



P.4 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SELF -STUDY LESSONS SET ONE

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USE YOUR R.E SCLASS WORK BOOKS TO WRITE DOWN THESE NOTES AND DO ALL THE GIVEN ACTIVITIES

LESSON ONE

CONTENT : GOD'S PROMISES TO ABRAHAM AND JACOB (Gen. 12)

Dear learners, you are welcome to this lesson. In this lesson, we are going to study about our great fathers: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

By the end of the lesson you should be able to;

- Tell who Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are
- State ways Abraham showed his faith in God.
- Mention the lessons learnt from the life of Abraham.

THE CALL OF ABRAHAM

- ❖ In Genesis 12:1-10, God called Abraham and instructed him to leave his home country and go to a promised land He would show him.
- ❖ Abraham was a very faithful man
- ❖ God separated him from his home people so that he can go and form a new nation that would fear and obey God.
- ❖ Abraham listened and obeyed all the instructions given to him by God and it was counted onto him as a man of very strong faith.
- ❖ God tested Abraham's faith in different ways but Abraham showed his great faith in God.
- ❖ God made Abraham the grandfather of all believers because of his strong faith in God.

Ways in which Abraham showed his faith to God.

- Abraham accepted to sacrifice his son to God.
- Abraham accepted to leave his home land and go to the promised land (Canaan)
- He accepted to circumcise
- He accepted to change his name from Abram to Abraham

Lessons we learn from the story of Abraham

- We must trust God's promises
- We must be patient
- We should know that God knows what is good for us.
- God is always caring

HOW GOD FULFILLED HIS PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

-God gave him the land of Canaan

-God gave him the nation of Israel and all believers as his descendants.

-Abraham died at a very old age.

Activity.

1. Why did God call Abraham?
2. What was the original home land of Abraham?
3. How did Abraham become the grandfather of all believers?
4. Name the son of Abraham whom he attempted to sacrifice.
5. Who was the father of Abraham?

LESSON TWO:

CONTENT : THE STORY OF JACOB AND ESAU. (Gen 25: 19)

By the end of the lesson you should be able to;

-Re-tell the story of Jacob and Esau

-State the lessons you learn from the story of Jacob and Esau.

- ❖ Jacob and Esau were twin brothers
- ❖ They were sons of Isaac the son of Abraham.
- ❖ When they grew up, Jacob becomes a herdsman while Esau was a hunter.
- ❖ Isaac loved Esau so much while Rebecca loved Jacob more than Esau.
- ❖ One day, Esau was so hungry and sold off his birthrights to his younger brother Jacob for a meal.
- ❖ Birth rights are the blessings given to the first born son
- ❖ When their father was old enough, he called Esau to bless him with the birth right but instead he blessed Jacob. This was a game played by their mother because she loved Jacob more than Esau.
- ❖ Esau had gone to hunt in order to get prepare a meal a meal to his father so that he could bless him. However, on coming back home his father had already given his blessing to Jacob.
- ❖ Esau was so annoyed and wanted to kill his brother. Jacob ran away from home and went to his uncle's place.

Activity

1. What does the name Jacob mean?
2. What lessons do we learn from the story of Jacob and Esau?
3. Who was the wife of Isaac?
4. How did Esau's mother show unfairness?
5. What does the name Isaac mean?

