The Printable Book

ADAMS TIME CHART FOR KIDS

Every activity page of the book, ready to print.

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Find It! Tick each box when you find it on the panel

- ☐ The year where the chart begins
- ☐ Adam's name
- ☐ The picture of Cain and Abel
- ☐ Seth's name
- ☐ The map of the world (the Eastern Hemisphere)

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 What did God make on the day you like best? Why?

Ages 9–12 Adams could have started his chart with kings or cities. Why do you think he began with one family?

Parents Where would you begin the story of our family? Who is our "first page"?

At the Same Time
The Bible says Adam lived 930 years (Genesis 5:5). Count the ages in Genesis 5 and you will find something amazing: Adam was still alive when Lamech, the father of Noah, was born! On the chart, Adam's line stretches far to the right. Can you follow it with your finger?

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*

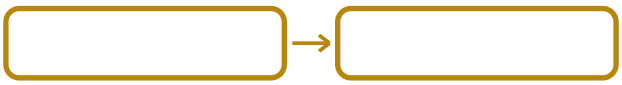


Activity: Day by Day

Draw a line from each day to what God made.

○ Day 1	○ Fish and birds
○ Day 2	○ The sun, the moon and the stars
○ Day 3	○ Animals and people
○ Day 4	○ Light
○ Day 5	○ The sky and the waters
○ Day 6	○ Dry land and plants
○ Day 7	○ God rested

Golden Thread: write the first two names of the family line in the chain. Look back at the story if you need help!



What We Know Today

Adams used the date 4004 B.C., worked out by James Ussher in 1650 by adding up the ages in Genesis. Christians have different views about how to count these years. In this book we follow Adams, so you can read his chart just as he made it.

Count it yourself

Adam begins the chart at 4004 B.C. Seth is born in 3874 B.C. How many years apart are they?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



Adam and Eve.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
130 years

Find It!

- [ ] ENOS and the number 905
- [ ] LAMECH, the 6th from Cain
- [ ] The words STONE-AGE
- [ ] A stone dagger
- [ ] The toothed spear-heads

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 Which tool on this panel would you like to try? What would you use it for?

Ages 9–12 Cain's family invented music and metalwork. Seth's family "called upon the name of the Lord." Can a family be good at both?

Parents What skills have been passed down in our family?

At the Same Time
Put your finger on Enos. Now move it straight up to the top of the chart. You will find Cain's family at the very same time! The two families lived side by side for hundreds of years.

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: Stone Age Tools

Draw a line from each tool to what it was used for.

○ Stone saw	○ Hunting animals from far away
○ Dagger	○ Chopping wood
○ Spear-head	○ Cutting wood and bone
○ Axe-hammer	○ Cutting meat

Golden Thread:

Adam → Seth → → → →

Did you know?

Every panel of this chart is about 300 years wide: three black pillars. Methuselah lived 969 years, so his band needs more than three whole panels to fit.



Picture to Color



Making stone tools.

Find It!

- [ ] ENOCH and the number 365
- [ ] METHUSELAH and the number 969
- [ ] ADAM 930 yrs
- [ ] A pick made of deer's horn
- [ ] The bone needles

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 If you could walk with God like Enoch, what would you talk about?

Ages 9–12 Why do you think the Bible remembers Enoch for how he walked, and not for what he built?

Parents Who is the oldest person our family remembers? What do we know about them?

At the Same Time
Methuselah talked with Adam for 243 years. Adams wrote this on his chart: Methuselah could learn the story of the world from the very first man! Count on the chart: Adam was 687 years old when Methuselah was born.

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: The Longest Lives

Write each age in the right box, then color the longest bar.

Adam ___ years · Seth ___ years · Enoch ___ years · Methuselah ___ years

Golden Thread:

Mahalaleel → ____ → ____ → ____

Count it yourself

Enoch was born in 3382 B.C. God took him in 3017 B.C. How old was he? ____

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



Enoch walking toward the sunrise, the morning God took him.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
365 years

Find It!

- [ ] The words “Death of Adam”
- [ ] LAMECH and the number 777
- [ ] The bird, the mouse and the frog
- [ ] The letter A in the alphabet table
- [ ] The tents of Jabal

Let’s Talk

Ages 6–8 If you had to send a message using only pictures, what would you draw?

Ages 9–12 Why is an alphabet easier to learn than thousands of picture signs?

Parents How did the people before us leave messages for us (letters, photos, stories)?

At the Same Time
Lamech, Noah’s father, was born while Adam was still alive. Adams wrote that Lamech could talk with Adam for 56 years. So Noah’s own father had met the first man!

Our Family’s Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: Picture Message

Draw a message to your family using only four pictures. Can they guess what it means?

Golden Thread:

Methuselah →

Count it yourself

Adam died in 3074 B.C. Lamech was born in 3130 B.C. How many years could the two of them have known each other?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.

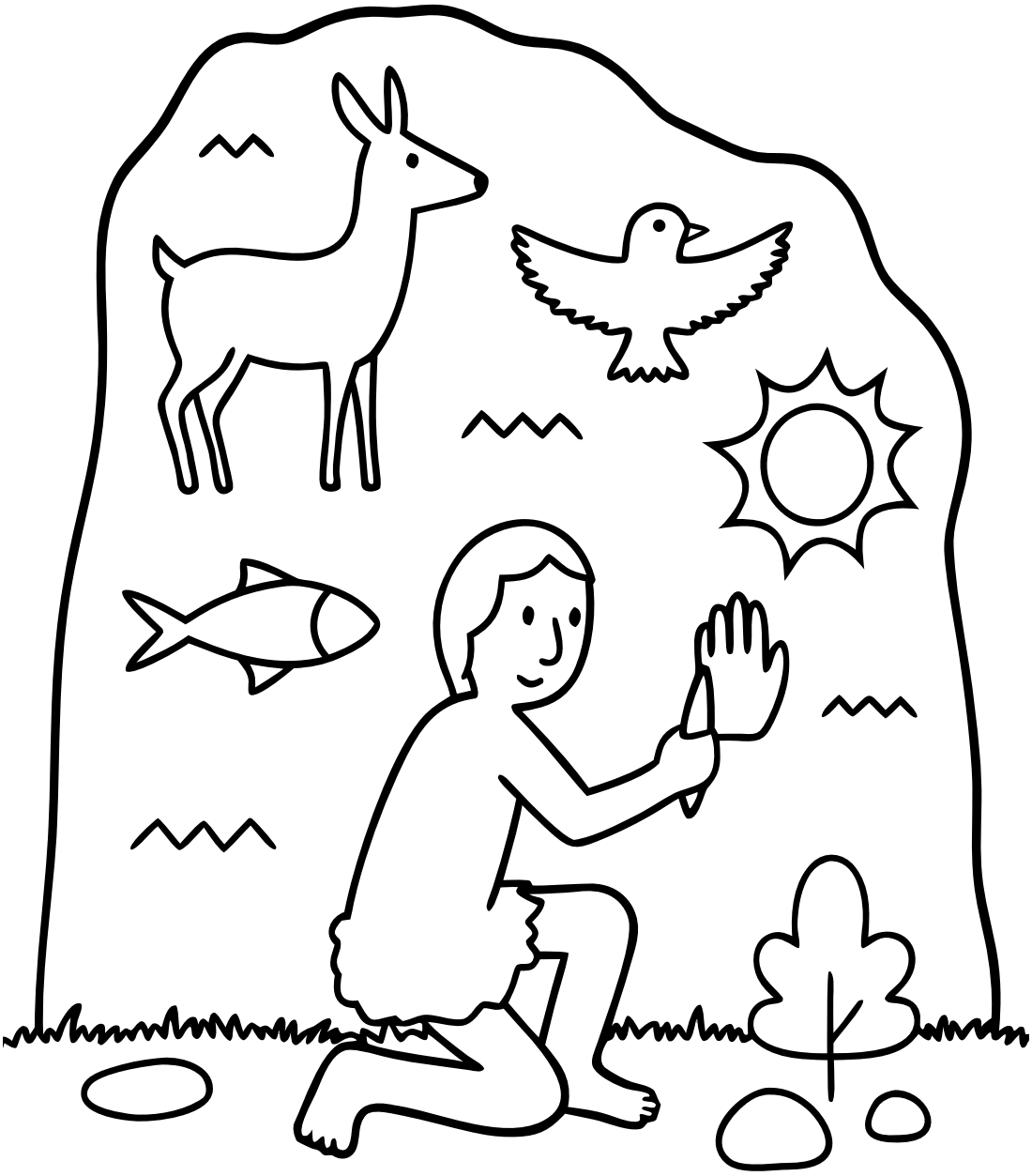
Who was alive at the same time?

Adam
Methuselah
Lamech
Noah

Where two bars overlap, those two men were alive together.



Picture to Color



Picture writing on a rock, before anyone had letters.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
56 years, and the chart says so in small print beside Lamech

Find It!

- [ ] The words “NOAH was 502 years old”
- [ ] Jubal’s harp
- [ ] Tubal-Cain with his hammer
- [ ] A sword
- [ ] The sickle and the iron hatchet from the lake in Switzerland

Let’s Talk

Ages 6–8 Would you rather play the harp like Jubal or make swords like Tubal-Cain? Why?

Ages 9–12 Noah obeyed God even when the job was huge and nobody else understood. When is it hard to do the right thing?

Parents What is something we built or made together as a family?

At the Same Time
Methuselah, Noah’s grandfather, was still alive while Noah was building. The chart shows Methuselah’s line running right up to the Flood.

Our Family’s Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: The Seven Wonders

Find the seven wonders in the word search: PYRAMIDS, BABYLON, DIANA, JUPITER, MAUSOLEUM, COLOSSUS, PHAROS.

B	R	U	M	A	U	S	O	L	E	U	M
T	B	Y	F	E	E	J	G	Y	Y	Z	Y
F	R	N	E	V	R	N	Q	I	E	U	M
H	B	W	A	C	C	G	U	Z	V	A	E
B	A	Q	S	U	S	S	O	L	O	C	A
K	B	R	R	F	F	H	P	O	V	I	T
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A	L	T	M	P	Y	R	A	M	I	D	S
S	O	I	G	O	X	K	R	I	R	I	F
L	N	P	G	V	L	N	O	D	J	A	U
L	D	U	D	M	J	O	S	R	R	N	H
L	Z	J	T	V	E	A	D	S	Q	A	V

Golden Thread:

Lamech →

Count it yourself

Noah was born in 2948 B.C. He was 502 years old when Shem was born. In what year was Shem born?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.

Who was alive at the same time?

Methuselah
Noah
Shem

Where two bars overlap, those two men were alive together.



Picture to Color



Tubal-Cain at his anvil and Jubal at his harp.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
2446 B.C.

READ WITH *Kings David and Solomon · p. 80*



Find It!

- [ ] The word DELUGE and the year 2348
- [ ] The ark on the mountain
- [ ] The rainbow
- [ ] SHEM, HAM and JAPHETH
- [ ] The words “8 souls were saved”

Let’s Talk

Ages 6–8 What would you miss most if you lived in the ark for a whole year?

Ages 9–12 God’s promise is shown with a rainbow. Why do you think God chose something everyone can see?

Parents What promises have we made to each other as a family?

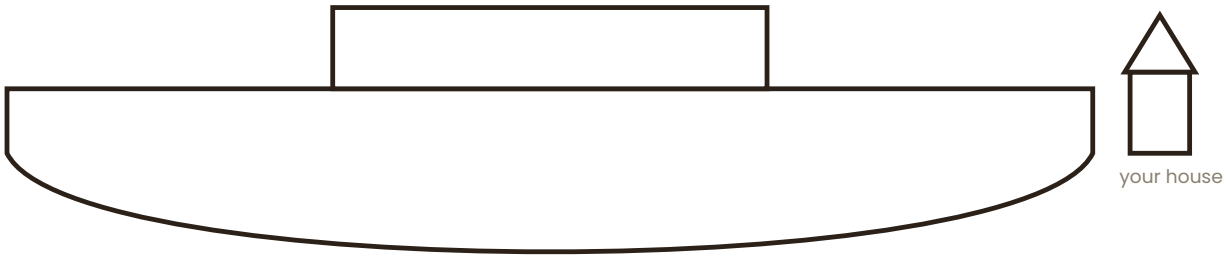
At the Same Time
Adams drew a picture of the first boats here too, called “First Navigators.” The ark was not built for sailing. It was built to float and keep everyone safe.

Our Family’s Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: How Big Was the Ark?

Adams wrote that the ark was 300 cubits long, about 547 feet. That is longer than one and a half football fields! Draw your house next to the ark to compare.



300 cubits = about 547 feet

Golden Thread:



What We Know Today

Next to this panel, Adams drew four faces called “Races of men.” In 1881 many people divided humanity this way. Today we know there is one human race. The Bible says it too: God “hath made of one blood all nations of men” (Acts 17:26).

