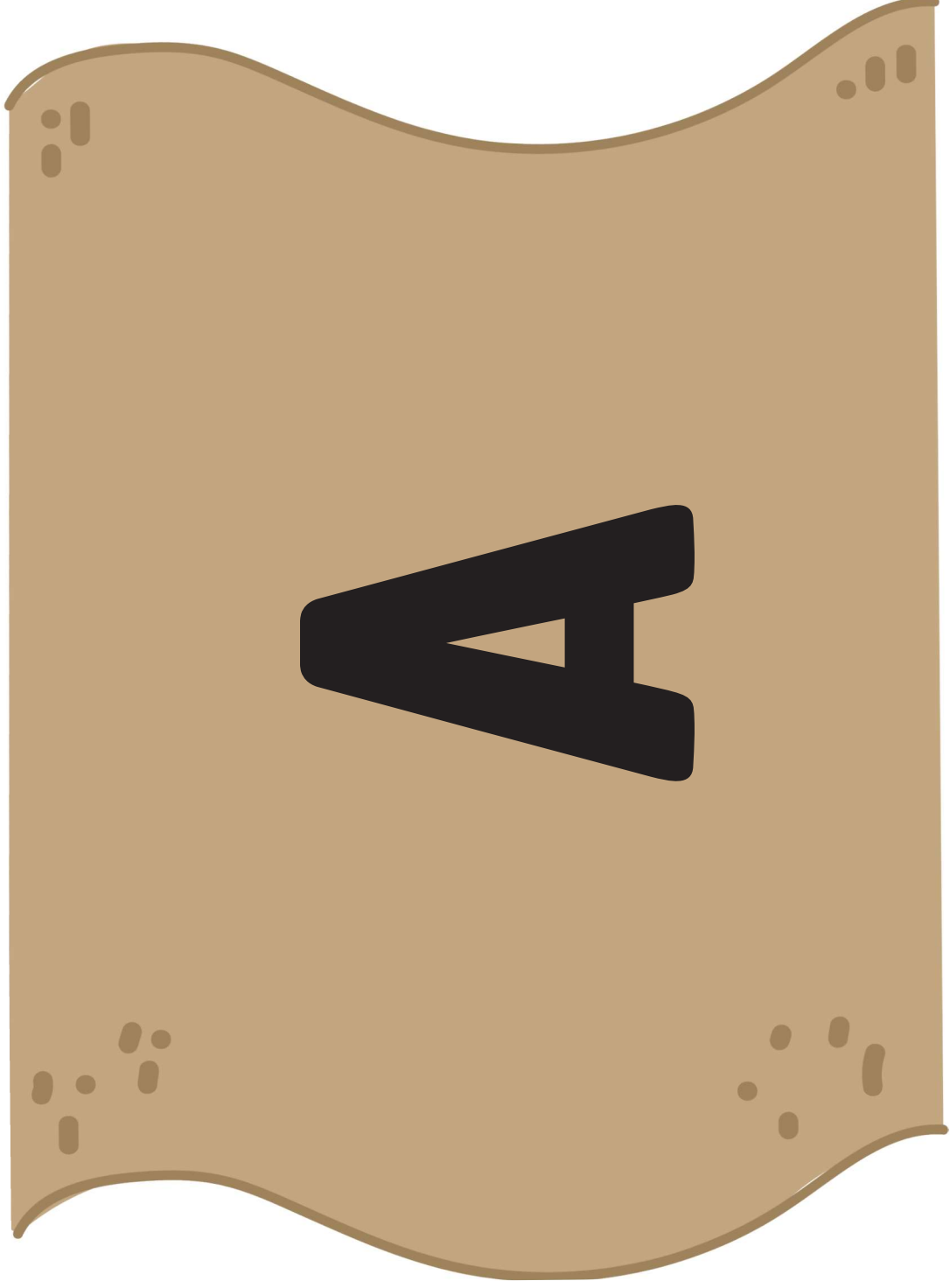


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