



From Abraham to Jesus

Matthew 1:1-17

MAIN POINT: JESUS' EARTHLY FAMILY INCLUDED ABRAHAM, DAVID, AND OTHERS.

Jesus is God the Son. God the Son has always existed; no one created Him. God planned to send His Son to earth to save people from sin. Jesus came to earth as a baby. He was born to Mary, who was married to Joseph. Jesus is fully God, and He is fully human too.

Jesus came from the family of Abraham and the family of King David. Abraham had a son named Isaac. When Isaac had a family, one of his sons was named Jacob. Jacob was part of Jesus' family.

Years later, a man named Salmon was born into Jesus' family tree. He married Rahab. Rahab had a baby, and his name was Boaz. Boaz married Ruth. Boaz and Ruth had a son named Obed.

Obed's son was Jesse. Jesse had many sons, and the youngest was David. David was just a boy when he was chosen to be Israel's king.

Other people in Jesus' family were kings too. David's son Solomon was a king. King Jehoshaphat was part of Jesus' family, and so was Uzziah, Ahaz, Hezekiah, and Josiah.

Then came Matthan. Matthan's son was named Jacob, and Jacob's son was named Joseph. Joseph is the man who took Mary to be his wife. Mary was Jesus' mother, and Joseph raised Jesus as his own son.

Christ Connection: Jesus came to earth as a baby in Bethlehem. Jesus had earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, but His true Father is God. Through Jesus, God kept His promises to Abraham and David. Jesus saves people from their sin and adopts them into God's family.

MEMORY VERSE:

Christ Jesus came in to the world to save all sinners.
1 Timothy 1:15

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What makes Jesus different?
Jesus is fully God and fully man.

BIBLE STORY:

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- Jesus' earthly family included Abraham, David, and others.
- From Abraham to King David there were 14 generations, and from King David to the exile in Babylon there were 14 more.
- Jesus came 14 generations after the exile to fulfill God's promises to Abraham and David.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why do you think Jesus' earthly family matters?
- What promises did God make to Abraham and David?
- How can we know Jesus fulfilled those promises?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Work with your kids to research your family heritage as far as you can. Is there anyone interesting or famous in your family tree?