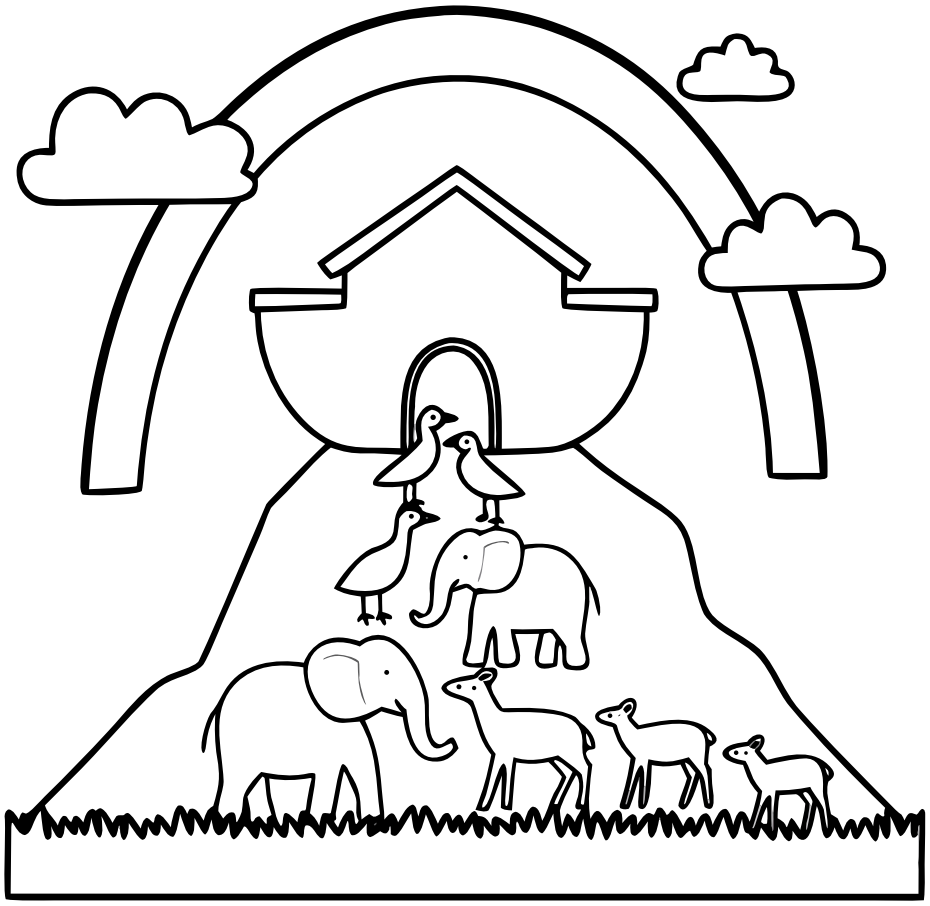
Count it yourself

The chart begins at 4004 B.C. The Flood came in 2348 B.C. How many years is that?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



The ark on the mountain, the animals coming out two by two, and the rainbow.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
1,656. The chart writes it as 1656 A.M.

Find It!

- [ ] The Tower of Babel
- [ ] PELEG's name
- [ ] NIMROD founds BABYLON
- [ ] The tents ("Dwelling in Tents")
- [ ] The word EGYPT

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 How would you play with a friend if you didn't speak the same language?

Ages 9–12 The builders wanted to "make us a name." What is the difference between being proud and doing your best?

Parents Which languages are spoken in our family's history?

At the Same Time
Noah lived 350 years after the Flood. Adams wrote that he died just 2 years before Abraham was born. Noah could have met Terah, Abraham's father!

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*

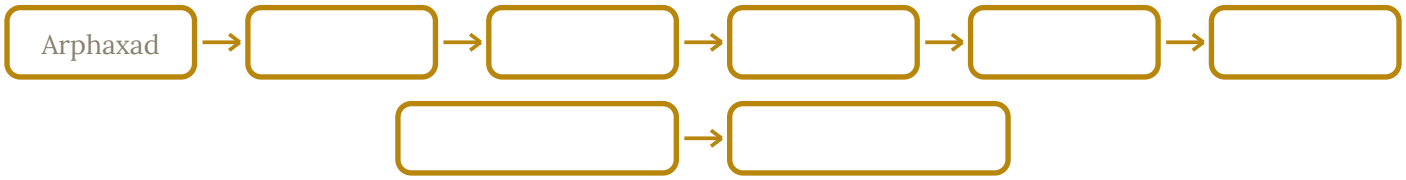


Activity: Say Hello!

Draw a line from each greeting to its language. Then write “hello” in a language your family knows.

○ Ciao	○ Hebrew
○ Shalom	○ French
○ Hola	○ Vietnamese
○ Bonjour	○ Italian
○ Xin chào	○ English
○ Hello	○ Spanish

Golden Thread:



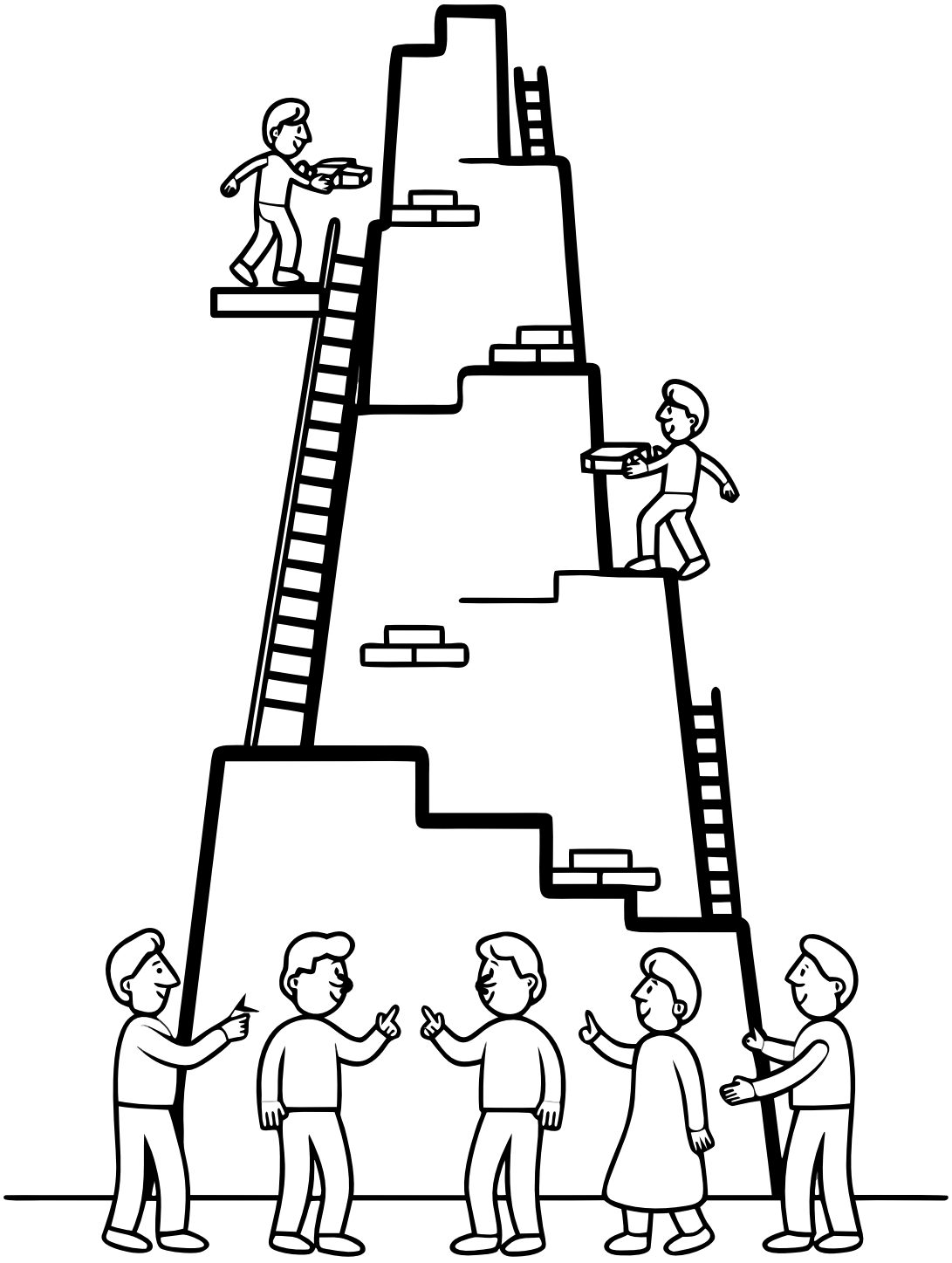
Count it yourself

The Flood: 2348 B.C. Peleg, and the confusion of tongues: 2247 B.C. How many years after the Flood? Then write 2247 B.C. in A.M. too (A.M. = 4004 − B.C.).

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



The tower of Babel going up.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
101 years · 2247 B.C. = 1757 A.M.

Find It!

- [ ] ABRAHAM and the number 175
- [ ] Sodom and Gomorrah
- [ ] Jacob's Ladder
- [ ] Joseph's Dream
- [ ] The Great Sphinx

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 If you had to leave home tomorrow, what three things would you take?

Ages 9–12 Abraham waited 25 years for God's promise. What is the hardest thing you have ever waited for?

Parents Has our family ever made a big move? How did it feel?

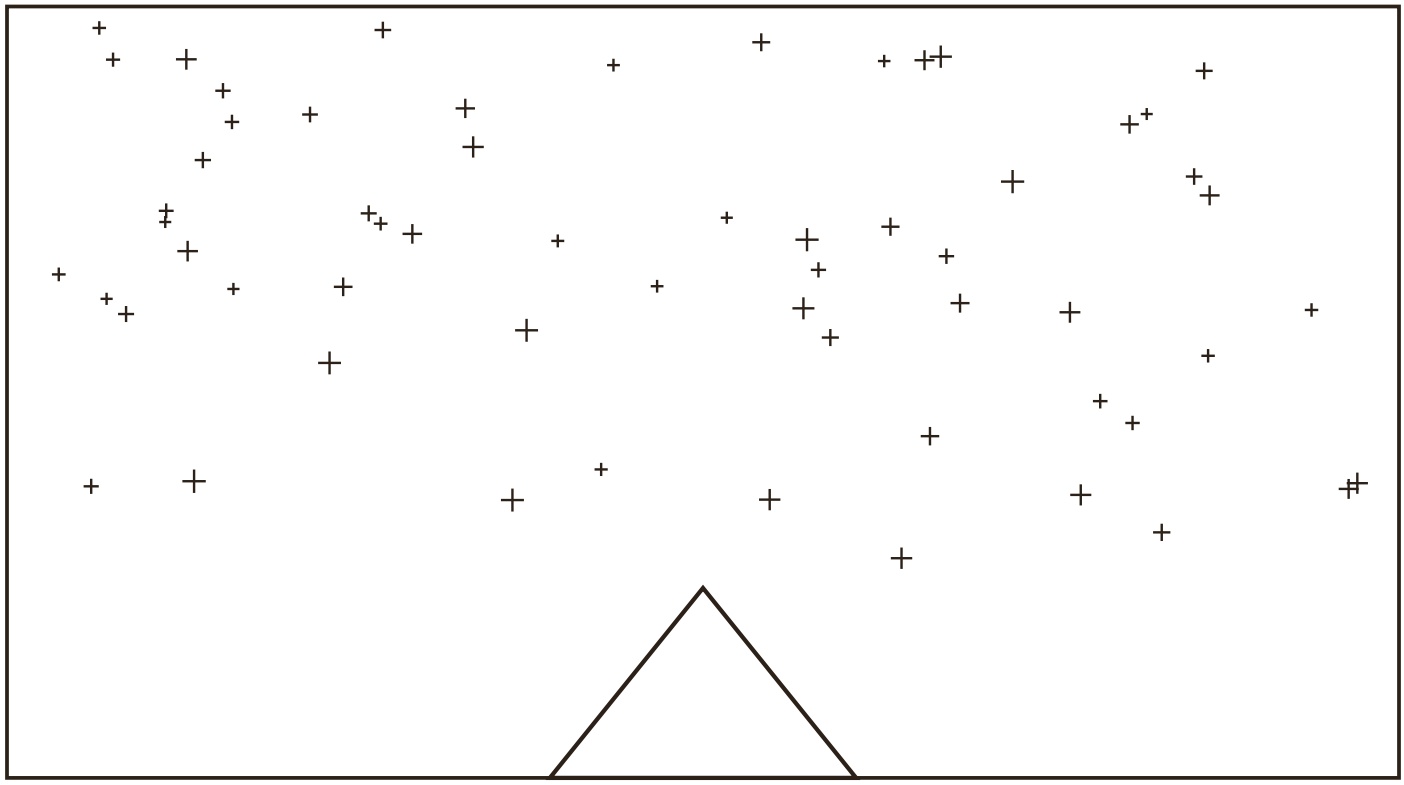
At the Same Time
Shem, Noah's son, was still alive during the first 150 years of Abraham's life, and the first 50 years of Isaac's. Adams wrote these numbers on the chart. The man who came out of the ark could have met Abraham!

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: Count the Stars

God told Abraham to look at the stars and count them. Draw as many stars as you can in the night sky. How many did you draw? _____



Golden Thread:

Terah → [ ] → [ ] → [ ] → [ ]

Count it yourself

God called Abraham in 1921 B.C. Sodom fell in 1898 B.C. How many years between them?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.

Who was alive at the same time?

Noah
Shem
Abraham

Where two bars overlap, those two men were alive together.



Picture to Color



Abraham outside his tent, counting the stars.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
23 years

Find It!

- [ ] The Burning Bush
- [ ] The list of THE 10 PLAGUES
- [ ] MOSES, 120 yrs
- [ ] The Golden Calf
- [ ] The people making bricks

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 Which plague do you think was the yuckiest? Why?

Ages 9–12 Moses said he wasn't a good speaker, but God chose him anyway. Why do you think God chose him?

Parents Which of the Ten Commandments do we find hardest to keep as a family?

At the Same Time
Adams wrote that Troy, Athens and Thebes were founded "during the days of Moses." While Israel wandered in the desert, the first Greek cities were rising far to the west.

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*

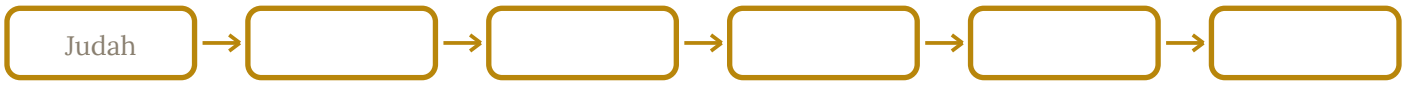


Activity: The Ten Plagues

Number the plagues in the right order, from 1 to 10. All ten are in the story of this session, in the order Adams gives them: use it to check.