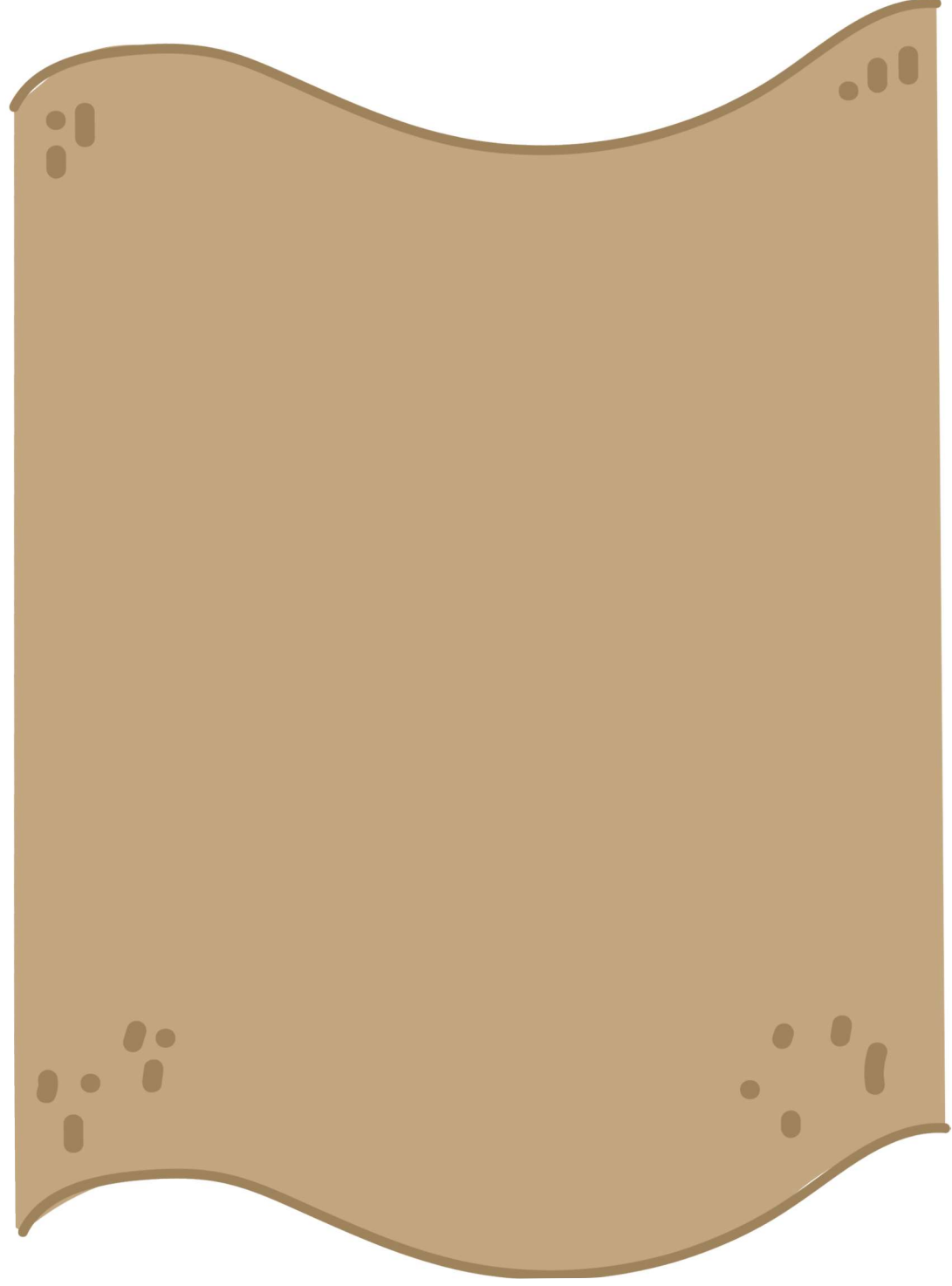


