

# Making it Mine

A Bible study for kids ready to  
grow a faith of their own.

**Month 7 Week 1**

**THE JOURNEY**

**READ:**

Matthew 1-6

**HEART GRAFFITI:**

**“For I know the  
plans I have for  
you, declares the  
Lord, plans to  
prosper you and  
not harm you,  
plans to give  
you a hope  
and a future.”**

**Jer. 29:11**

Birth, life, death. Our lives are but a vapor. Matthew begins with a list of those who have come and gone. No more than a name, but each of their lives a marker in the history of God’s relationship with man. For the Jews it all began with Abraham, the father of God’s chosen people. From him came all the big names and events of Jewish and Christian history, and from his line eventually came Christ, the Savior of us all. These names in the first chapter of Matthew tell a story of mankind’s journey of faith. Each of the players in that journey lived out their own **pilgrimage**, just as each of us do. Like Abraham, we are all strangers in a foreign place that is not our home. Like the song says, “we are just a passin’ through.” But our life journey is not just the space between our birth and our death. What happens in between matters and matters alot. We are each on a journey of faith. Every choice, every disaster, every victory, every relationship that we encounter on our journey has an effect in shaping our faith. God nurtured and disciplined and grew a people that He called His own. That journey continues. We also are a name in God’s book and living out a part in His Sovereign plan, a picture bigger than we can see.

Read Genesis 11:31. Who did Abram (later called Abraham) live with when his journey began? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 12:1-3. Why do you think God told Abram to leave his father’s household? \_\_\_\_\_

What did God want Abraham to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Where does God want you to be right now? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think He has planned for you? \_\_\_\_\_

## CHANGE OF PLANS

Matthew 1-4

Sometimes we have our life journey all planned out. We dream of what will one day be, and then feel cheated when the twists and turns of life carry us a different direction. Do you think that there are any names listed in Matthew 1 that had a change of plans? \_\_\_\_\_

Mary was betrothed to Joseph and probably dreamed of their wedding and home and quietly raising their children in Nazareth. How did she react to God's message that her journey through life was going to be way different than she expected it to be? \_\_\_\_\_

Name some of the other change of plans recorded in Matthew 1-6 that came about because of the arrival of the Christ child: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What challenge to the faith of the Jews did John the Baptist give? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## TOO HARD?

Do you ever feel like being a Christian is just too hard? On the picture to the right, show how God has given us what we need to keep moving toward Him.

## GROWING OUR FAITH

It is really important that our faith gets the chance to grow up, just like we grow up physically. Our faith starts as a child and accepts whatever it is told. As a youth, or adolescent, our faith becomes stronger by asking questions and using our faith "muscles." As we go through the difficult things that we run into in life, and as we practice doing things God's way – we grow up into an adult faith.

What does Hebrews 5:7-9 tell us about the faith journey of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

In Matthew 4:1, who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever encountered a time of temptation? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus use to counter temptation? \_\_\_\_\_

