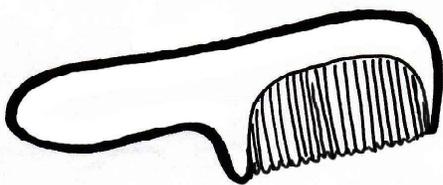
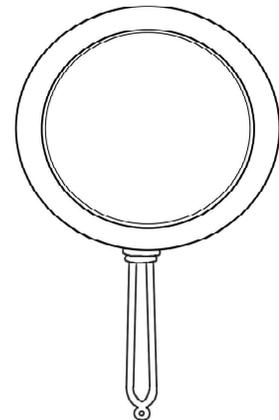
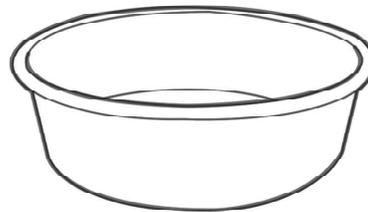
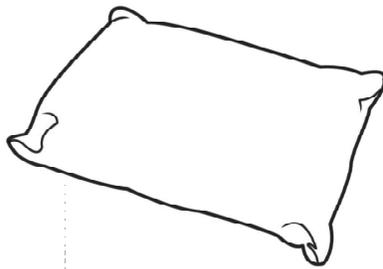


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Nursery/Kindergarten/Younger Elementary Levels

Match the objects used by babies by drawing lines.



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When Jesus Was a Baby

One early morning, baby Jesus wakes up. He starts to cry loudly. Mary puts the bottle of warm milk on the table for a while. She checks on his diaper.

"Oh, it's wet!" she said. She changes his cloth diapers immediately.



Then, she carries him in her arms. She takes him near the window. Baby Jesus squints as he catches the morning sunshine on his face. The sweet scent of the field calms Jesus.

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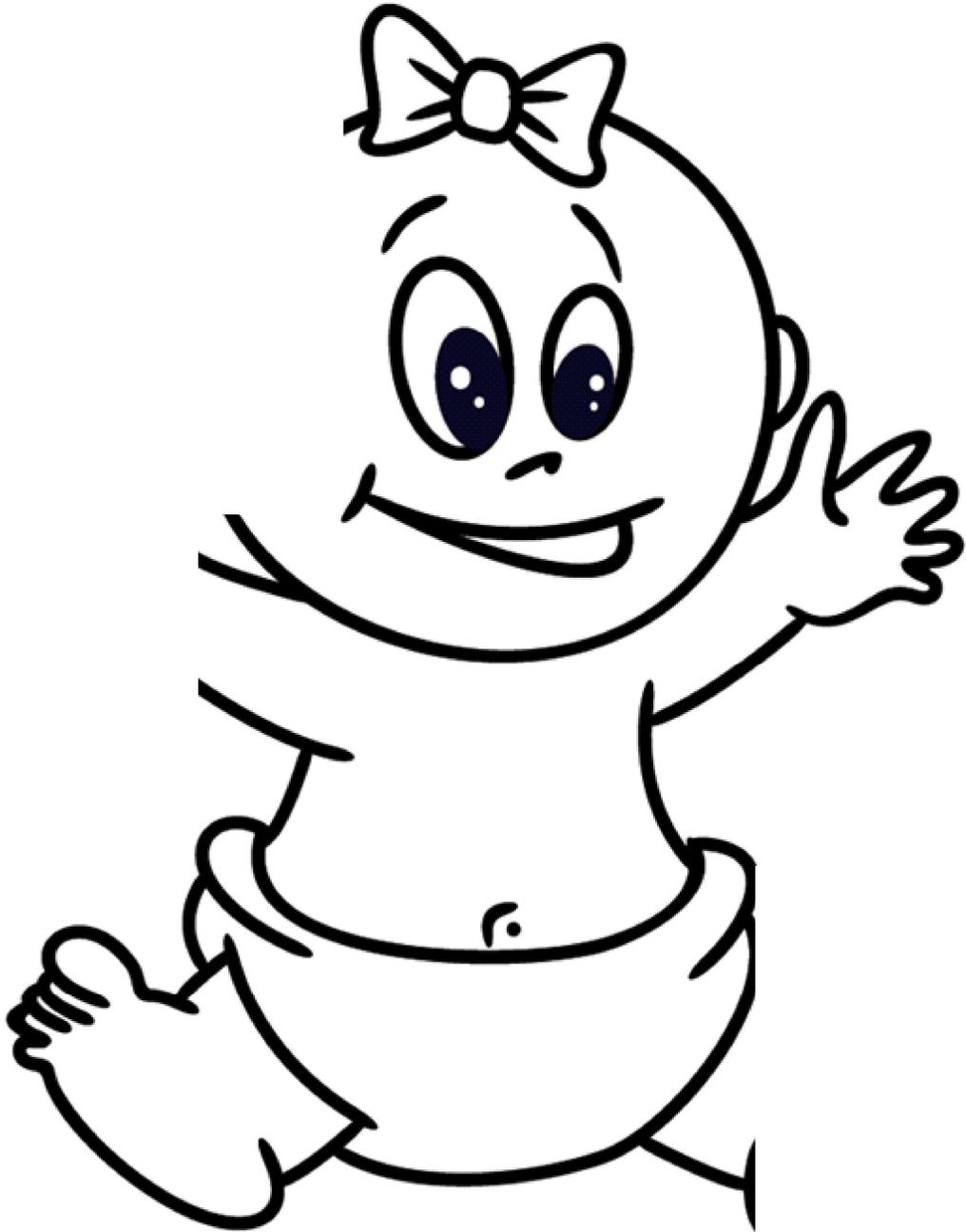
Joseph prepares a basin of warm water near the sink. Jesus takes a bath! Mary and Joseph take turns holding Jesus. They enjoy watching him bathe. They dress him in his tiny clothes. Mary combs his delicate hair until he falls asleep.

