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The book in your hands is the Bible—a collection of books written by dozens of authors across 1,600 years! Feel the weight of it. Measure its size. Count the pages. This is a hefty book. The next few pages will help you learn more about your Bible and how to use it.

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

The Bible tells about God's work to restore the earth and humanity to the way God intended. God wants a relationship with us and the Bible shows the many ways God works to bring us back together. The Bible is filled with stories, historical accounts, laws, letters, poetry, and songs of God's people. Each book of the Bible tells a part of God's big story. We read the Bible to grow in our faith and learn what it means to be a Christian.

The Old Testament is full of stories about God's chosen people, called Israel. We learn about God's faithfulness and love through the generations. God is faithful even when we are not. The New Testament is the beginning of something new, when God came to earth in the form of a baby named Jesus. Jesus died for our sins and rose again! Jesus expanded the kingdom of God to include all people. That's you and me!

WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT THE WHIRL BIBLE?

Turn the page for a whirlwind tour of how to read your Whirl Kids Study Bible. You'll meet the Whirl kids, learn about the different sections of the Bible, discover a few ways to study the Bible, and more!



The Bible is the best-selling book of all, with an estimated five billion copies printed. The Bible has been translated into over two thousand different languages around the world. Remarkable, isn't it?

Genesis

WHO is the audience for this book?

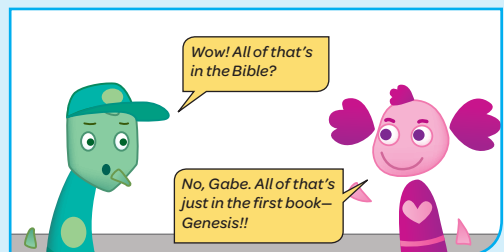
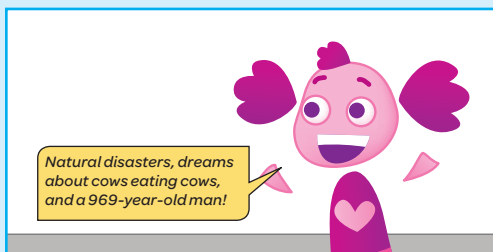
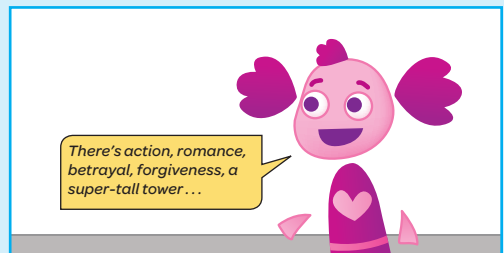
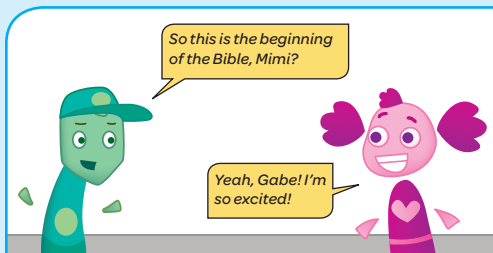
The Bible and the story of creation begin with Genesis. This book of beginnings got passed down in a number of ways. It was likely told at campfires for centuries before anyone ever wrote it down. People shared these stories in their families and communities for generations. After the kingdom of Israel was formed, the Israelites preserved the stories in scrolls. Because Genesis concerns beginnings, the story is written for all. It serves as a start to the unfolding narrative of God and God's people.

WHAT does this book tell us?

Genesis tells us much about the nature of God and God's relationship with all of creation. It offers narratives of creation and human disobedience. Genesis describes the start of Israel as a people. Abraham and Sarah have children late in life. These offspring start a long story that sets the stage for the coming of Christ. This begins many, many, many years before the birth of Jesus.

WHY is this book important?

This book ends with a story of the strong faith of God's people. Genesis is important because it sets the stage for all that lies ahead in the story of the Israelites and the journey they will take to the Promised Land. It also sets the stage for us today, and our journey, as we discover ways that God has created and still creates in our lives.



prince among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our burial places; none of us will withhold from you any burial ground for burying your dead.”⁷ Abraham rose and bowed to the Hittites, the people of the land.⁸ He said to them, “If you are willing that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat for me Ephron son of Zohar,⁹ so that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he owns; it is at the end of his field. For the full price let him give it to me in your presence as a possession for a burying place.”¹⁰ Now Ephron was sitting among the Hittites; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the Hittites, of all who went in at the gate of his city,¹¹ “No, my lord, hear me; I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it; in the presence of my people I give it to you; bury your dead.”¹² Then Abraham bowed down before the people of the land.¹³ He said to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, “If you only will listen to me! I will give the price of the field; accept it from me, so that I may bury my dead there.”¹⁴ Ephron answered Abraham,¹⁵ “My lord, listen to me; a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver—what is that between you and me? Bury your dead.”¹⁶ Abraham agreed with Ephron; and Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver that he had named in the hearing of the Hittites, four hundred shekels of silver, according to the weights current among the merchants.

17 So the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which was to the east of Mamre, the field with the cave that was in it and all the trees that were in the field, throughout its whole area, passed¹⁸ to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the Hittites, in the presence of all who went in at the gate of his city.

