**Grace and Faithfulness of God in Sending Jesus Christ**

Matthew 1:1-17   
Key Verse: 1:1, **“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”**

1. Whose genealogy is this (1)? What does “Christ (Messiah)” mean (Isa 7:14; 9:6-7)? Why is Jesus declared to be the son of Abraham and the son of David (Ge 12:2-3; 2Sa 7:16)? What kind of men were Abraham and David? (Ro 4:3,6-8)

2. Note the four women Matthew included in verses 2-6. How did each one show their unique faith? (Gen 38:14, 25-26; Jos 2:8-11; Ru 1:16-17; 1Ki 1:17) What does their inclusion show about God’s grace? What sins of David and one woman are alluded to (6; 2Sa 12:9)? How does this show God’s mercy (2Sa 12:13)?

3. Read verses 6b-11. How were most of the kings a bad influence on their people, and how did God reveal His righteousness (2Ki 21:11-12; 2Ki 24:20a)? How was God with His people despite their rebellion and corruption? (2Ki 8:19)?

4. In verses 12-16, what was the situation of God’s people during this time? How was God’s faithfulness shown in this time of suffering (Jer 30:10-11; 2Ch 36:23)? How might this turn people’s hearts to God and to His promises?

5. Read Verse 16. How is Joseph described differently and why? How does it reveal Jesus’ deity (Luke 1:34-35)? How did faithful God fulfill His promises (16-17)? What does Jesus’ birth mean to the people and to us?