



**INVESTIGATING AT
GOD'S WORD... HOME**

VOLUME 7
II SAMUEL,
I CHRONICLES



ONE STORY
♦ MINISTRIES ♦

USING THIS TEACHING GUIDE

This series of volumes was created to help parents teach the Bible to their children at home. It's a highly interactive study which seeks to promote thought, discussion, and application as you read through the Bible together. By the time you finish all fourteen volumes, your family will investigate the entirety of God's Word. **Each lesson is divided into five sections:**



OPENING

The *Opening* gets the lesson moving with either introductory thought questions, or a reading from the Psalms or Proverbs. This section serves as a "Call to Study."



DRILL TIME

The *Drill Time* section is an opportunity for you to quiz your children to assess their Bible knowledge. Sometimes the questions will be a review of the previous lesson. Other times the questions will cover essential Bible knowledge that all of our children should learn. Still other times the questions will be from another portion of Scripture which connects to the lesson to be studied.



W.O.W!

The *Word of the Week (W.O.W!)* is designed to build the Christian vocabularies of children. Each lesson includes a *W.O.W!* that is either a word found in the Bible text or a theological word that is dealt with in the passage. Often times, the *W.O.W!* is found repeatedly in the text, serving as a lesson theme. The *W.O.W!* is defined and explained in this section in order for your children to gain understanding. They will be asked to listen for it in the Bible Investigation time.



BIBLE INVESTIGATION

The *Bible Investigation* time is the heart and soul of the lesson. Each passage of Scripture is read to your children a portion at a time, breaking it down for interactive discussion. The discussion sections include questions for your children to answer as well as other commentary on what has just been read. Application sections also appear throughout the *Bible Investigation* in order to put to work what is being studied.

The *Bible Investigation* time is also intended to teach your children how to do methodical Bible study. You will be helping them to observe, interpret, think through, and apply the Scripture.

All sections of Scripture in these volumes are from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*.



SCRIPTURE MEMORY

At the end of each lesson, a Scripture Memory text is given that either comes from the lesson or connects to it in some way. Encourage your children to memorize Scripture each week to commit God's Word to their hearts.

Enjoy studying God's Word together as a family!

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OPENING

Begin by reading Proverbs 2:6-8.

⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; ⁷ he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, ⁸ guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.

Say: *Did you hear what the LORD does for all who are His? He gives them wisdom. He gives them victory. He is their shield. He guards and protects them. These great truths should make you excited to learn from this great God today!*



DRILL TIME

Next, let's move on to DRILL TIME—our opportunity to review what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?

Today's question: *Name as many of the forefathers of Jesus as you can, beginning with Abraham (40 in all!).*

Answer:

Abraham	Isaac	Jacob
Judah	Perez	Hezron
Ram	Amminadab	Nahson
Salmon	Boaz	Obed
Jesse	David	Solomon
Rehoboam	Abijah	Asa

Jehoshaphat	Jehoram	Uzziah
Jotham	Ahaz	Hezekiah
Manasseh	Amon	Josiah
Jeconiah	Shealtiel	Zerubbabel
Abiud	Eliakim	Azor
Zadok	Akim	Eliud
Eleazar	Matthan	Jacob
Joseph	JESUS!	



W.O.W!

*Our W.O.W! (Word of the Week) is **GENEALOGY**.*

What we just did for Drill Time is a GENEALOGY. We called out the GENEALOGY of Jesus Christ!

A GENEALOGY is sort of like a family tree. It is a listing of all of the generations of a particular person. Typically, a person's GENEALOGY includes his father, then his grandfather, then his great-grandfather—as far back as possible.

It is a fun project to ask your parents about your own GENEALOGY. You are a descendant of many, many generations of people.

The Bible is full of GENEALOGIES. The GENEALOGY of Jesus is found in Matthew 1. Today, in our study in I Chronicles, we will read portions of a GENEALOGY that begins with Adam! Since the Bible includes these GENEALOGIES, they must be important for us to read. For one thing, they make us remember who our spiritual forefathers really are!



BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Introduction: *We begin this volume in I Chronicles. As I just mentioned, this section of Scripture is a very long GENEALOGY. Many of these names may be hard to pronounce, and these lists of names may seem boring, but they are included in the Bible for important reasons. Let's read God's Word together today.*

Read I Chronicles 1:1-3.

¹ Adam, Seth, Enosh; ² Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared; ³ Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech;

Discussion: *The Chronicler begins with the first man. We all go back to Adam, don't we? He gives us the GENEALOGY of Adam to Noah. Why is Noah significant? [Because God started over with Noah after destroying the world with a flood.]*

Let's continue. Read verse 4.

⁴ Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Discussion: *Do you remember these three sons of Noah? All of mankind are descended from either Shem, Ham or Japheth. Isn't that amazing? Which one of these brothers do you think is the forefather of Jesus Christ? [Shem.]*

So, let's read about Shem. Read verses 24-27.

²⁴ Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah; ²⁵ Eber, Peleg, Reu; ²⁶ Serug, Nahor, Terah; ²⁷ Abram, that is, Abraham.

Discussion: *The family tree of Shem brings us all the way to Abraham. Why is Abraham so important? **Allow answers.** [God made a covenant with Abraham to bless him and make him into a great nation.]*

Application: *Abraham is considered to be the forefather of all Christians. All of those who in Christ Jesus are Abraham's great, great, great... grandchildren according to Galatians 4.*

Do you remember Abraham's children? Look at verse 28.

Read verse 28.

²⁸ The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael.

Discussion: *Which son was the child of promise? [Isaac.] Yes! Remember that Isaac was the child that God promised to Abraham and Sarah—the one who would continue the family line of the covenant.*

*Let's continue in verse 34. **Read verse 34.***

³⁴ Abraham fathered Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel.