¹⁹After this, Abraham buried Sarah his

wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah facing Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan.²⁰ The field and the cave that is in it passed from the Hittites into Abraham’s possession as a burying place.

THE MARRIAGE OF ISAAC AND REBEKAH

24 Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.² Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh³ and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live,⁴ but will go to my country and to my kindred and get a wife for my son Isaac.”⁵ The servant said to him, “Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land; must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?”⁶ Abraham said to him, “See to it that you do not take my son back there.”⁷ The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and swore to me, “To your offspring I will give this land,” he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.⁸ But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there.”⁹ So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

10 Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and departed, taking all kinds of choice gifts from his master; and he set out and went

to Aram-naharaim, to the city of Nahor. ¹¹He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water; it was toward evening, the time when women go out to draw water. ¹²And he said, “O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. ¹³I am standing here by the spring of water, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. ¹⁴Let the girl to whom I shall say, ‘Please offer your jar that I may drink,’ and who shall say, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels’—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.”

¹⁵ Before he had finished speaking, there was Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s brother, coming out with her water jar on her shoulder. ¹⁶The girl was very fair to look upon, a virgin, whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up. ¹⁷Then the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please let me sip a little water from your jar.” ¹⁸“Drink, my lord,” she said, and quickly lowered her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. ¹⁹When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “I will draw for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.” ²⁰So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. ²¹The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful.

²² When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold nose-ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, ²³and said, “Tell me

whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?” ²⁴She said to him, “I am the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.” ²⁵She added, “We have plenty of straw and fodder and a place to spend the night.” ²⁶The man bowed his head and worshiped the LORD ²⁷and said, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the LORD has led me on the way to the house of my master’s kin.”

²⁸ Then the girl ran and told her mother’s household about these things. ²⁹Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban; and Laban ran out to the man, to the spring. ³⁰As soon as he had seen the nose-ring, and the bracelets on his sister’s arms, and when he heard the words of his sister Rebekah, “Thus the man spoke to me,” he went to the man; and there he was, standing by the camels at the spring. ³¹He said, “Come in, O blessed of the LORD. Why do you stand outside when I have prepared the house and a place for the camels?” ³²So the man came into the house; and Laban unloaded the camels, and gave him straw and fodder for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. ³³Then food was set before him to eat; but he said, “I will not eat until I have told my errand.” He said, “Speak on.”

³⁴ So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. ³⁵The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the



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There are many ways to pray, including out loud, silently, with others, with eyes shut and hands folded, and when walking around. Experiment with different ways to pray. Lead your family in a prayer today.

Canaanites, in whose land I live;³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.³⁹ I said to my master, 'Perhaps the woman will not follow me.'⁴⁰ But he said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you and make your way successful. You shall get a wife for my son from my kindred, from my father's house.⁴¹ Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my kindred; even if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.'

42 "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going!⁴³ I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,"⁴⁴ and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

45 "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.'⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels.⁴⁷ Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms.⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.⁴⁹ Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that

I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered, "The thing comes from the LORD; we cannot speak to you anything bad or good.⁵¹ Look, Rebekah is before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken."

52 When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the LORD.⁵³ And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments.⁵⁴ Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they rose in the morning, he said, "Send me back to my master."⁵⁵ Her brother and her mother said, "Let the girl remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go."⁵⁶ But he said to them, "Do not delay me, since the LORD has made my journey successful; let me go that I may go to my master."⁵⁷ They said, "We will call the girl, and ask her."⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will."⁵⁹ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men.⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes."

⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

62 Now Isaac had come from^a Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb.⁶³ Isaac went out in the evening to walk^b in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming.⁶⁴ And Rebekah

^a Syr Tg: Heb *from coming to* ^b Meaning of Heb word is uncertain

looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

ABRAHAM MARRIES KETURAH

25 Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. ²She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. ³Jokshan was the father of Sheba and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Ashurim, Letushim, and Leummim. ⁴The sons of Midian were Ephah, Ephher, Hanoah, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. ⁵Abraham gave all he had to Isaac. ⁶But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, while he was still living, and he sent them away from his son Isaac, eastward to the east country.

THE DEATH OF ABRAHAM

⁷ This is the length of Abraham’s life, one hundred seventy-five years. ⁸Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. ⁹His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, ¹⁰the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with his wife Sarah. ¹¹After the death of Abraham God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi.

ISHMAEL’S DESCENDANTS

¹² These are the descendants of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah’s slave-girl, bore to Abraham. ¹³These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, named in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael; and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, ¹⁴Mishma, Dumah, Massa, ¹⁵Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. ¹⁶These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages and by their encampments, twelve princes according to their tribes. ¹⁷(This is the length of the life of Ishmael, one hundred thirty-seven years; he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.) ¹⁸They settled from Havilah to Shur, which is opposite Egypt in the direction of Assyria; he settled down^a alongside of^b all his people.

THE BIRTH AND YOUTH OF ESAU AND JACOB

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?”^c So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.”

²⁴When her time to give birth was at

^a Heb he fell ^b Or down in opposition to ^c Syr: Meaning of Heb uncertain



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