___ Frogs · ___ Death of the firstborn · ___ Water to blood · ___ Hail · ___ Lice · ___ Darkness · ___ Flies · ___ Boils · ___ Locusts · ___ Murrain (sick animals)

Golden Thread:



What We Know Today

Adams placed the Exodus in 1491 B.C., following James Ussher. Bible scholars still discuss the exact date. Many suggest a date around 1446 B.C., based on 1 Kings 6:1; others suggest a later one.

Count it yourself

Jacob went down into Egypt in 1706 B.C. The Exodus was in 1491 B.C. How long was the family in Egypt? And what is 1491 B.C. in A.M.?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



Moses on the mountain.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
215 years · 1491 B.C. = 2513 A.M.

Find It!

- [ ] The word JUDGES
- [ ] Samson carrying the gates
- [ ] Ruth in the field
- [ ] The Ark of the Covenant
- [ ] The golden candlestick

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 Ruth was a very loyal friend. Who is a loyal friend to you?

Ages 9–12 Gideon thought he was too small for God's job. Have you ever felt too small for something?

Parents Who in our family left home to take care of someone they loved?

At the Same Time
While the judges ruled Israel, far away in Greece people told stories about Jason and the Argonauts and the Trojan War. Find TROY on this panel. Adams placed its fall at about 1184 B.C.

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: Tabernacle Treasures

Draw a line from each object to what it was for.

- Ark of the Covenant
- Golden candlestick
- Table of shewbread
- Brazen laver

- Giving light in the holy place
- Washing before serving God
- Holding the stone tablets of the Law
- Holding twelve loaves of bread

Golden Thread:

Nashon → ☐ → ☐ → ☐ → ☐

Count it yourself

Troy fell about 1184 B.C. The Exodus was in 1491 B.C. Which came first, and by how many years?

☐

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



Ruth gathering wheat.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
The Exodus, by about 307 years

READ WITH *Kings David and Solomon · p. 80*



Find It!

- [ ] David and Goliath
- [ ] SAUL, 40
- [ ] Solomon's Temple
- [ ] David with his harp
- [ ] The catapult

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 If you could ask God for one gift like Solomon did, what would it be?

Ages 9–12 David was brave against Goliath. Where do you need courage this week?

Parents What is a "Goliath" our family has faced together?

> **At the Same Time**
> On this same panel you can find Homer, the most famous poet of ancient Greece. Adams placed him close in time to King Solomon, the wisest king of Israel.

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: Three Kings

Fill in the chart.

○ Saul	○ ___
○ David	○ ___
○ Solomon	○ ___

Golden Thread:

Jesse → [ ] → [ ] → Rehoboam → Abijah → Asa

Jehoshaphat → Jehoram → Uzziah

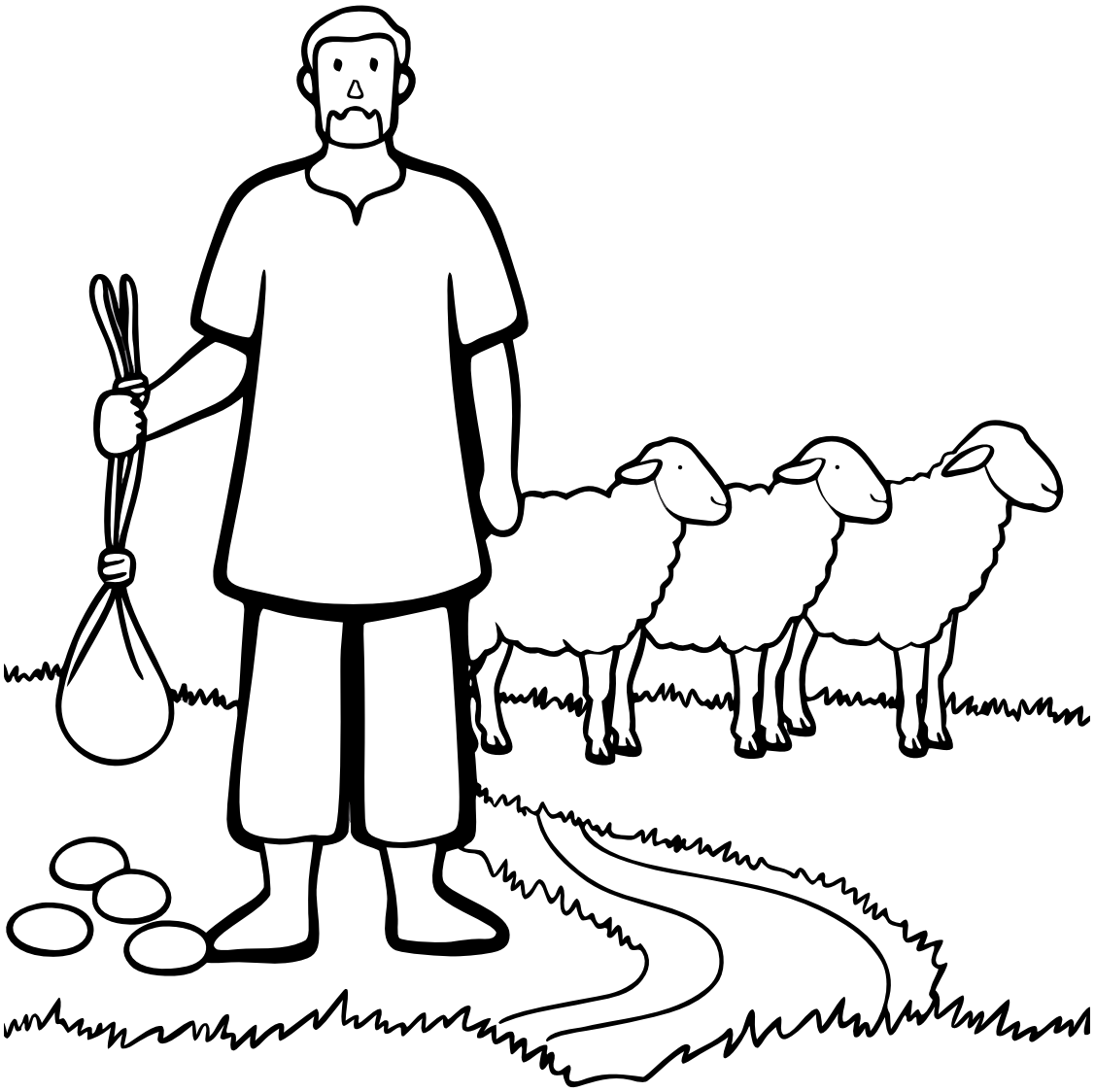
Count it yourself

Saul, David and Solomon each reigned 40 years. How many years is that altogether? [ ]

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



David the shepherd boy.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
120 years

Find It!

- [ ] The statue from the king's dream
- [ ] The words MENE, TEKEL
- [ ] DANIEL's name in a scroll
- [ ] The Temple of Diana at Ephesus
- [ ] Weeping Jeremiah in his sack cloth

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 Daniel kept praying even when it was dangerous. When do you like to pray?

Ages 9–12 Daniel lived in a foreign country but stayed true to God. How can you stay yourself when everyone around you is different?

Parents Have we ever lived far from home? What helped us stay "us"?

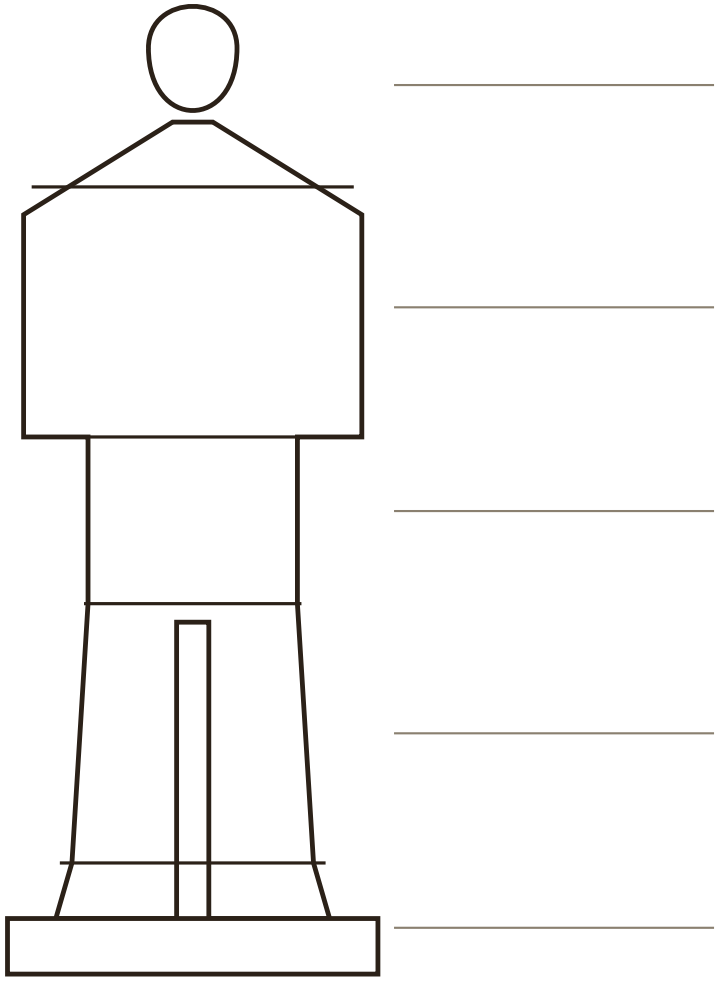
At the Same Time
On this single panel, Daniel prays in Babylon, Pythagoras studies numbers in Greece, and Confucius teaches in China. Adams drew them all within a few inches of each other.

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: The Dream Statue

Write the right metal on each part of the statue: gold, silver, brass, iron, iron and clay.



Golden Thread:

Uzziah → Jotham → Ahaz → Hezekiah → Manasseh → Amon

Josiah → ____ → ____

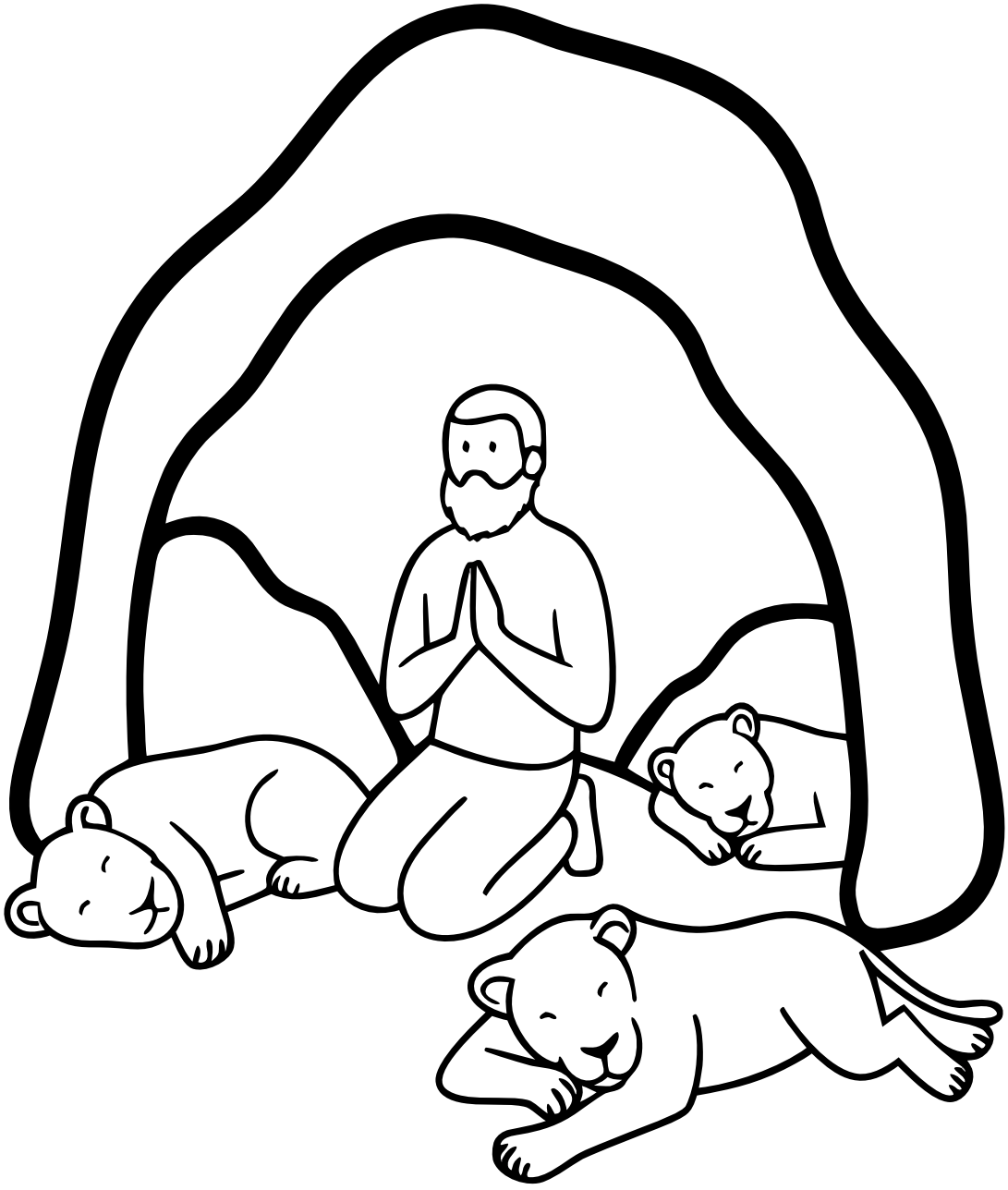
Count it yourself

Rome was founded on 21 April 753 B.C. The temple was burned in 588 B.C. How many years between them? And 588 B.C. in A.M.?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



Daniel praying in the den, with the lions asleep.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
165 years · 588 B.C. = 3416 A.M.

READ WITH *The Tower of Babel · p. 56*



Find It!