Suddenly, Joseph remembers how his forefathers, Abraham and David, took care of their family. Joseph promises God that he will continue caring for his family.

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Complete this baby picture. Then color it.



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Middle Elementary/Older Elementary Levels

At Family's Dinner

It was dinnertime. All of Jesus' family was seated on the table. As they started eating, Jesus became curious about Abraham and David.

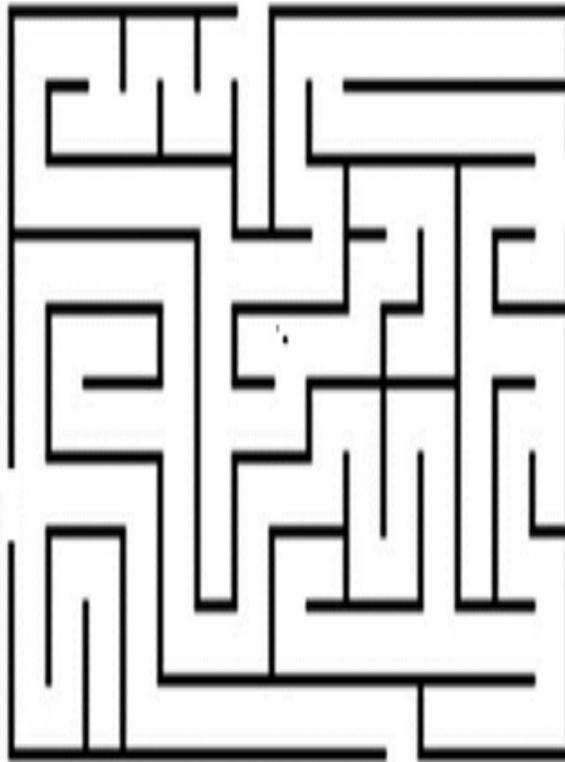
- Jesus: Father, what do you know about Grandfather Abraham?
Joseph: He was a righteous man. God made a covenant with him.
Jesus: What is a covenant?
Mary: It is an agreement between two parties, God and Moses.
Joseph: Just like this. Finish your vegetable and I will make you a wooden horse later.
Jesus: You will? Oh boy! Thank you, Father. What did God and Abraham agree to do?
Joseph: Abraham must worship only God and no one else...
Mary: ... for God will multiply Abraham's descendants as many as the stars in heaven. God will make Abraham's family a great nation and bless him with land to live. We are Abraham's descendants, Jesus. As many as the stars in heaven! Oh that's really a lot. Are Uncle Zechariah, Aunt Elizabeth and Cousin John also included?
Mary: Yes, they are!
Jesus: How about King David?
Joseph: Yes, he is also your grandfather. Before he became king, he was then a young shepherd who, with God's help, defeated the giant.
Jesus: He did great!
Mary: Abraham kept on listening and obeying God. Our big family has a lot of stories where God delivered us from all sorts of trouble. Jesus, you must remember to listen to us, your parents, and obey us. For God will bless you and have you live a fruitful life ahead.
Jesus: Yes, I will mother. I am really happy we have a big family!