LESSON THREE

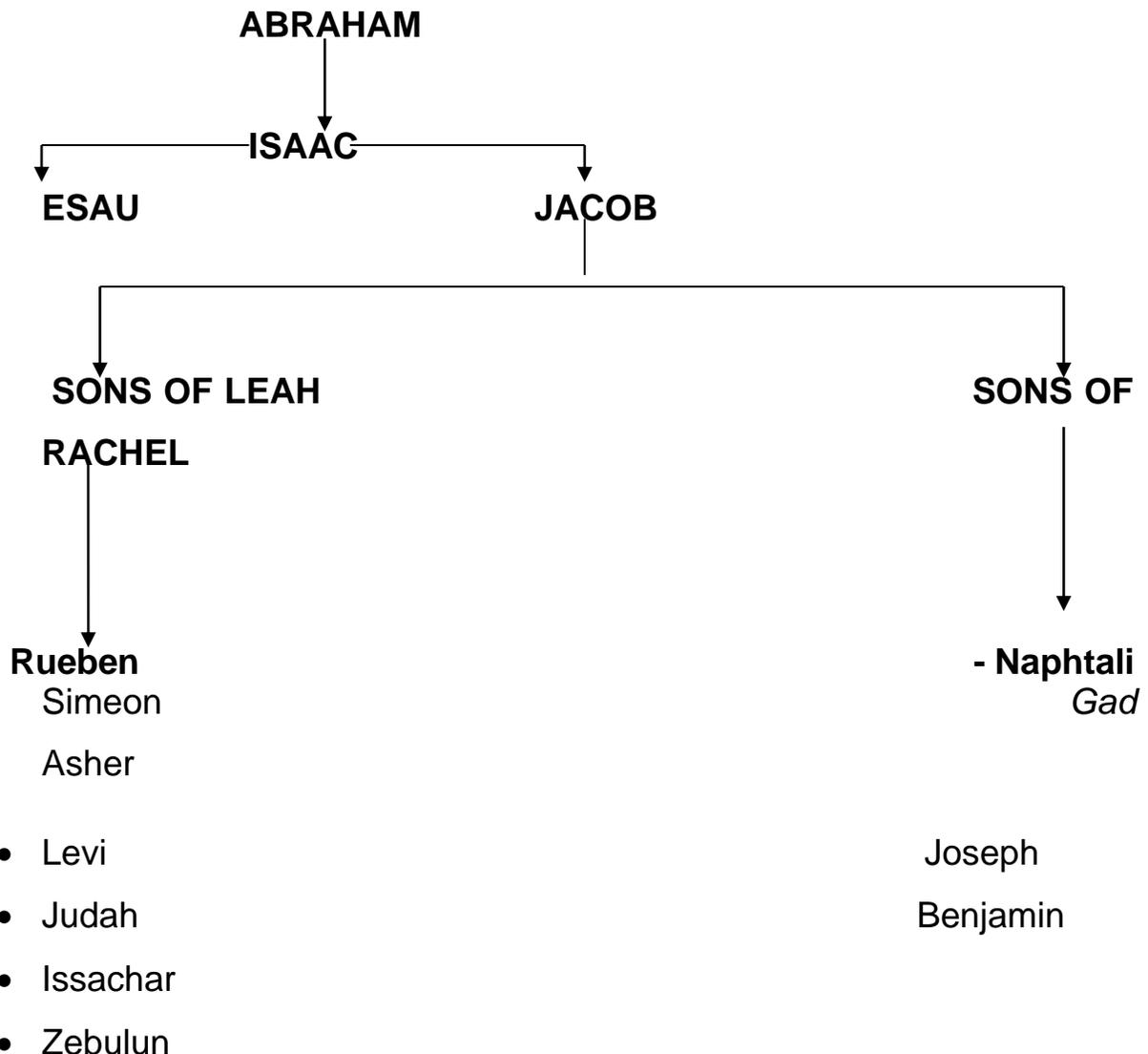
CONTENT : ABRAHAM'S DESCENDANTS

By the end of this lesson, you should be able to:

- Name the wives and children of Abraham.
- State God's promises to Jacob and Abraham

In the book of Genesis, we have learnt that God promised Abraham many descendants. We also see that God fulfilled His promise to Abraham.

Study the family tree below carefully and tell the relationship between Abraham and his descendants.



- Dinah (daughter)

God's promises to Jacob

- He promised to give Jacob and his descendants the land of Canaan.
- God promised to bless all nations through Jacob.