- [ ] The words “End of the 39 Books”
- [ ] Queen Esther
- [ ] Alexander on his horse
- [ ] The Pharos (a tall lighthouse)
- [ ] Archimedes

Let’s Talk

Ages 6–8 Esther was brave for her people. When have you been brave for someone else?

Ages 9–12 Socrates taught by asking questions. What question would you ask him?

Parents What “time such as this” might God have placed our family in?

At the Same Time
Adams placed the death of Socrates in 399 B.C., just two years before the last book of the Old Testament. The wisest Greek and the last prophet of Israel lived at almost the same time.

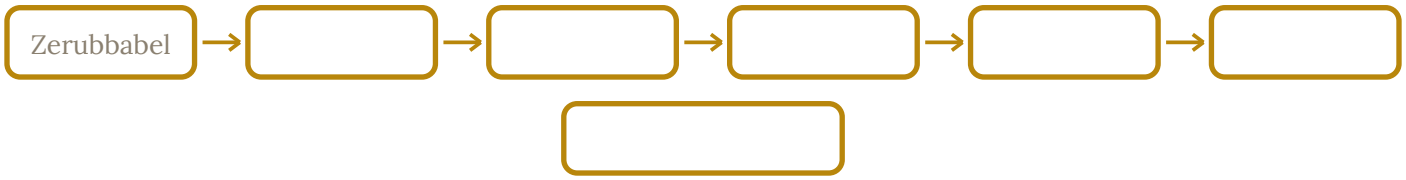
Our Family’s Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: Who Lived at the Same Time?

Circle the people you can find on this panel: Socrates · Moses · Esther · Alexander · Noah · Archimedes · Malachi · David

Golden Thread:



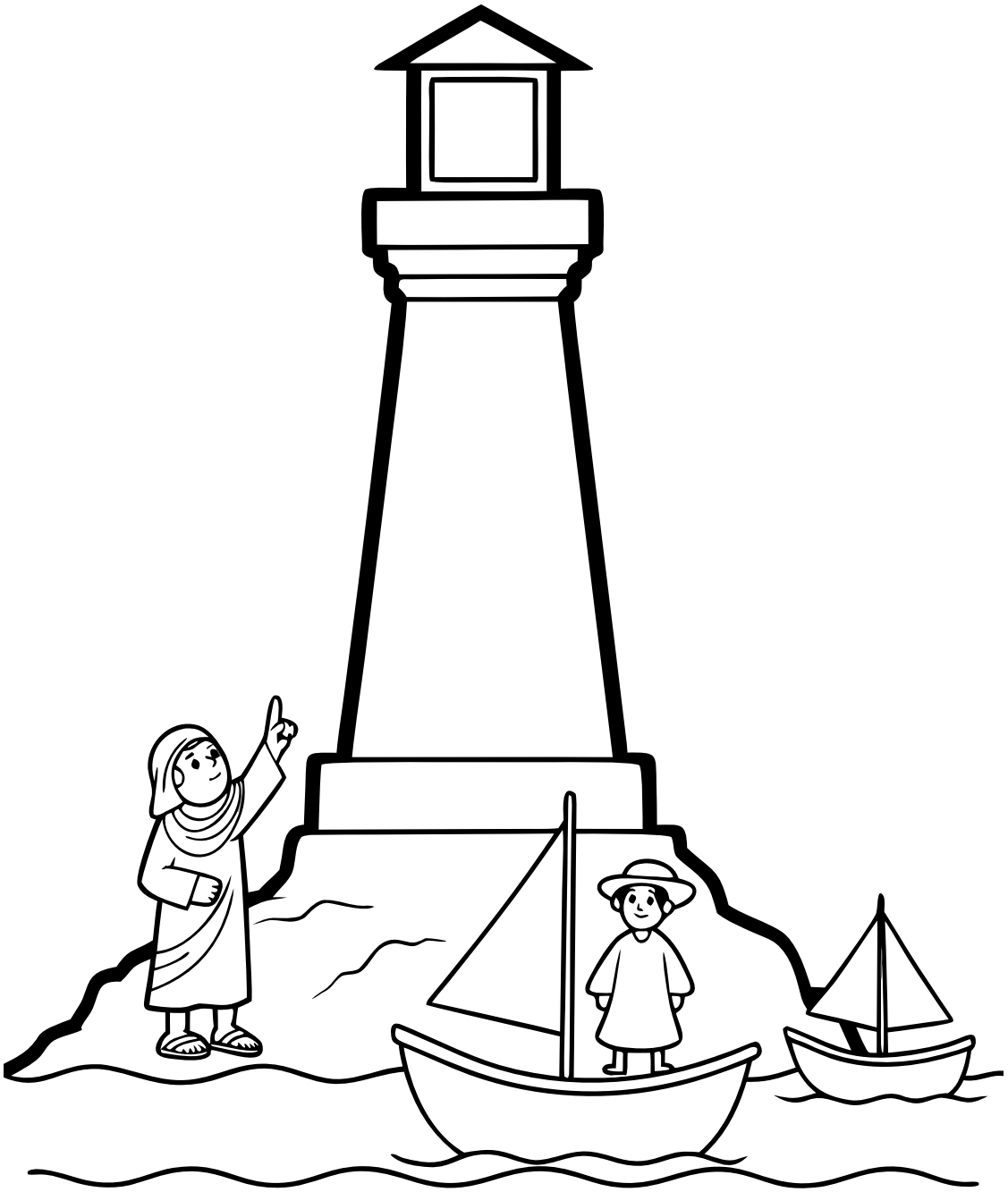
Count it yourself

Socrates died in 399 B.C. The Old Testament ends in 397 B.C. How many years apart?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



The Pharos, the lighthouse of Alexandria.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
2 years

Find It!

- [ ] The words “CHRISTIAN ERA BEGINS”
- [ ] The Magi
- [ ] JESUS and the number 33
- [ ] PETER’s name
- [ ] The Coliseum

Let’s Talk

Ages 6–8 If you could bring a gift to baby Jesus, what would you bring?

Ages 9–12 Why do you think the whole calendar changed with the birth of Jesus?

Parents What does Christmas look like in our family? Which tradition matters most to us?

At the Same Time
The ruler of the whole Roman world, Caesar Augustus, signed an order that brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem (Luke 2:1). The most powerful man on earth and a baby in a manger appear on the same panel.

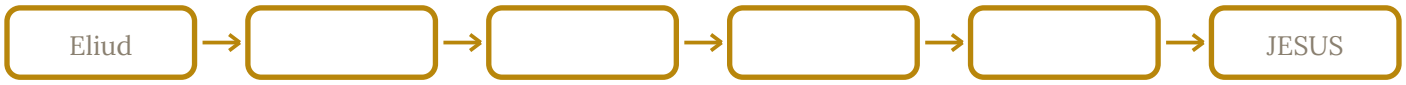
Our Family’s Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: Roman Numerals

The Romans wrote numbers with letters: I = 1, V = 5, X = 10, L = 50, C = 100. Write these numbers: XII = ___ · XXXIII = ___ · LXXIX = ___ · C = ___

Golden Thread:



You have followed the Golden Thread all the way from Adam to Jesus!

What We Know Today

Adams wrote that Jesus was probably born a few years before A.D. 1, "from 4 to 6 B.C." When the calendar was set up long ago, the year of His birth was counted a little too late. Most historians today agree with Adams.

Did you know?

Adams drew the Christian era beginning at 4004 A.M., but he also printed on the chart that Jesus was born "from 4 to 6 B.C." He left his own doubt on the paper for you to find.



Picture to Color



The stable at Bethlehem, with the star above it.

Find It!

- [ ] The picture of the Council at Nice, 325
- [ ] Jerome at his desk
- [ ] The Map of the World by Ptolemy
- [ ] The Arch of Titus
- [ ] The Roman galley

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 Jerome turned the Bible into the language people spoke. Which language do you read the Bible in?

Ages 9–12 Why do you think the early Christians wanted to write down exactly what they believed?

Parents Which words or prayers do we say together as a family?

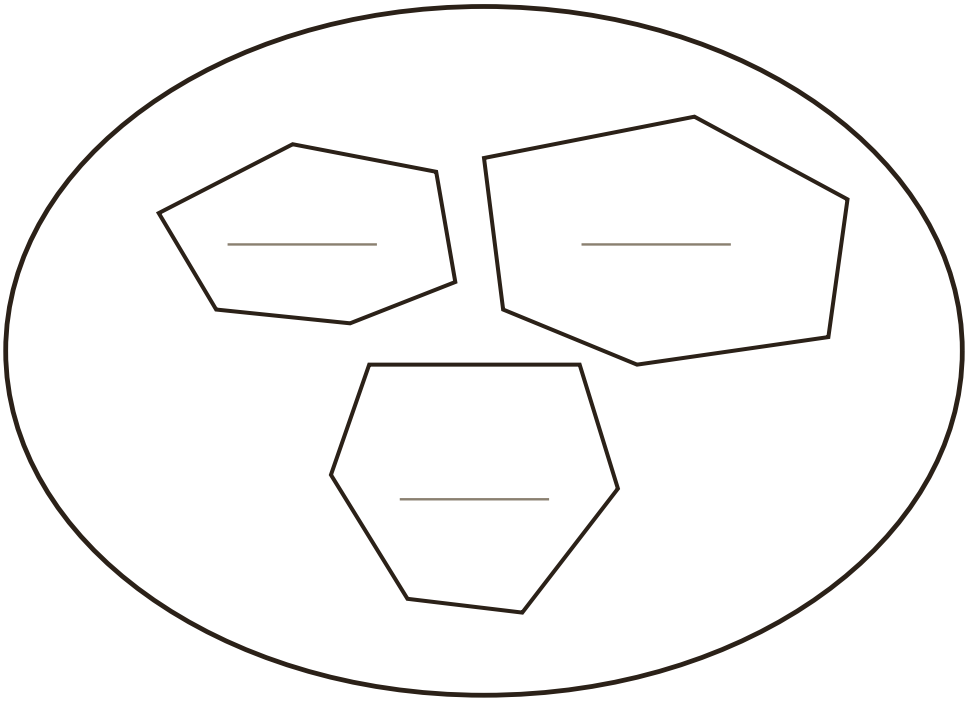
At the Same Time
Ptolemy's map shows only Europe, Asia and Africa. Nobody in the Roman world knew that America and Australia existed. Compare his map with the big map at the start of the chart!

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: Ptolemy's World

Ptolemy knew three continents. Write their names on his map: EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA. Then draw the two big continents he never knew about.



Stream of Time: From now on, the Golden Thread has reached Jesus. On each panel, find the year printed on a Century Pillar and write it here:

What We Know Today

The second great council was held at Constantinople in A.D. 381. The story of Constantine's vision comes from Eusebius, a writer who knew him.

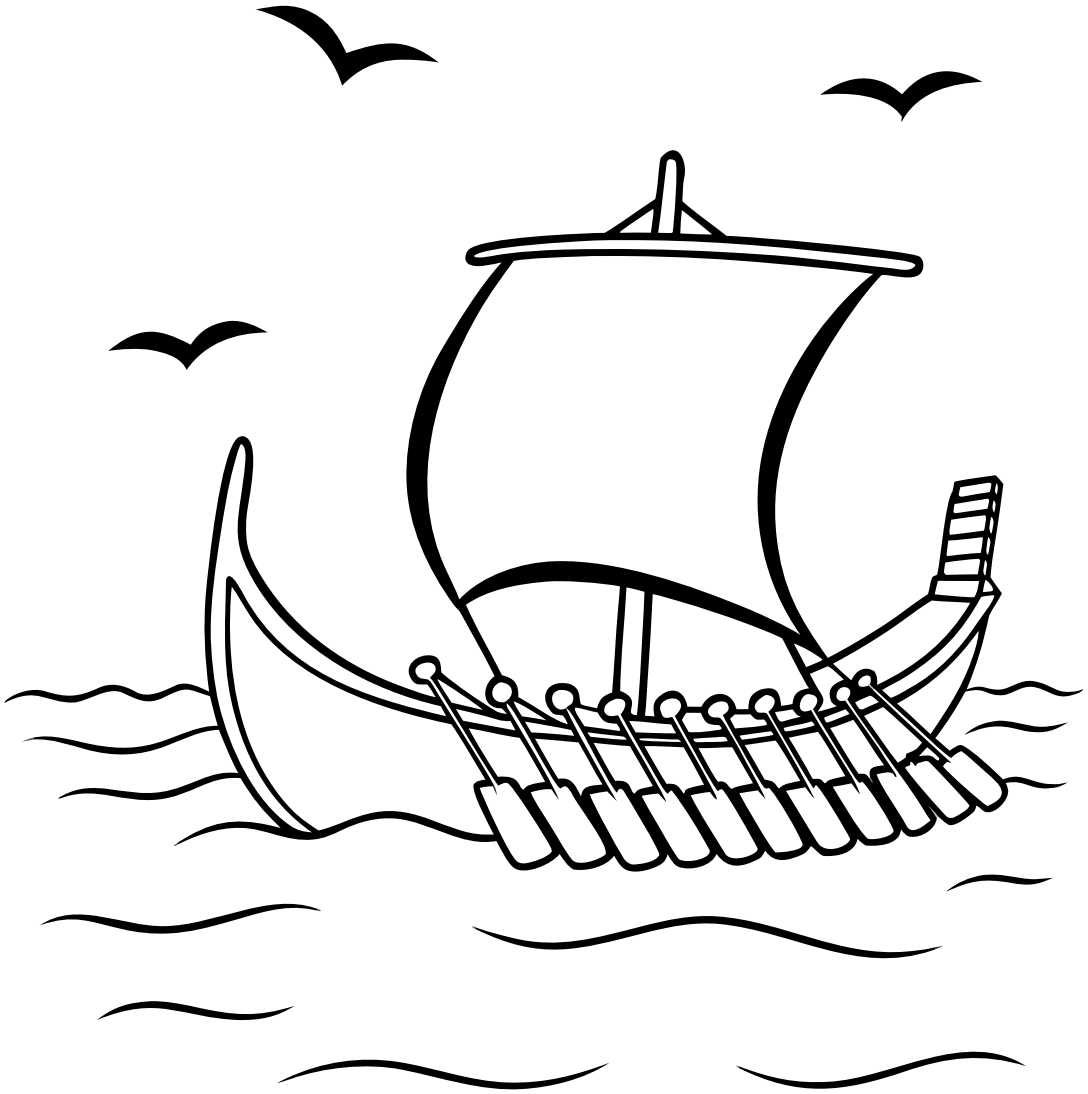
Count it yourself

The council of Nicaea was A.D. 325. The second council, at Constantinople, was A.D. 381. How many years later? Careful: after the birth of Christ the chart counts A.M. = A.D. + 4003. What is A.D. 325 in A.M.?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



A Roman galley.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
56 years · A.D. 325 = 4328 A.M.