As the family finishes their dinner, Jesus helps wash the dishes.

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Middle Elementary Level

Solve the maze by looking for Jesus' family.



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Older Elementary Level

Color the pictures. Then insert the correct picture in the verse by drawing lines.



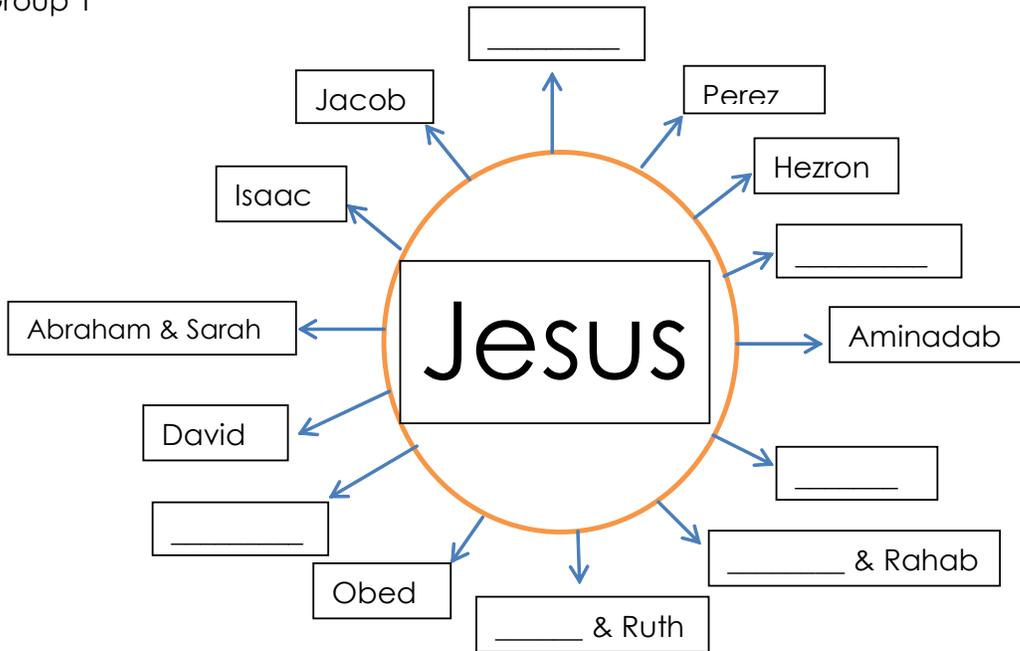
“So all the generations from _____ to _____ are
fourteen generations; and from _____ to the deportation to
Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to
Babylon to _____, fourteen generations.” (Matthew 1:17)

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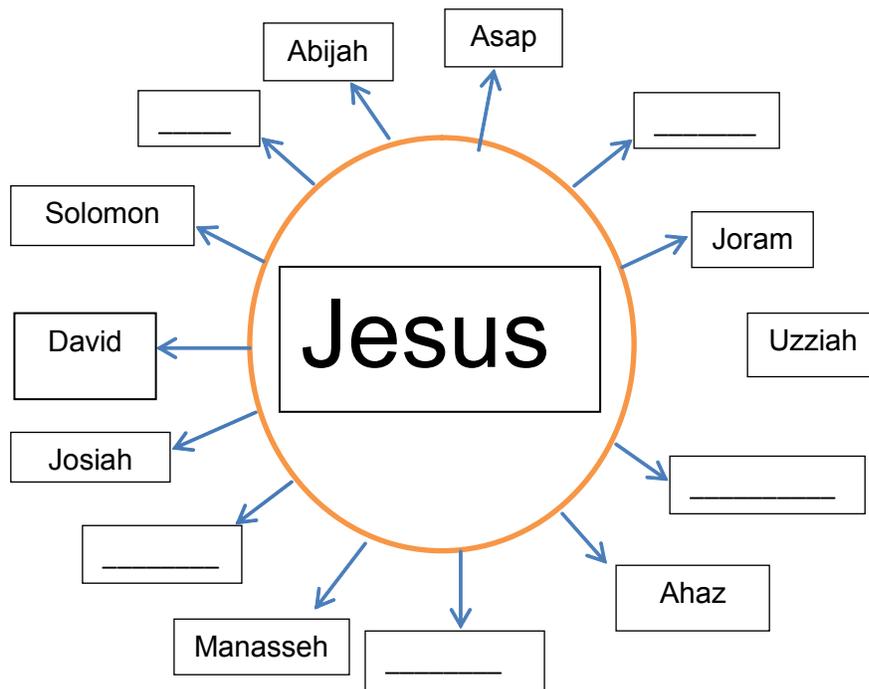
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Youth Level

Complete each wheel. Refer to Matthew 1:1-17.

