## JESUS' FAMILY



Text Truth: **Jesus had a family.** 

Bible Verse: [This is] the account of the family of Jesus, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham. Matthew 1:1

Bible Verse Paraphrase: Jesus was in the family of Abraham and David.

Matthew 1:1

## **MATTHEW 1:1-17**

Jesus had a family, a very large family. He had earthly parents, grandparents, great grandparents, cousins, uncles, and aunts, just like we do. The Bible tells about Jesus' family. Matthew wrote about it.

Matthew was one of Jesus' disciples. Matthew walked with Jesus and listened to Jesus teach people. Matthew learned a lot about Jesus and wanted to tell people about Jesus. Matthew knew Jesus was God's Son, and He was the King who had been promised long ago.

Matthew knew that prophets said Jesus would come to earth. The prophets said God's Son would be from the family of Abraham. For years and years, the people waited for the King to be born. When would a child from Abraham's family be the promised King?

Finally, the King came. The King was Jesus. Matthew wanted everyone to know God kept His promise to Abraham. It was an important story to tell. So, Matthew wrote the story about Jesus' life.

Matthew began by writing the names of the people in Jesus' family from the time of Abraham. These are some of their names: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Obed, Jesse, David, Solomon, Josiah, and Joseph.

This Joseph is the man God chose to become Jesus' earthly father. Joseph married Mary, and she became Jesus' mother.

## Families

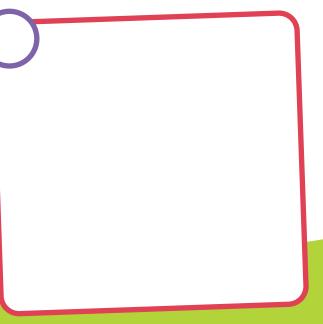
God gave Jesus an earthly family that included Abraham and David. Look at the pictures of families and put an X in the circle beside Jesus' earthly family. Draw a picture of your family in the frame.













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