Find It!

- [ ] Stonehenge
- [ ] St. Patrick in Ireland
- [ ] The word KENT
- [ ] Attila
- [ ] The mosque with a round dome

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 Patrick went back to the place where he had been a slave, to help the people there. What do you think of that?

Ages 9–12 Why do you think forgiving someone who hurt you is so hard?

Parents Which places in the world do our family's roots come from?

At the Same Time
While Patrick was teaching in Ireland, Attila the Hun was riding across Europe. Adams wrote that Attila died in A.D. 453.

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: Who Came to Britain?

Number the arrivals in order. All three years are in the story of this session: ___ The Romans leave · ___ The Saxons arrive (449) · ___ Patrick goes to Ireland (about 432)

Stream of Time: Write the year on a Century Pillar in this panel:

What We Know Today

The mosque Adams drew is called the Dome of the Rock. It was built a few years later, around A.D. 691. In 637 the city was taken by the caliph Omar. The Hegira of A.D. 622, also on this panel, is the year Muslims count their calendar from.

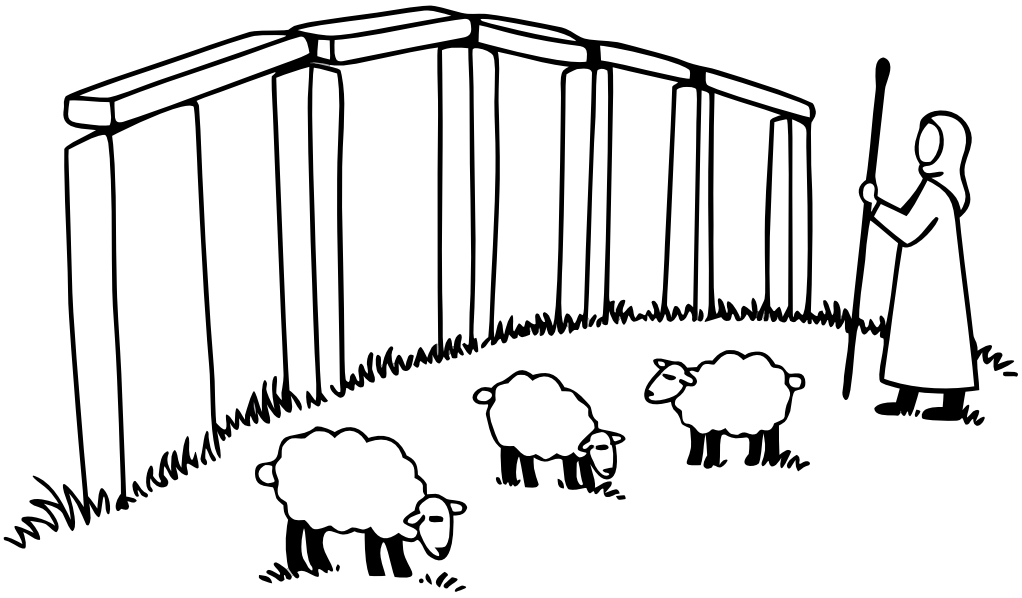
Count it yourself

The Romans left Britain about A.D. 426. The Saxons came in A.D. 449. How many years later?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



Stonehenge on its green hill.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
23 years

Find It!

- [ ] The Battle of Tours
- [ ] The castle (“Feudal System”)
- [ ] ALFRED, THE GREAT
- [ ] Haroun-al-Raschid
- [ ] The words “Dublin built about 800”

Let’s Talk

Ages 6–8 If you lived in a castle, what job would you want: king, knight, cook or farmer?

Ages 9–12 Charlemagne found writing hard but still loved learning. What is hard for you that you still enjoy?

Parents Who first taught us to read? What was our first favorite book?

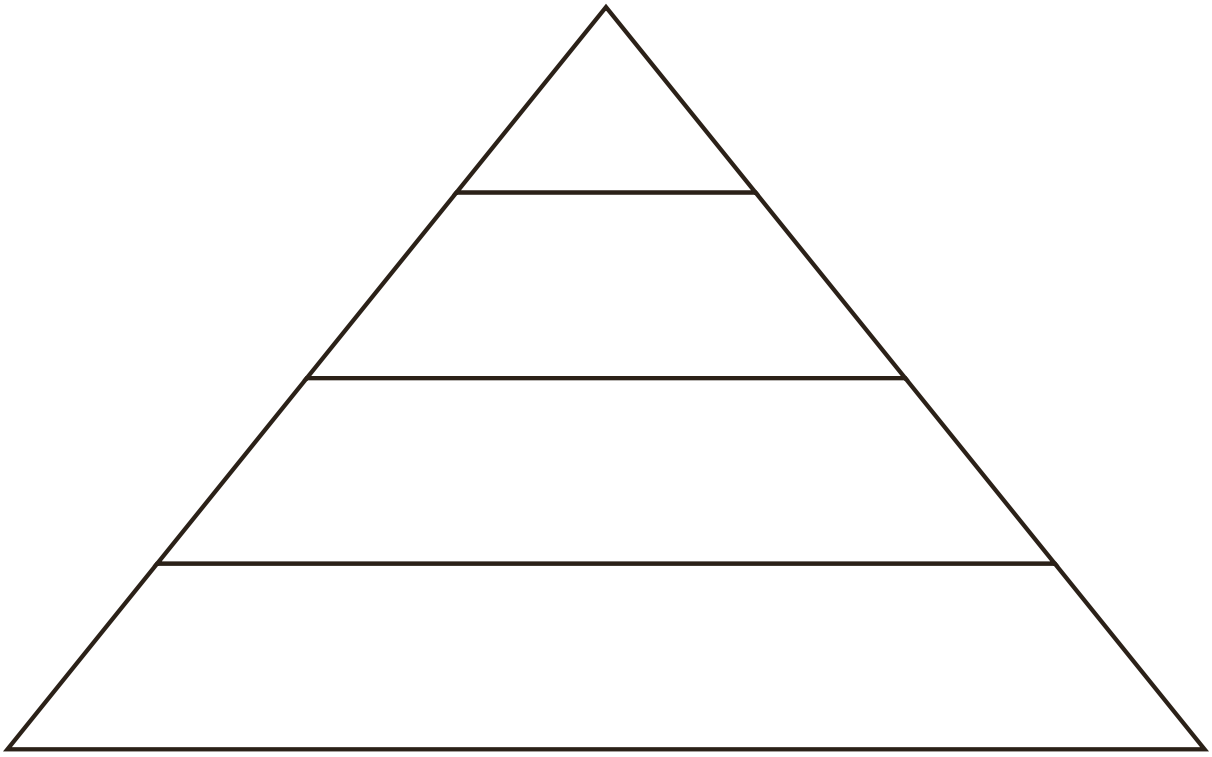
At the Same Time
While Charlemagne ruled in Europe, Haroun-al-Raschid ruled in Baghdad. They even sent each other gifts: the caliph is said to have sent Charlemagne an elephant!

Our Family’s Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: The Feudal Pyramid

Write the right word on each level of the pyramid, from top to bottom: KING · LORDS · KNIGHTS · FARMERS



Stream of Time: Write the year on a Century Pillar in this panel:

What We Know Today

The story that Alfred founded Oxford is a legend. Historians say that teaching in Oxford began around 1096, long after Alfred.

Count it yourself

The battle of Tours was 10 October 732. Alfred founded Oxford in 886. How many years between them?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



A castle with its drawbridge.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
154 years

Find It!

- [ ] Two knights on horseback
- [ ] A little red cross for a crusade
- [ ] The Leaning Tower of Pisa
- [ ] King Canute
- [ ] The spectacles

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 If you were a knight, what would be your promise?

Ages 9–12 Magna Carta said the king must obey the law too. Why is that important?

Parents What are the "rules everyone follows" in our home, even grown-ups?

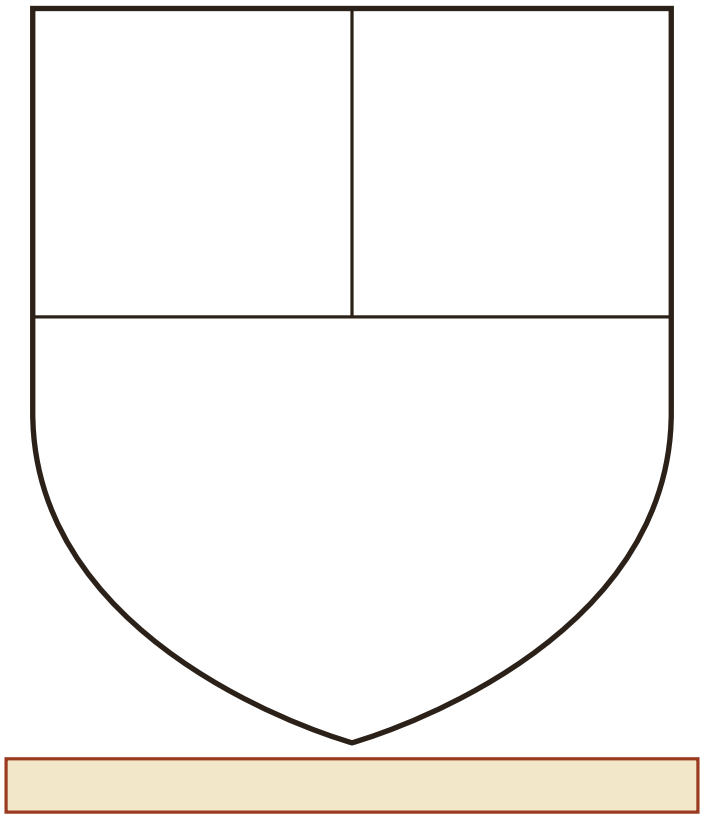
At the Same Time
Adams wrote that the Bible was divided into chapters around 1227. Verses came much later, in 1551. So for most of history, people read the Bible without chapter and verse numbers!

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: My Coat of Arms

Knights painted a coat of arms on their shields. Design your own: draw something you love, something you are good at, and a word for your family.



Stream of Time: Write the year on a Century Pillar in this panel:

What We Know Today

Adams placed the Leaning Tower of Pisa in 1154. Today we know it was begun in 1173 and finished almost 200 years later.

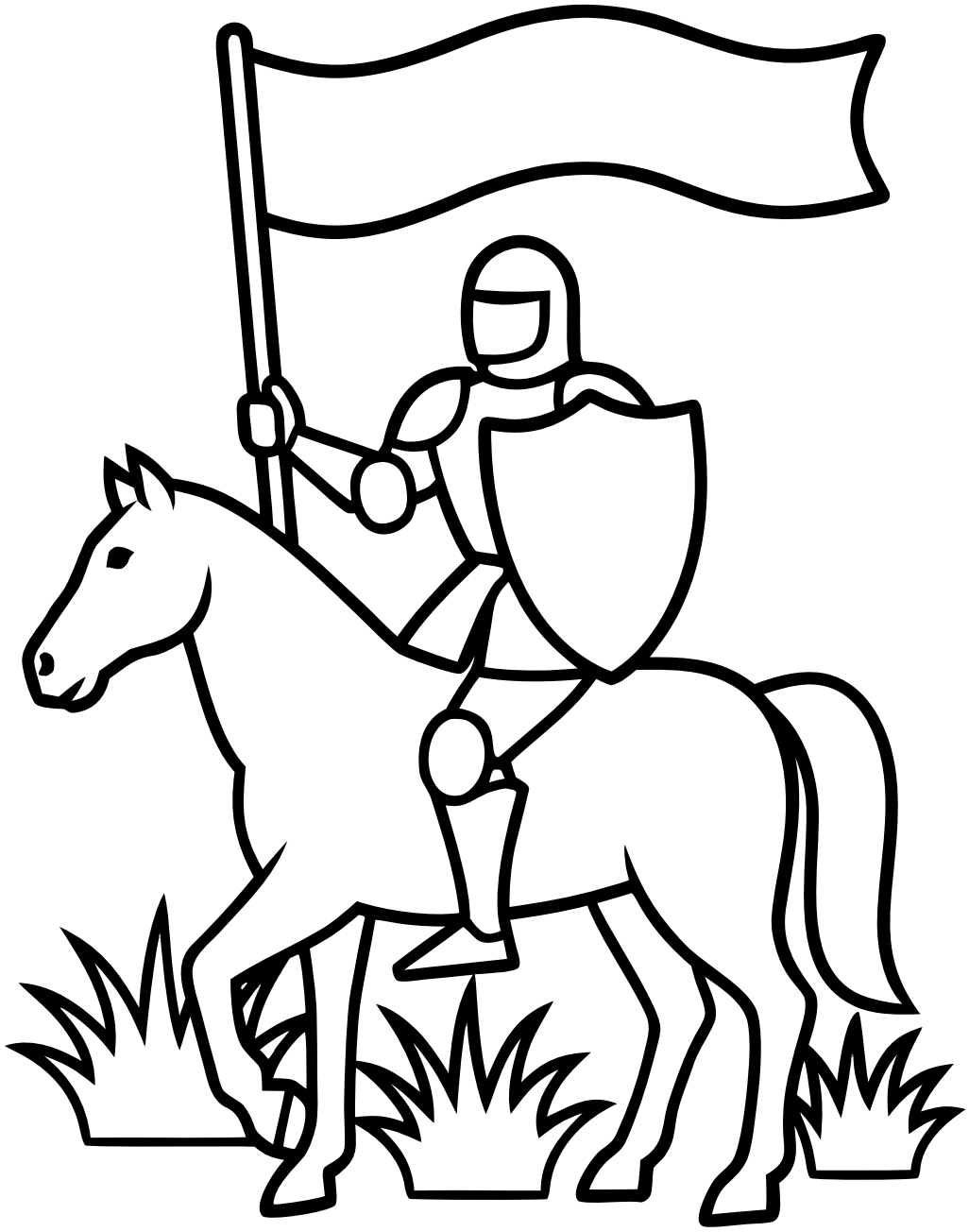
Count it yourself

Hastings was 1066. The first crusade set out in 1096. How many years later?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



A knight on his horse.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
30 years

Find It!