Discussion: *I thought the sons of Isaac were Esau and Jacob? Who is Israel? [Jacob. God changed his name!] Which son had both the birthright and blessing of God? [Israel.] Yes, even though Jacob, later called Israel, was the youngest son, God planned to make Him into a great nation and continue His covenant promises with him.*

*The rest of the chapter lists Esau's descendants. We move on to 1 Chronicles 2 for Israel's sons. Can you name any of them? **Allow attempts.***

Read 1 Chronicles 2:1-2.

¹ These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, ² Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

Discussion: *How many sons did Israel have? [Twelve.] Which son was the forefather of Jesus? [Judah.]*

Let's read a summary of Judah's descendants.

Read verses 3-9.

³ The sons of Judah: Er, Onan and Shelah; these three Bathshua the Canaanite bore to him. Now Er, Judah's firstborn, was evil in the sight of the LORD, and he put him to death.

⁴ His daughter-in-law Tamar also bore him Perez and Zerah. Judah had five sons in all. ⁵ The sons of Perez: Hezron and Hamul. ⁶ The sons of Zerah: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara, five in all. ⁷ The son of Carmi: Achan, the troubler of Israel, who broke faith in the matter of the devoted thing; ⁸ and Ethan's son was Azariah. ⁹ The sons of Hezron that were born to him: Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai.

Application: *Did you notice that even though Jesus came from the line of Judah, Judah's family line had some pretty sinful people in it! By His grace, God uses sinful people to accomplish His purposes. That's good news for you and me!*

Let's continue this GENEALOGY. Read verses 10-17.

¹⁰ Ram fathered Amminadab, and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, prince of the sons of Judah. ¹¹ Nahshon fathered Salmon, Salmon fathered Boaz, ¹² Boaz fathered Obed, Obed fathered Jesse. ¹³ Jesse fathered Eliab his firstborn, Abinadab the second, Shimea the third, ¹⁴ Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, ¹⁵ Ozem the sixth, David the seventh. ¹⁶ And their sisters were Zeruihah and Abigail. The sons of Zeruihah: Abishai, Joab, and Asahel, three. ¹⁷ Abigail bore Amasa, and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.

Discussion: *So, what important person came from the line of Judah? [David!] Yes, David was the eighth son of Jesse. We will learn a lot more about David in the future.*

Summary: *The rest of Chapter Two and all of Chapter Three record more of the GENEALOGY of Judah, all the way through David's sons and all the kings of Israel and Judah. Do you remember which son of Israel did not get any of the Promised Land? [Levi.] Let's read what the Chronicler has to say about Levi's descendants.*

Read I Chronicles 6:31-32.

³¹ These are the men whom David put in charge of the service of song in the house of the LORD after the ark rested there.

³² They ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting until Solomon built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they performed their service according to their order.

Discussion: *Men from the tribe of Levi took care of the music in the tabernacle and the temple. They were the priestly tribe of Israel, leading the people in worship.*

*Just as we also read in verse 48-49. **Read verses 48-49.***

⁴⁸ And their brothers the Levites were appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of the house of God. ⁴⁹ But Aaron and his sons made offerings on the altar of burnt offering and on the altar of incense for all the work of the Most Holy Place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

Discussion: *Remember Aaron? God made him and his children after him the high priests of Israel. Aaron's sons made atonement for Israel so that God would forgive His people.*

Application: *Do we need priests and Levites today? [No.] Why not? [Because Jesus, our great High Priest, has made atonement for His people once for all.]*

Discussion: *Remember also that Israel gave Joseph, his favorite son, a double portion of the Promised Land—under the names of his two sons. What were their names? [Manasseh and Ephraim.] I Chronicles 7 details their GENEALOGIES. Finally, who was Israel's youngest son? [Benjamin.] Let's read some of his GENEALOGY.*

Read I Chronicles 8:29-33.

²⁹ Jeiel the father of Gibeon lived in Gibeon, and the name

of his wife was Maacah. ³⁰ His firstborn son: Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal Nadab, ³¹ Gedor, Ahio, Zecher, ³² and Mikloth (he fathered Shimeah). Now these also lived opposite their kinsmen in Jerusalem, with their kinsmen. ³³ Ner was the father of Kish, Kish of Saul, Saul of Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab and Eshbaal;

Discussion: *Is there anyone familiar to you in the GENEALOGY of Benjamin? King Saul came from the tribe of Benjamin—and you even see the name of his son Jonathan there, David’s best friend. We read an extended version of this GENEALOGY in 1 Chronicles 9.*

Let’s read it together. Read 1 Chronicles 9:35-44.

³⁵ In Gibeon lived the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, and the name of his wife was Maacah, ³⁶ and his firstborn son Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab, ³⁷ Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth; ³⁸ and Mikloth was the father of Shimeam; and these also lived opposite their kinsmen in Jerusalem, with their kinsmen. ³⁹ Ner fathered Kish, Kish fathered Saul, Saul fathered Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal. ⁴⁰ And the son of Jonathan was Meribbaal, and Merib-baal fathered Micah. ⁴¹ The sons of Micah: Pithon; Melech, Tahrea, and Ahaz. ⁴² And Ahaz fathered Jarah, and Jarah fathered Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri. And Zimri fathered Moza. ⁴³ Moza fathered Binea, and Rephaiah was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. ⁴⁴ Azel had six sons and these are their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan; these were the sons of Azel.

Conclusion: *So what’s the point of all of these GENEALOGIES? They remind us of where we come from. They remind us about the work of God in the lives of His people. Most importantly, they show us how God’s covenant of grace moves through all of human history, centering on the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We were all born in sin because of Adam. But Christ came to give us eternal life in Him!*



SCRIPTURE MEMORY

I Corinthians 15:21–22 (ESV)

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.