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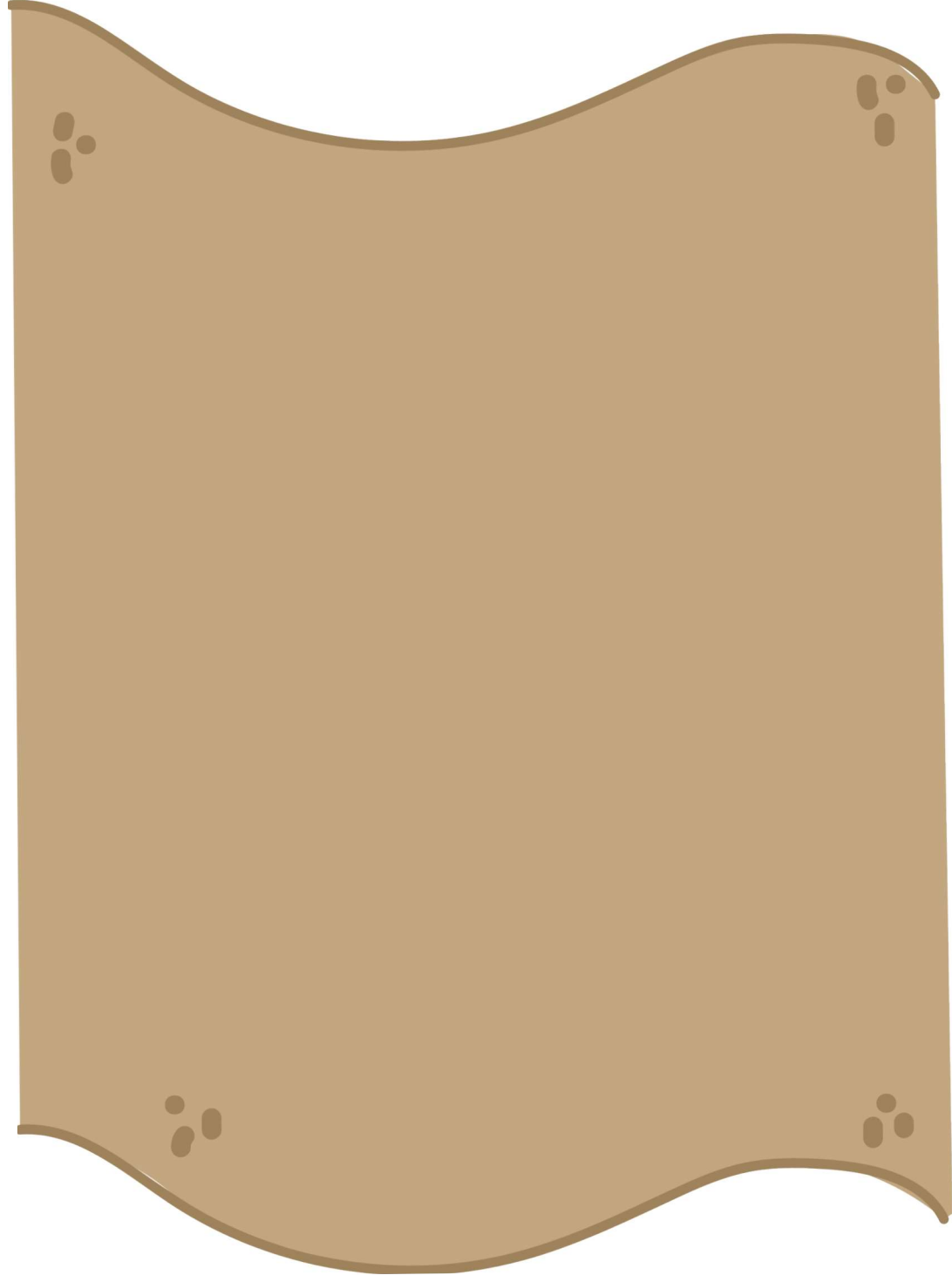


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1. ABRAHAM

God made a promise.

Say: God promised Abraham
that through his family, all
people would be blessed.