- [ ] Columbus's ship and the year 1492
- [ ] Gutenberg's printing press
- [ ] Martin Luther
- [ ] The first watch
- [ ] Joan of Arc

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 Which invention on this panel would you most like to have? Why?

Ages 9–12 The printing press helped people read the Bible for themselves. What would change if every book still had to be copied by hand?

Parents What is the most important invention in our lives today?

At the Same Time
Columbus reached America in 1492, and Copernicus was a young student in Poland at that time. In just a few years, people learned that the earth was bigger than they thought, and that it moves around the sun!

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: Inventions

Draw a line from each invention to its year. All three years are in the story of this session.

○ Gutenberg's printing	○ 1477
○ First watch	○ 1492
○ Columbus reaches America	○ 1440

Stream of Time: Write the year on a Century Pillar in this panel:

What We Know Today

Adams wrote May 31 for the death of Joan of Arc. Most historians today give May 30, 1431.

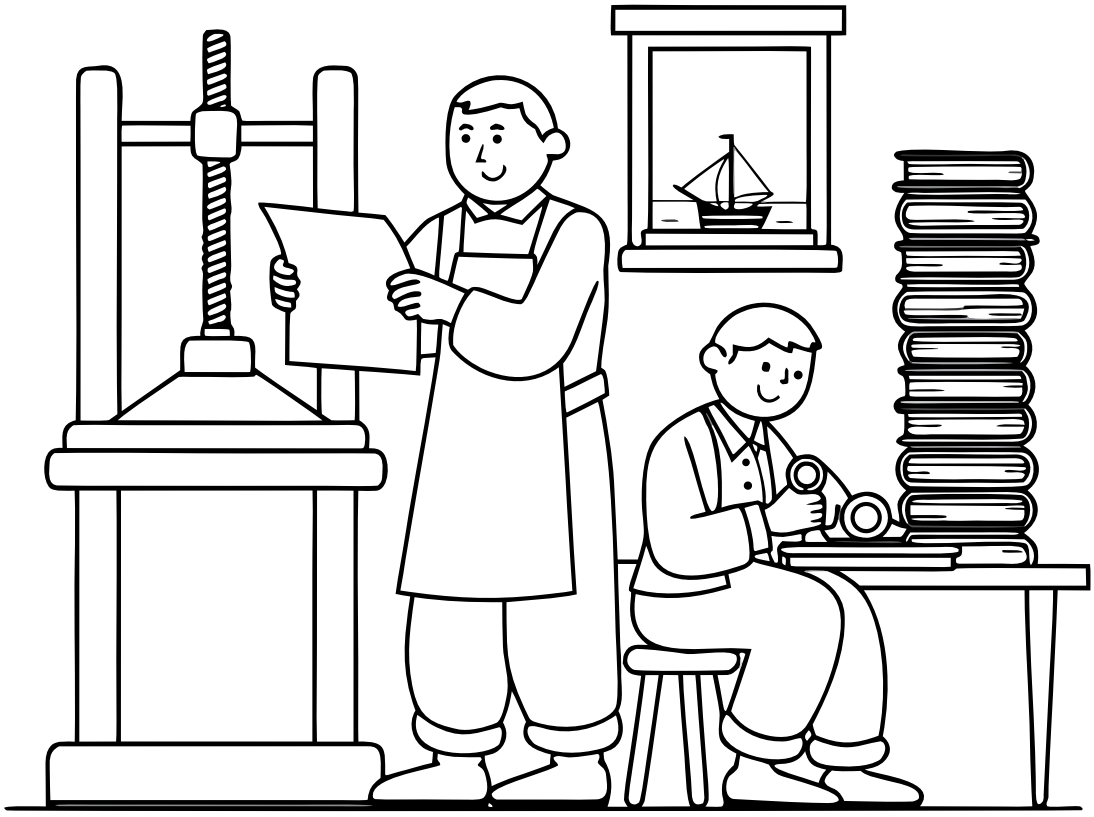
Count it yourself

Gutenberg printed in 1440. Columbus landed on 12 October 1492. How many years later? And 1492 in A.M.?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



A printing press, with the first page just off it.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
52 years · 1492 = 5495 A.M.

READ WITH *Pictures and Letters · p. 34*



Find It!

- [ ] The Holy Bible
- [ ] The hot-air balloon
- [ ] Isaac Newton under the tree
- [ ] The first telegraph line
- [ ] The word VICTORIA

Let's Talk

Ages 6–8 If you could fly in the first hot-air balloon, where would you go?

Ages 9–12 Newton and Galileo studied the world God made. How can science help us wonder at creation?

Parents What did our grandparents use that we don't use anymore?

> **At the Same Time**
> The first message Morse sent by telegraph in 1844 was a Bible verse: "What hath God wrought!" (Numbers 23:23).

Our Family's Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: Invention Timeline

Nobody has to cut this book. In the top row, write what was invented. In the row below, write the year. Then join each invention to its year with a line. All four are in the Look closer picture in this session, each one with its year: the telescope, the hot-air balloon, the photograph and the telegraph.

WHAT WAS INVENTED

IN WHAT YEAR

Join each invention to its year with a line.

Stream of Time: Write the year on a Century Pillar in this panel:

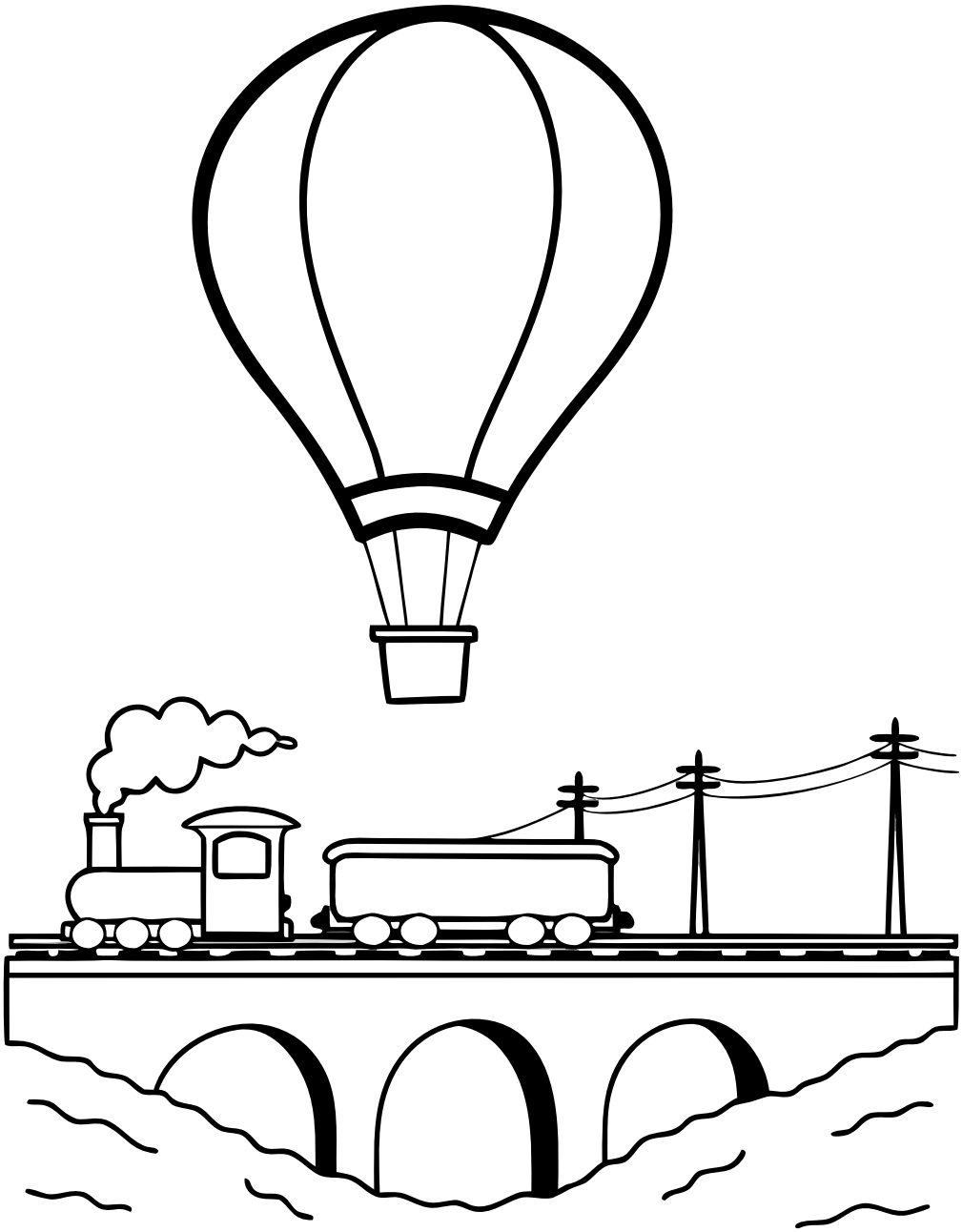
Count it yourself

Galileo improved the telescope in 1610. Morse sent his telegram in 1844. How many years between them?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.



Picture to Color



A balloon above a steam train, and the telegraph poles beside the line.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
234 years

Find It!

- [ ] George Washington
- [ ] James Garfield
- [ ] Queen Victoria
- [ ] The words “Eminent Men”
- [ ] The words “Revised Version”

Let’s Talk

Ages 6–8 What is your favorite panel of the whole chart? Why?

Ages 9–12 If you could add one event after 1881 to the chart, what would it be?

Parents What would we want our grandchildren to know about our family’s part in the story?

At the Same Time
Sebastian Adams lived from 1825 to 1898. He worked on this chart for many years, and he kept updating it. When you look at it, you are seeing the world through the eyes of a teacher from about 145 years ago.

Our Family’s Answer *write down what you decided together.*



Activity: Then and Now

On the left, draw something from Adams's time (a steam train, a balloon, a candle). On the right, draw the same thing today.

1881	Today

Continue the Stream of Time: Write the years when your grandparents, your parents and you were born.



Count it yourself

The chart begins at 4004 B.C. and stops at 1881. How many years does the whole chart cover?

The answer is at the foot of the next page.

Picture to Color



A family unrolling the whole chart on the kitchen table.

ANSWER TO "COUNT IT YOURSELF"
5,884. Remember: there is no year nought

Read the Ribbon · 1 of 3

What this teaches *Adams's chart is written in a language of ribbons, bands, pillars and scrolls. Once a child can read six of these signs, he can read any part of the chart by himself, including the parts this book never shows him.*

1. A ribbon with a name and a number

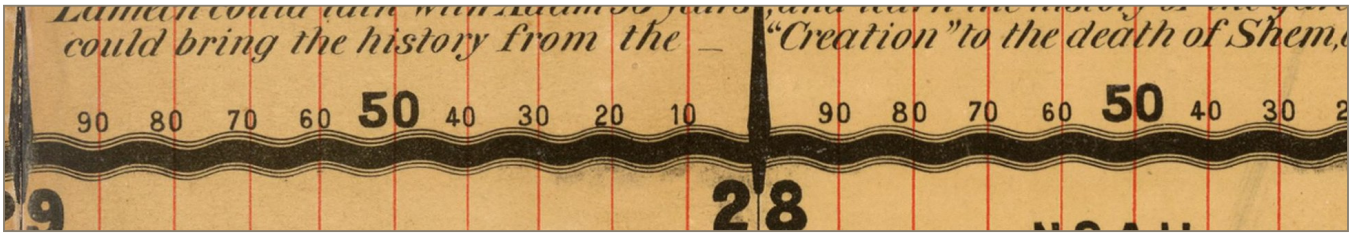
Adams gave every important person a ribbon. The name is written on it, and the number at the end is the years that person lived.



Whose ribbon is this, and how many years did he live?

2. A century pillar and the red lines

The thick black bar is a century pillar: from one pillar to the next is one hundred years. The thin red lines inside it cut that century into ten.



How many years are there between two red lines? And what are the numbers 50, 40, 30 counting?

Read the Ribbon · 2 of 3

3. The books of the Bible, drawn as scrolls

Adams drew each book of the Bible as a little rolled scroll, numbered in the order he believed it was written, and placed at the time it was written.



Which book is number 26 here, and how many chapters does Adams give it?

4. The bands of the nations

Below the Stream of Time each nation gets a colored band that runs left to right. When one nation conquers another the bands join; when a nation becomes free, a band splits off.



Find the band marked EGYPT. What is happening to the kings written above it?

Read the Ribbon · 3 of 3

5. A picture with its caption

Adams never drew a picture without saying why. Under the drawing there is almost always a Bible verse or a sentence from a historian.

