

## WEEK 1 — BEGINNINGS: CREATION, THE FLOOD, & ABRAHAM

**Date:** Uncertain (creation and the flood) • The Bible's datable period begins with Abraham around 2091 BC.

**The Story:** God creates the heavens and the earth, giving special attention to the creation of life, especially human life. But human existence is quickly corrupted by sin, which is anything that defies the will of the good Creator. Sin distances the human race from God, and humanity quickly becomes almost entirely corrupt. God brings judgment on the world and restarts the human race with the family of Noah, the last righteous man. Again, humanity begins to do evil, but God does not give up. He chooses another righteous man, Abram, and his wife Sarai, and promises to bless the whole world through them. But there are complications...

\* Kids' readings may not align with the daily full readings. Parents, see the content ratings on the back page.

### JANUARY 2 GENESIS 1-4

**Today's reading** introduces God and tells why he created the human race: to live in his image and to rule over the earth as co-regents under his sovereignty. Later stories will reveal the full depth and tenderness of the relationship God desires to have with the people he has created. (Watch for early hints of God's kindness in today's stories.) But first, God's relationship with mankind is marred by a certain serpent and the first human sins, which quickly intensify from simple rebellion against God's authority to vengeful murder.

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Genesis 1:1 to 2:3 • Genesis 3

**Kids' Reading\*:** Genesis 1:1 to 2:3

### JANUARY 3 GENESIS 5-8

**Today's reading** begins with a genealogy linking Adam to Noah. Watch for the oldest man in the Bible, Methuselah. Then it tells the story of the great flood of Noah's time and the terrible choice God has to make to (nearly) end human existence because of the tragic extent of human sin. Yet by this awful flood, God cleanses the earth and, through Noah, gives humanity a second chance.

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Genesis 6:9 to 8:22

**Kids' Reading\*:** Genesis 2:4-25

### JANUARY 4 GENESIS 9-11

**Today's reading** tells about the first covenant God establishes with human beings: a promise to never again destroy all life on earth with a flood. Soon, though, human sin returns in Noah's family. Human pride builds at the tower of Babel, and God opposes it. And genealogies relate the spread of Noah's family and connect Noah's son, Shem, to Abram, a pivotal figure in the coming stories.

**Date:** Abram is the first biblical figure whose life we can date with some certainty. He was born sometime around 2166 BC. Genesis 11 ends around 2091 BC.

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Genesis 9 • Genesis 11

**Kids' Reading\*:** Genesis 3:1 to 4:16

### JANUARY 5 GENESIS 12-16

**Today's reading** begins with God's second covenant with human beings, his promise to bless the world through Noah's descendant Abram. Abram moves to a new land, Canaan, faces difficulties as a foreigner there, and grows in dependence on God. Yet he faces one insurmountable problem: He and his wife Sarai do not have a son through whom God can fulfill his promises to them.

**Date:** about 2091-2081/2080 BC • Abram is 86 years old and Sarai 76 years old when Ishmael is born.

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Genesis 12:1-9 • Genesis 14-16

**Kids' Reading\*:** Genesis 6:9 to 7:24

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**JANUARY 6 GENESIS 17-19**

**Today's reading** features God expanding his covenant with Abram and Sarai. He changes their names and promises them a son born through Sarai (now Sarah). Both Abram (now Abraham) and Sarah laugh at this promise. Soon afterward, the God who blesses them brings judgment on the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, where Abraham's nephew Lot lives.

**Date:** about 2067-2066 BC • Abraham is 99 years old and Sarai is 89 when they receive God's promise that they will have a son together. Ishmael is 13 years old at this time.

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Genesis 18-19

**Kids' Reading\*:** Genesis 8:1 to 9:17

**JANUARY 7 GENESIS 20-23**

**Today's reading** follows Abraham through joy (the birth of his and Sarah's son Isaac), testing (as God gives Abraham a shocking command), and sorrow (when Sarah dies). In all the thrills and difficulties of life, God continues to bless Abraham and his family.

**Date:** about 2067-2029 BC • When Isaac is born, Abraham is 100 years old, Sarah is 90, and Ishmael is 14. Sarah dies at age 127; Abraham is 137, Ishmael 51, and Isaac 37.

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Genesis 21:1-21 • Genesis 22:1-19 • Genesis 23

**Kids' Reading\*:** Genesis 11:1-9 • Genesis 12:1-9 • Genesis 18:1-15 • Genesis 21:1-7

**JANUARY 8 GENESIS 24-25**

**Today's reading** takes us through the end of Abraham's life and into the next generations of his family. Much effort is put into finding a worthy wife for Isaac. Abraham remarries and has more children. Isaac and his wife have twin sons who, from the womb, struggle with one another.

**Date:** about 2026-1943 BC • Isaac is 40 years old and Abraham is 140 when Isaac marries Rebekah. Isaac's twin sons are born when he is 60 years old and Abraham is 160. Abraham dies at 175 years old, when Ishmael is 89, Isaac 75, and Esau and Jacob 15. Ishmael dies at age 137, when Isaac is 123 and Esau and Jacob are 63.

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Genesis 24 • Genesis 25:7-11 • Genesis 25:19-34

**Kids' Reading\*:** Genesis 22:1-19 • Genesis 25:1-11 • Genesis 25:19-34

**Parents' Guide**

**PG** preview for young children

2:25 (N)

4:8-10 (V), 17 (S), 23 (V), 25 (S)

chapters 6-8 (T)

6:2-5 (S), 11-13 (V)

9:21-23 (N)

14:1-16 (V)

17:10-14 (C), 23-27 (C)

**PG-13** preview for under age 13

none

**R** shocking, graphic, or disturbing

chapter 19 (T)

19:5-8 (S), 9-29 (V), 31-36 (S)

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N = Nudity  
S = Sexuality  
T = Dark/Sensitive Themes  
V = Violence