Group 1



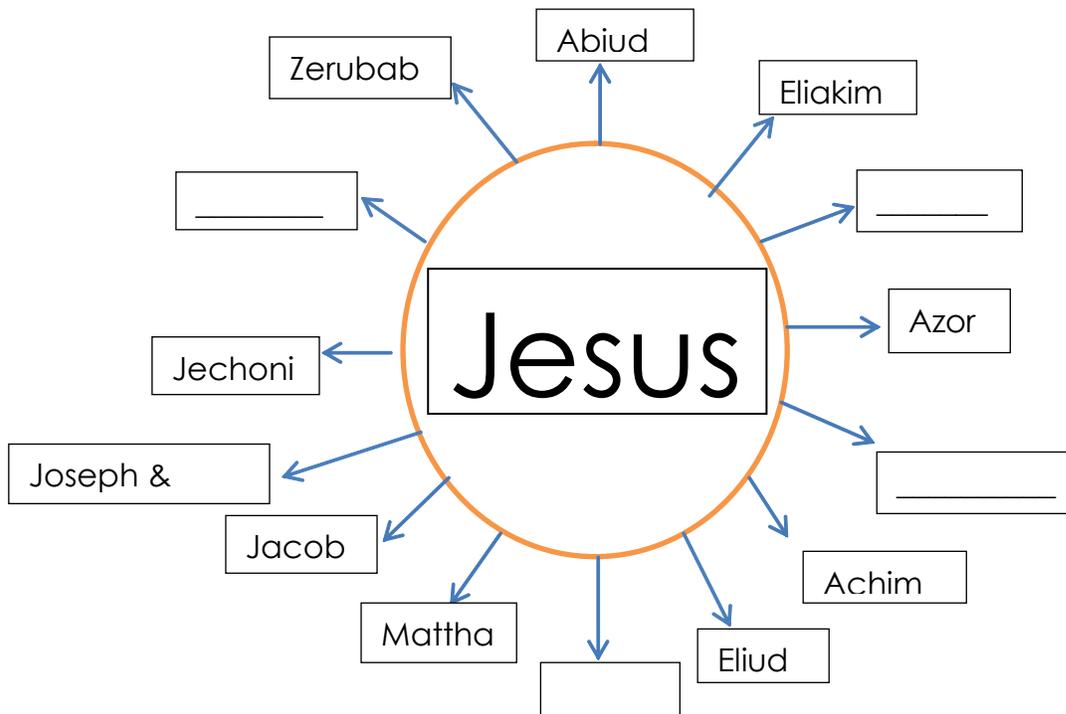
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Group 3



Arrange the following sentences to summarize Genesis 17:1-8: Write the numbers 1 to 6 on the blanks.

- ___ (a) Abram fell on the ground as he listened to the Lord.
- ___ (b) God reminded Abraham's ancestry to recognize God.
- ___ (c) The Lord appeared to Abram who was very old then.
- ___ (d) Abram will now be called Abraham for he will worship God alone.
- ___ (e) God will grant them land to live.
- ___ (f) God promised Abraham to be the father of many nations including kings.

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Adult Level

Write your own thoughts.

1. *Exegesis on Genesis 17:1-8 and Matthew 1:17.*

Genesis 17:1-8 talks about the signs of promise of God to Abraham. It happened 13 years after the birth of Ishmael, Abraham's son to Hagar. Three signs of God's promise were noted in the event as God appeared to Abraham.

First, he shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations and even monarchs shall come from his ancestry.

Second, his ancestry will establish the same covenant with God as promised first to Abraham.

Third, Abraham and his ancestry will inherit the land of Canaan. It is in this context where God has established and renewed his covenant with Abraham. It is God who initiated it and not Abraham.

Matthew 1:1-17 presents a picture of the genealogy of Jesus starting from Abraham to his immediate family, Joseph from the line of David. It is by his rootedness in the family of Abraham and his relationship to the fulfillment of the covenant which makes the gospel of Matthew a resource on how Jesus will respond to God's call to embody and fulfill the covenant made by God to His people.

Matthew keeps the timeline in a way people can understand the faith tradition with a major historical undertaking. From this long line of ordinary, very human and even not so perfect lives, each of the ancestors comes the historical rootedness of Jesus and the distinct, concrete, caring mode of spirituality that he manifested in his life and ministry.