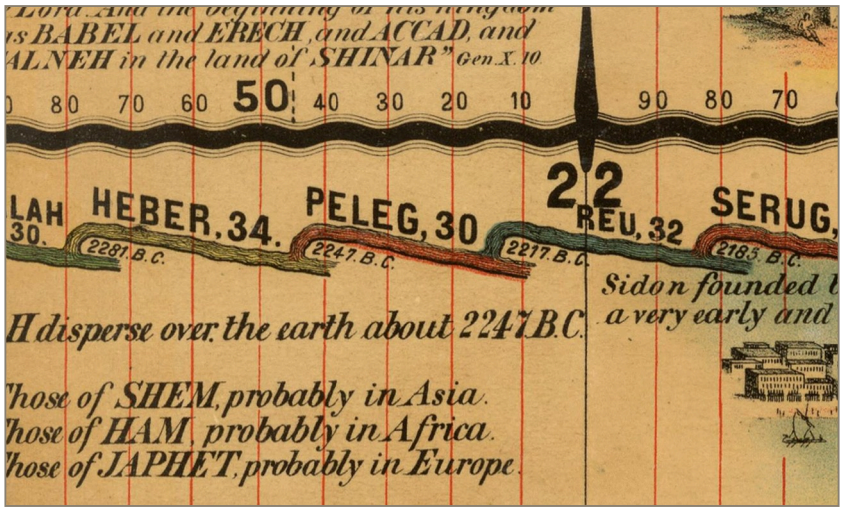


What is the man hammering, and which verse is printed beside him?

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6. The thread under the Stream

Just under the black Stream of Time runs the family line from Adam to Jesus. Each name has the years that person lived, and under it the date.



Three names of the family line are here. Write them in order, left to right.

Century Pillar Math

What this teaches *Real arithmetic, with the chart as the exercise book: subtraction with carrying, and the jump across the year zero that makes B.C. and A.D. hard. A child who can do this page can date anything on Adams's chart without being told.*

Adams writes two numbers under every century pillar. Above: A.M., "in the year of the world", counted from Creation. Below: B.C., counted backwards to the birth of Jesus. The rule that joins them is short:

A.M. + B.C. = 4004

because Adams begins his chart at 4004 B.C., which is the year 0 A.M.

A. Fill in the missing number

1.	The Flood	1656 A.M.	+	_____	= 4004
2.	God calls Abraham	_____	+	1921 B.C.	= 4004
3.	The Exodus	2513 A.M.	+	_____	= 4004
4.	King David begins	_____	+	1004 B.C.	= 4004
5.	The Temple is burned	3416 A.M.	+	_____	= 4004
6.	The Old Testament ends	_____	+	397 B.C.	= 4004

B. How long between?

1. From the Flood (2348 B.C.) to the Tower of Babel (2247 B.C.): years _____
2. From Abraham's call (1921 B.C.) to the Exodus (1491 B.C.): years _____
3. From the Exodus (1491 B.C.) to King David (1004 B.C.): years _____
4. From King David (1004 B.C.) to the Temple burning (588 B.C.): years _____

Careful with the next one: going from B.C. to A.D. there is no year zero.

Century Pillar Math · 2

C. Across the gap

From a year B.C. to a year A.D., add the two numbers and take away one, because the calendar jumps straight from 1 B.C. to A.D. 1.

1. the Temple burning (588 B.C.) to the Council at Nice (A.D. 325): _____
2. the birth of Jesus (4 B.C.) to Patrick in Ireland (A.D. 432): _____
3. the end of the Old Testament (397 B.C.) to Hastings (A.D. 1066): _____
4. the death of Socrates (399 B.C.) to Gutenberg prints (A.D. 1440): _____

D. Count the pillars

One pillar is one hundred years. How many whole pillars stand between these two events on the chart?

1. Between Creation (4004 B.C.) and the Flood (2348 B.C.) _____
2. Between the Flood and the birth of Jesus (4 B.C.) _____
3. Between the birth of Jesus and Columbus (A.D. 1492) _____
4. Between Columbus and the year Adams finished his chart (1881) _____

E. Your own

Work out the A.M. year of the day you were born: take the year you were born, add 4003, and write it here. That is how old the world is, on Adams's count, on your birthday.

Measure the Chart

What this teaches *Scale, without using the word. The child measures one century on his own strip, checks that every century measures the same, and then dates an event by measuring instead of counting. This is how a map is read.*

You need the eight taped sheets from Activity 1 and a ruler. Work in centimetres or in inches, whichever your ruler has, but use the same one all the way down.

1. How long is one century?

Measure from one black pillar to the next, three times, in three different places on your strip.

first measurement _____

second measurement _____

third measurement _____

Are the three the same? They should be, and that is the point: on Adams's chart the same length always means the same number of years. A chart where that is not true cannot be trusted.

2. How long is one year?

Divide your measurement by one hundred. Write the answer, then find something in the room that is about that long.

3. Date it by measuring

Pick three things you have written on your strip. For each one, measure from the 4004 B.C. end, divide by the length of one year, and see how close you get to the real date.

what it is	distance	my date	real date

If your date is out by fifty years, you have done well: Adams's own printers were not more exact than that.

Measure the Chart · the surprise

Now measure these four lengths on your strip and write them down. Then look at the four numbers together.

From Creation to the Flood _____

From the Flood to the birth of Jesus _____

From the birth of Jesus to Columbus _____

From Columbus to today _____

Everything your family can remember (photographs, grandparents, the oldest story anyone still tells) lives inside the last of those four lengths, and usually inside the last centimetre of it. Write here how long that last piece is:

One more thing to try

Fold your strip in half. Which year is at the fold? On Adams's chart the middle of all history is not the birth of Jesus and not the Flood: it is somewhere in the time of the kings. Most people guess wrong. Write the year you find at the fold:

Ussher's Own Arithmetic

What this teaches *Where does 4004 B.C. come from? Not from a guess: from a column of additions anyone can check. Doing the sum yourself is the difference between believing a number and understanding it, and it makes the honest note at the end worth reading.*

Genesis 5 tells you how old each father was when his son was born. Add them up and you know how many years passed between Adam and Noah. Fill in the running total.

father	his age when the son was born	son	running total (A.M.)
Adam	130	Seth	130
Seth	105	Enos	
Enos	90	Cainan	
Cainan	70	Mahalaleel	
Mahalaleel	65	Jared	
Jared	162	Enoch	
Enoch	65	Methuselah	
Methuselah	187	Lamech	
Lamech	182	Noah	

Noah was 600 years old when the Flood came (Genesis 7:6). Add those 600 to your total and write the year of the Flood, counted from Creation:

total from Genesis 5 _____ + 600 = _____ A.M.

Now turn it into a date: 4004 − your answer = _____ B.C. Look at the chart. Adams writes exactly that number under the ark.

Our Family on the Stream

What this teaches *A child who has just measured 6,000 years needs to find himself on that line. This sheet puts his own birthday on the same Stream of Time as Adam, and the answer surprises every family.*

Fill in the years you know. Ask a grandparent for the ones you don't: that is half the point of the page.

Me

name born in

My parents

name born in

name born in

My grandparents

name born in

name born in

name born in

name born in

My great-grandparents

name born in

name born in

name born in

name born in

name born in

name born in

name born in

name born in

Now put them on the Stream

The long line below is the whole chart, from Creation to today, drawn to scale. Mark your four birth years on it. Everything your family remembers fits in the very last stroke of the pen, and that is the lesson.

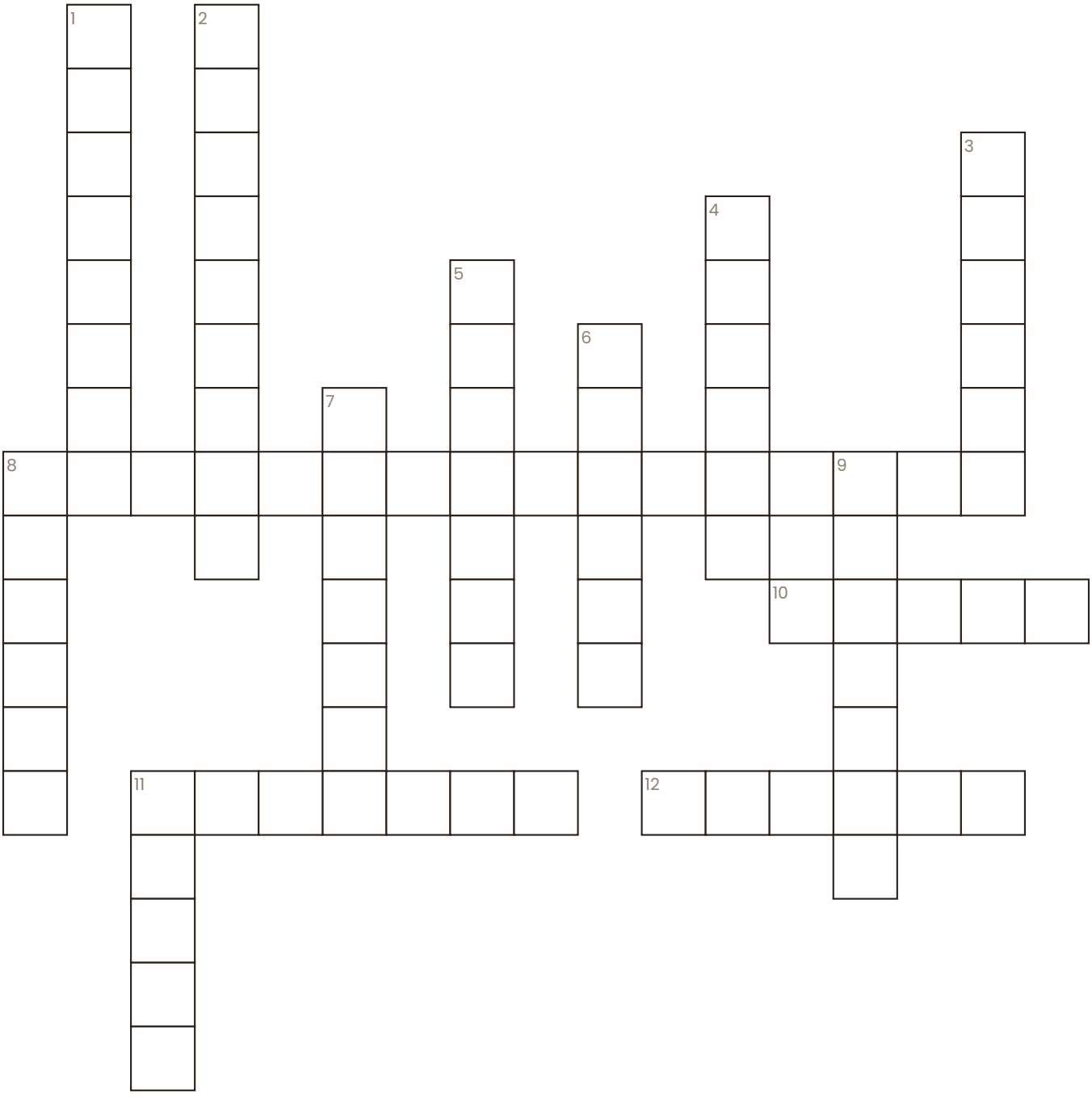


Zoom of the last hundred years, so you can really write in it:



The Whole-Chart Crossword

What this teaches *Fourteen words that a child needs in order to talk about history at all: century, deluge, prophet, creed, feudal. The clues are the book's own definitions, so the puzzle teaches the vocabulary instead of testing it.*



The Whole-Chart Crossword · clues

Across

8 showing things side by side, so you see what happened at the same time (16 letters)

10 a leader God sent to rescue Israel before there were kings (5 letters)

11 one hundred years (7 letters)

12 the great escape of Israel from Egypt (6 letters)

Down

1 the rules of honor that knights promised to follow (8 letters)

2 the father and leader of a big family in early Bible times (9 letters)

3 the old way of life where a king gave land to his lords (6 letters)

4 an old word for the great Flood of Noah (6 letters)

5 a meeting of church leaders from many lands (7 letters)

6 the black mark on the chart that shows one hundred years (6 letters)

7 a person who speaks God's message (7 letters)

8 the black wavy line that runs across Adams's chart (6 letters)