2. ISAAC

**God kept His
promise going.**

*I will multiply your offspring as the stars of
heaven and will give to your offspring all these
lands. And in your offspring all the nations of
the earth shall be blessed. (Genesis 26:4)*

Say: God continued His
promise through Abraham's son.



3. JACOB

God works through imperfect people.

Say: Jacob made mistakes,
but God still used him to
move His plan forward.



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4. JUDAH

God's rescue plan moved forward.

Say: God promised that
a Ruler and Savior would
come from Judah's family.



5. RAHAB

God welcomes outsiders.

Say: Rahab trusted God,
and He brought her into
Jesus' family line.



6. RUTH

God brings hope through faith.

But Ruth said, 'Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.' (Ruth 1:16)

Say: Ruth trusted God, and He used her as part of His rescue plan.



7. BOAZ

God shows kindness and redemption.

Say: Boaz showed
kindness and became
a redeemer, pointing
to the Savior to come.



8. DAVID

**God promised a
Forever King.**

*And your house and your kingdom shall be
made sure forever before Me. Your throne
shall be established forever. (2 Samuel 7:16)*

Say: God promised that the Savior
would come from David's family.



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10. JESUS

**God's rescue
plan is Jesus.**

*For unto you is born this day in
the city of David a Savior, who
is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)*

Say: Jesus is the Savior God
promised from the very beginning.



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TAKE-HOME

THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS

THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS (MATTHEW 1:1-17) Family histories were important in Bible times. The New Testament begins with the genealogy of Joseph, showing that Jesus is a descendant of Abraham and David, just as God promised. His family wasn't perfect, but Jesus, born into a human family, is fully man and fully God.

POINT TO JESUS: Jesus came to Earth as a real person, fully human and fully God. As a human, He took our punishment for sin; as God, He defeated sin and death, becoming our perfect sacrifice when He died on the cross.



MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

*For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

(LUKE 2:11)

FAMILIES, ASK THESE THREE QUESTIONS!



**WHAT DID YOU HEAR TODAY THAT MADE
YOU CURIOUS TO FIND OUT MORE?**



**DID GOD ALWAYS HAVE A PLAN TO
RESCUE HIS PEOPLE?**

God had a plan from the beginning
to send Jesus through an earthly
family to save people from sin.



WHY AREN'T FAMILIES PERFECT?

Every person in every family sins
and needs a Savior. We can have
hope because God uses imperfect
families for His plans.

HOW IS GOD INVITING



TO RESPOND?

CHOOSE ONE:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ I can talk to God about ... | ☐ I wonder ... |
| ☐ I can remember ... | ☐ I can ... |



DRAW OR WRITE YOUR RESPONSE

YOUR FAMILY'S WIN THIS WEEK ...

Create a family tree going back as many generations as possible. Parents, use it to tell your family's story.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD

Family drama can be a tough topic for kids. We can help kids view this topic through the lens of Scripture. Learn more about this and how to have a conversation at home here. britecurriculum.com/tough-topics

**WANT MORE
AT-HOME
DISCIPLESHIP
DISCUSSION?
SCAN ME!**



GOING DEEPER

Read God's Word this week! Read each passage and answer the three questions.



DAY 1

Read: Matthew 1:1-2, 17

HE: What do these verses tell us about God?

WE: What do these verses tell us about people?

ME: How is God inviting me to respond?

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DAY 2

Read: 1 Peter 1:3-6

HE: What do these verses tell us about God?

WE: What do these verses tell us about people?

ME: How is God inviting me to respond?

?



DAY 3

Read: Romans 15:13

HE: What do these verses tell us about God?

WE: What do these verses tell us about people?

ME: How is God inviting me to respond?

?



DAY 4

Read: Hebrews 10:23

HE: What do these verses tell us about God?

WE: What do these verses tell us about people?

ME: How is God inviting me to respond?

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TAKE-HOME ACTIVITIES

CREATION



FINISH THE ILLUSTRATION

TIC-TAC-TOE

SOLVE THE MAZE

