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# Introduction

Dear Young Explorer,

Before the world buzzed with smartphones, cars, and computers, there lived someone truly extraordinary—Jesus Christ. He brought healing to the sick, food to the hungry, comfort to the hurting, and love to every soul He met. But more than anything, Jesus came to show us the depth of God’s love and how we can live each day with compassion, courage, and joy.

The Bible is a treasure chest of powerful stories about Jesus—not just to read, but to carry in your heart. These stories teach us how to be kind even when it’s hard, how to forgive when we’re hurt, and how to trust God through life’s ups and downs. Each one is like a glowing lantern, lighting the path to a life filled with purpose and peace.

As you turn these pages, you’ll journey beside Jesus along the shores of Galilee, witness Him calming fierce storms, feeding crowds with just a few loaves, and speaking words that can change your heart forever. These aren’t just ancient tales—they’re God’s living message to you, right now.

So snuggle in, open your heart wide, and let’s dive into the timeless world of the Bible—where Jesus Himself teaches us how to love deeply, live brightly, and be a light in the world.

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# The Earthly Family Line of Jesus

## Taken from Matthew 1:1–17

Let us trace the earthly family tree of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah.

It begins with Abraham, the father of faith, who had a son named Isaac. Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob had twelve sons, one of whom was Judah.

Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez fathered Hezron, and Hezron fathered Ram.

Ram was the father of Amminadab, who had a son named Nahshon. Nahshon fathered Salmon.

Salmon married Rahab, and together they had Boaz. Boaz married Ruth, and they had a son named Obed.

Obed became the father of Jesse, and Jesse fathered David—the great king of Israel. David had a son named Solomon, born to Bathsheba, the widow of Uriah.

Solomon fathered Rehoboam, who fathered Abijah. Abijah's son was Asa.

Asa fathered Jehoshaphat, who fathered Joram. Joram's son was Uzziah.

Uzziah fathered Jotham, and Jotham fathered Ahaz. Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.

Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, who fathered Amon. Amon's son was Josiah.

Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, around the time the people of Israel were exiled to Babylon.