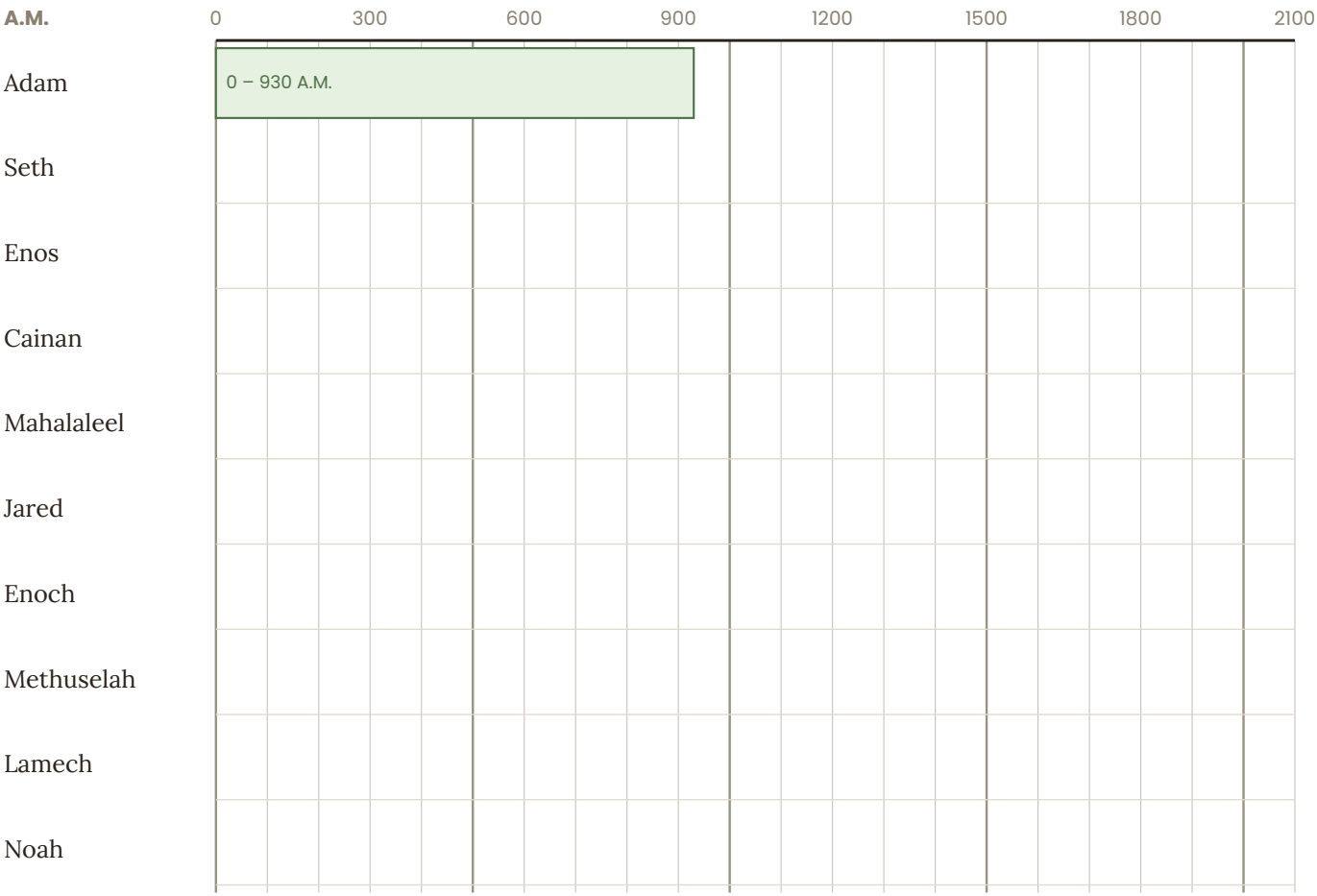
9 a war fought by European knights to take Jerusalem (7 letters)

11 a short statement of what Christians believe (5 letters)

Overlapping Lives

What this teaches *Adams drew every life as a bar. Here the child draws the bars himself, and once they are all on the same scale nobody has to explain the overlap: he can see it.*

Adam's bar is drawn for you. Shade a bar for each of the other nine, from the year he was born to the year he died. The numbers are on the sheet "The Ten Patriarchs", or work them out from Genesis 5.



NOW DRAW A BOLD LINE AT A.M. 1656 AND WRITE "THE FLOOD" ON IT

Which patriarchs were alive at the same time as Adam?

Could Noah have met Adam? Could Noah have met Seth? Say it in years.

Who was the only man in the list still living after the Flood?

History Detective: Who Could Have Met?

What this teaches *Two people could have met if each was born before the other one died. It is a subtraction, and it is also how a true story passes from one mouth to the next, all the way to Moses.*

All the years below are A.M., the chart's own count from Creation. Two lives overlap if each one was born before the other one died. Write YES or NO for each pair, and the number of years they shared.

PERSON	BORN (A.M.)	DIED (A.M.)	WHERE THE NUMBERS COME FROM
Adam	0	930	*Gen. 5:5*
Methuselah	687	1656	*Gen. 5:25-27*
Noah	1056	2006	*Gen. 9:28-29*
Shem	1558	2158	*Gen. 11:10-11*
Eber	1723	2187	*Gen. 11:16-17*
Peleg	1757	1996	*Gen. 11:18-19*
Abram	2008	2183	*Gen. 25:7*

PAIR	YES / NO	YEARS SHARED
Adam and Methuselah		
Methuselah and Noah		
Noah and Eber		
Shem and Peleg		
Eber and Abram		

PAIR	YES / NO	YEARS SHARED
Adam and Noah		
Noah and Shem		
Noah and Abram		
Shem and Abram		

Which pair surprised you most? Why?

Noah died just two years before Abram was born. In which A.M. did each of those happen?

How many people did a story have to pass through to go from Adam to Abram?

Draw It, Then Tell It Back

What this teaches *Telling it back in your own words is the oldest way of studying, and the surest proof that a child has understood: whoever understood tells, whoever only read repeats.*

Choose any panel you have met in these pages. Draw the one thing you want to remember from it: a person, a building, an animal, a moment.

PANEL No. _____

Now tell it back. *in your own words, with at least one date taken from the chart.*

For the parent

Let the child tell it out loud first, all the way through, without being corrected. Write only afterwards. The telling is the lesson; the writing is the record.

Meanwhile, in the World

What this teaches *Read the chart across and you get the story of one people. Read it up and down and you get what no other book gives: what the rest of the world was doing in that same year. That is why it is called synchronological.*

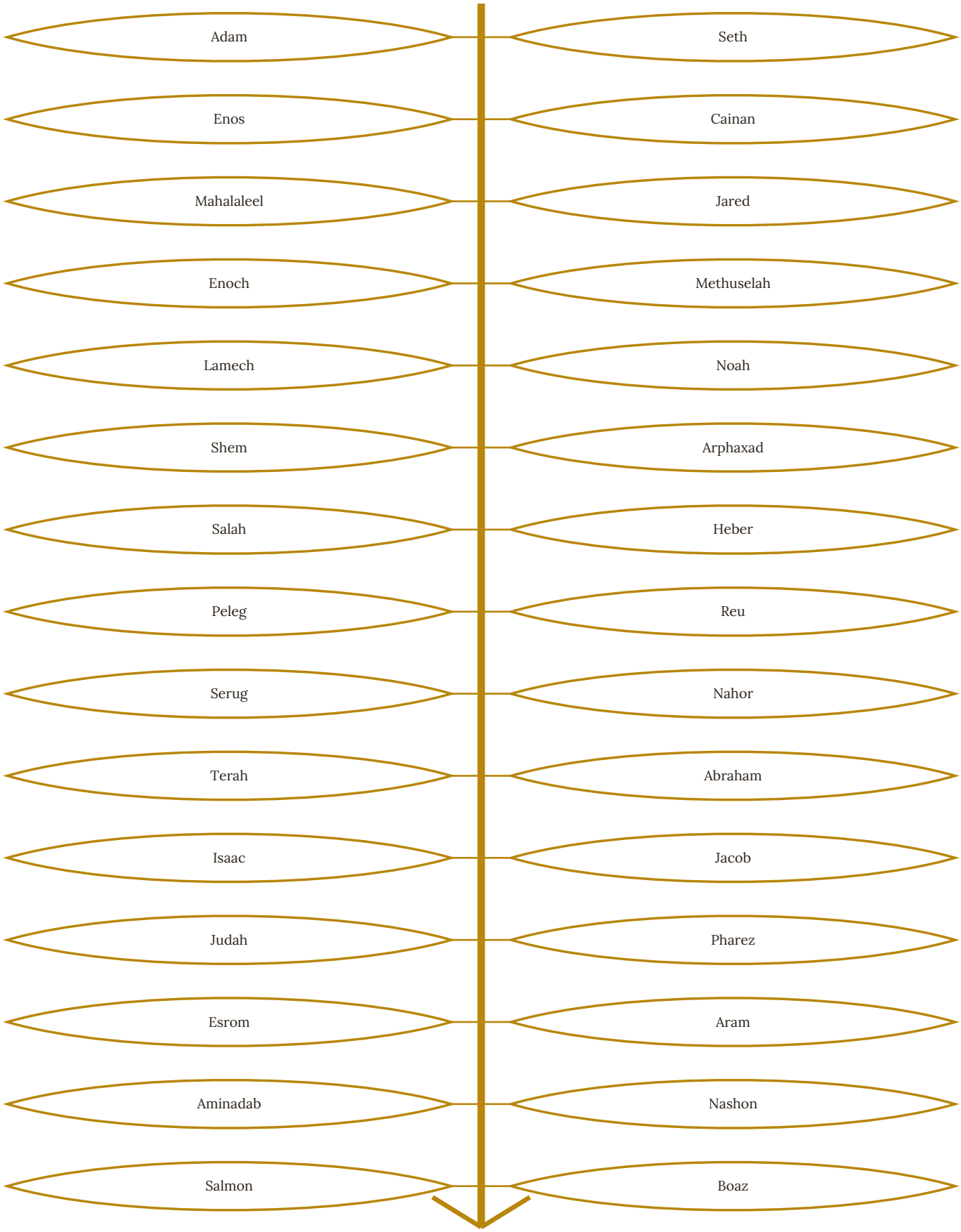
For each line, put a finger on the year and slide it straight up and down the chart. Name one other people or nation drawn at that same moment, and write what was happening to them.

EVENT ON THE GOLDEN THREAD	YEAR	A.M.	ANOTHER STREAM, AND WHAT WAS HAPPENING THERE
The Flood	2348 B.C.	1656	*nothing yet, one stream only*
God calls Abraham	1921 B.C.	2083	
Joseph governs Egypt	1715 B.C.	2289	
The Exodus	1491 B.C.	2513	
Solomon's Temple	1004 B.C.	3000	
Daniel taken to Babylon	606 B.C.	3398	
The birth of Jesus	4 B.C.	4000	

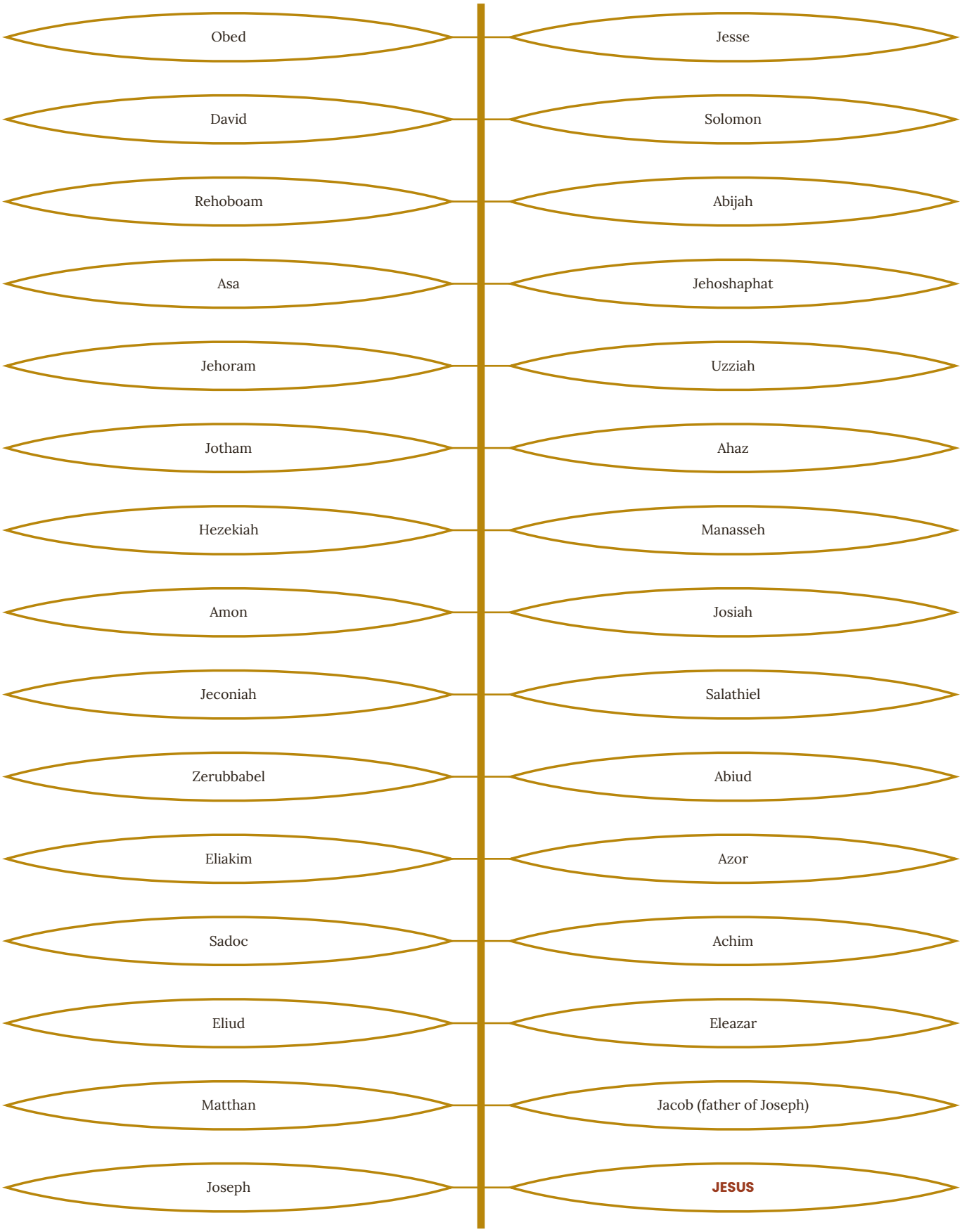
Remember

A.M. = 4004 − B.C. In B.C. years the numbers get smaller as time moves forward, like a countdown to the birth of Christ. The first line is done for you: in 2348 B.C. there was only one stream left on the whole chart, because only one family was left alive.

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The Big Family Quiz

1. Who lived 969 years?
2. How many people were saved in the ark?
3. In which year did Adams place the Flood?
4. What does the name Peleg mean?
5. Who heard God's call in 1921 B.C.?
6. How many plagues did God send on Egypt?
7. Who carried away the gates of Gaza?
8. Which king asked God for wisdom?
9. What was the head of the statue in the king's dream made of?
10. Who drank the hemlock in 399 B.C.?
11. What does A.M. mean on Adams's chart?
12. In which year did the Council at Nice meet?
13. Who went back to Ireland to teach about Jesus?
14. In which year did Columbus reach America?
15. What was the first message sent by telegraph?

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This certifies that _____ has explored 6,000 years of history on the Stream of Time, from Adam to 1881, panel by panel. Date: _____ Signed: _____

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