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JOSEPH WAS THE SON OF JACOB.

JACOB WAS THE SON OF ISAAC.

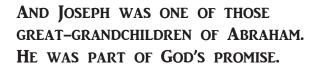
AND ISAAC WAS THE SON OF ABRAHAM.

THESE KINDS OF FAMILY HISTORIES APPEAR IN THE BIBLE, AND THEY MIGHT SEEM BORING.

BUT THE TRUTH IS, THEY ARE KIND OF IMPORTANT.

YOU SEE, GOD MADE A PROMISE TO ABRAHAM
THAT HE WOULD HAVE A SON IN HIS OLD AGE...
AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE GRANDCHILDREN
AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN
THAT WOULD OUTNUMBER ALL THE STARS IN THE SKY.

"Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have! Genesis 15:5







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JESUS WAS THE SON OF ANOTHER JOSEPH.

AND THAT JOSEPH WAS THE SON OF ANOTHER JACOB.

(I KNOW...IT'S VERY CONFUSING...)

THAT JACOB WAS THE
GREAT-GREAT



SO JOSEPH (THE FIRST ONE) AND JESUS WERE PART OF THE SAME FAMILY... BORN 38 GENERATIONS APART.

AND THAT MEANS...

JESUS IS PART OF GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM, TOO.

HE IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE STARS.

AND HE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT STAR

IN THE FAMILY.







YOU SEE, GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM WAS NOT JUST ABOUT CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN AS NUMEROUS AS THE STARS.

GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM
WAS THAT SOMEONE IN ABRAHAM'S FAMILY
WOULD BE THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR...
THE MESSIAH...
THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.

GOD WOULD SEND JESUS,
HIS OWN SON,
THE PRINCE OF HEAVEN,
TO BE PART OF ABRAHAM'S FAMILY
HERE ON EARTH.

HE DID IT SO THAT HIS FAMILY COULD BE MADE WHOLE AGAIN.
THIS FAMILY HAD BEEN BROKEN APART BY SIN.
BUT GOD DIDN'T WANT IT TO STAY THAT WAY.

SO JESUS,
THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR...
THE MESSIAH...
THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD...
CAME TO FIX IT.

KIND OF LIKE JOSEPH FIXED HIS FAMILY GENERATIONS BEFORE...

JOSEPH HAD BROTHERS.
THEY WERE JEALOUS OF JOSEPH.
THEY KNEW THAT JACOB
LOVED JOSEPH MORE THAN HE LOVED THEM.
JACOB EVEN GAVE JOSEPH A SPECIAL COAT...
A VERY COLORFUL COAT.

JOSEPH'S OLDER BROTHERS NOTICED, AND THEY DIDN'T LIKE IT.

THEY ALSO DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY JOSEPH TALKED ABOUT HIS DREAMS...

"We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!" Genesis 37:7



SO JOSEPH'S BROTHERS TURNED AGAINST HIM. THEY SOLD HIM TO STRANGERS FOR 20 PIECES OF SILVER.