God promised to protect Jacob wherever he would go.

Exercise

1. Mention two wives of Jacob.
2. How many sons did Jacob produce?
3. Name the only daughter produced by Jacob.
4. State two promises God made to Jacob.
5. Who was the grandfather of Jacob?
6. How was Jacob related to Abraham?
7. Name two promises Jacob made to God (Gen 28)

LESSON FOUR

CONTENT : THE ISREALITES GO TO LEAVE IN EGYPT. (GEN 43)

By the end of the lesson, you should be able to;

- Narrate the story of Joseph and his brothers
- Narrate the story of the birth of Moses.
- Tell why God called Moses

The Exodus

- The word Exodus mean going out.
- In the Bible, Exodus refers to the movement of Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land.
- The second book in the Bible is Exodus
- Israelites were grandchildren of Jacob
- The first Israelite in Egypt was Joseph son of Jacob.
- ✓ Joseph was sold to Egypt as a slave by his brothers
- ✓ Joseph stayed in Egypt for many years and later became a Governor.
- ✓ Joseph invited his brothers and father to stay in Egypt because of famine
- ✓ After the death of Joseph, the Israelites became slaves
- ✓ God called Moses and his brother Aaron to rescue them. Their father was Amram and their mother was Jochebed.
- ✓ When the king refused the Israelites to go, God sent punishments to Egyptians.

Exercise

1. Define the term Exodus
2. What name is given to the second book in the Bible?
3. Who was the first Israelite to live in Egypt?
4. How was Aaron helpful to Moses during the Exodus?
5. What title is given to the king of Egypt?
6. Whom did God send to rescue Israelites?

7. Why did God send Moses to Egypt?

8. Who **were** the: -

- a) Father
- b) Mother and
- c) Brother of Moses?

LESSON FIVE

CONTENT: THE ROLE OF MOSES IN EXODUS

By the end of the lesson, you should be able to:

- state god's punishments to the Egyptians.
- mention the problems faced by the Jews during the exodus.
- explain how God delivered the Israelites out of slavery.
 - ❖ The Israelites were made slaves in Egypt after the death of Joseph.
 - ❖ They were made to do work so hard without pay
 - ❖ They were mistreated and they cried to God for help.
 - ❖ God sent Moses to go and save them out of slavery but the king of Egypt did not allow them to go.
 - ❖ So God punished the Egyptians for not allowing his people go and serve him.

God's punishments to Egyptians were:

- He turned water of R. Nile into blood.
- He sent frogs
- He changed dust into **gnats**
- He sent boils

- He sent Hailstorms
 - God sent locusts
 - God sent darkness
 - God killed all first borns of Egyptians and those of their animals
- Finally, Pharaoh accepted to let the Israelites go and serve their God in the hands of Moses their leader.
- The Israelites started their journey to the promised land of Canaan. However, they faced many problems on their way.

Problems met during the journey

- The soldiers of the king followed Israelites in order to take them to Egypt.
- They faced a problem of crossing the Red sea and R. Jordan
- They had no fresh water
- They had no food
- They were attacked by unfriendly people e.g. the Amalekites

Ways God solved the problems of the Israelites

- He made away for them by splinting the red sea and R. Jordan into two parts
- He killed the Egyptians soldiers with the water of Red sea.
- He changed **bitter** water into fresh water
- He sent food like manna and Quails to the Israelites.
- The unfriendly people they met on the way got defeated.

Exercise

1. Give three punishments God gave the Egyptians for disobedience.
2. Why did God tell Moses to move with his brother Aaron?
3. Give one water body crossed by the Israelites.
4. Name the food which God provided to Israelites

5. State two solutions to the problems faced by Israelites.
6. Who led the Israelites?
 - a) Out of Egypt
 - b) to the promised land
7. Name the leaders of Israelites on the following water bodies
 - a. Red sea
 - b. River Jordan