What stops you from growing your faith? \_\_\_\_\_

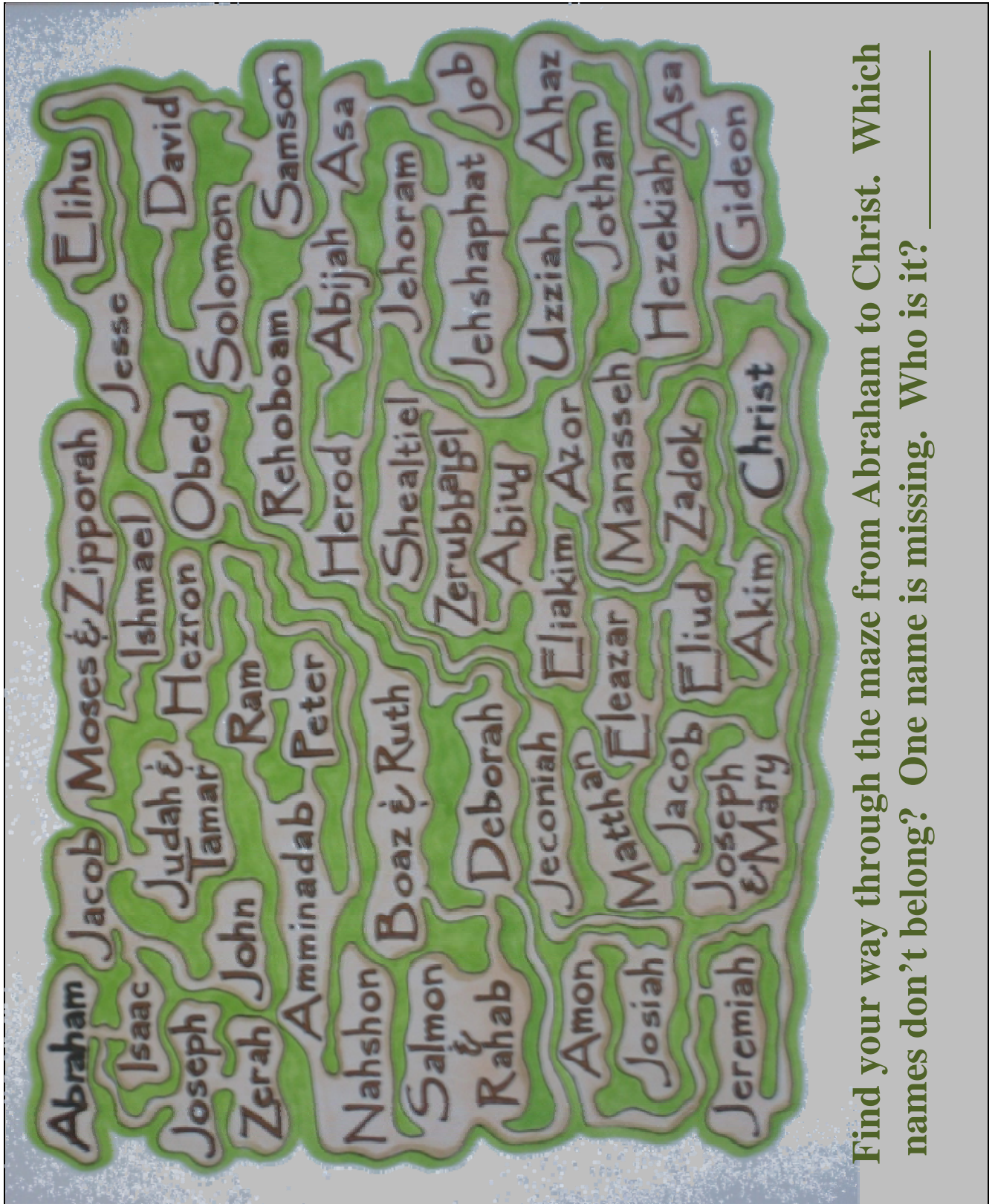
What helps you? \_\_\_\_\_





# PUZZLE PAGE

From Abraham to Christ-Matthew 1



Find your way through the maze from Abraham to Christ. Which names don't belong? One name is missing. Who is it? \_\_\_\_\_

## TIPS for parents and teachers

### CHANGE OF PLANS

How did Judah's plans change?  
Rahab's? Ruth's? David's?

Tell the kids about a time that your plans changed and it helped you along your own spiritual journey. Let them tell you about a time that something did not turn out the way they wanted it to. Help them imagine the potential of Jer. 29:11 in that situation.

**Pilgrimage** means: a journey to a holy place, undertaken for religious reasons

I found some party favor compasses to share with the class.  
How does a compass work? How does it help keep you from getting lost? Have you ever been lost? What works as a compass on our spiritual journey?



### MAZE ANSWER

Perez is the missing name. He was the son of Judah and Tamar and father of Hezron. What if he would not have been?