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# HOW CAN I KNOW GOD EXISTS?

How do you know the wind exists? You do not need to see the wind to know that it exists. Even though you cannot see the wind, you can see things move. You can feel the wind on your face. You know the wind exists because of what it does.

How can you know that God exists? You cannot see God, either. You can know God lives by the things He does.

In this LIFEPAC® you will learn some ways in which you can know that God exists because of the things He has done. You will learn about God's plan for His people. God's plan included His Son coming to earth. You also will learn about a man called Thomas Aquinas who helped show man that God exists. You will study some facts of science in the Bible. Finally, you will study why you need God and the ways that you can know God.

## Objectives

**Read these objectives.** The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAC. Each section will list according to the numbers below what objectives will be met in that section. When you have completed this LIFEPAC, you should be able to:

1. Tell about the beginning of the Jewish nation.
2. Describe how God came to earth.
3. Tell two facts about Thomas Aquinas.
4. Give three facts about science found in the Bible.
5. Explain why man needs God.
6. Tell how man can know God.
7. Recite four Bible verses.

## Who Has Seen the Wind?

Who has seen the wind?  
Neither I nor you;  
But where the leaves hang trembling,  
The wind is passing thro'.  
Who has seen the wind?  
Neither you nor I;  
But when the trees bow down their heads,  
The wind is passing by.  
— Christina Rossetti

## Who Has Ever Seen God?

Who has ever seen God?  
Neither I nor you;  
But there are things about us,  
That tell us God is true.  
Who has ever seen God?  
Neither you nor I;  
But when in prayer we bow our heads,  
God will not pass by.  
— Dolores Stedman



# 1. GOD'S PLAN FOR PEOPLE

Remember the story of Adam and Eve. They were God's friends, but they disobeyed God. Satan had tempted them to do a terrible thing. God still loved Adam and Eve very much even though He had to punish them. God loves all people very much even though they have hurt Him by their sins.

God had a plan to help the people on earth. God worked out His plan through the Jewish nation. In this section you will learn about God's plan.

## Objectives

**Review these objectives.** When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. Tell about the beginning of the Jewish nation.
2. Describe how God came to earth.

## Vocabulary

**Study these new words.** Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAC.

**Canaan** (kā nun). The land of promise.

**exist** (eg zist). To be real.

**ignore** (ig nôr). To pay no attention.

**Isaac** (ī zuk). Abraham's son.

**Note:** All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

**Pronunciation Key:** hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /TH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ or /ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

## The Jewish People



Read Genesis chapters 12, 13, and 15.

Long ago in the land of Ur lived a man named Abram. The people around him prayed to gods made of wood and stone. God told Abram to get away from these people and to move to another country.

Abram took his wife Sarai and moved to a distant land. He had never been in that land before, but he believed God would take care of him.

**The promises.** After the long, hard trip, God led Abram and his family to a land called **Canaan**.

“I will give all this land to you,” God promised Abram. “It will belong to you and to your children forever. I will be your God, and you will be my people.”

God said He would give Abram many children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. God said He would make of him a great nation.

When Abram was out under the night sky, God told him to look up at the stars. God asked Abram to count the stars. Abram could not count the stars because there were so many. Then God told him, “You will have so many children they will be like those stars—too many to count!”

God also said, “People will try to hurt your family. I will punish those who hurt them.”

God’s promise to Abram has come true. Abram’s family has become the Jewish nation, God’s special people.

**The family.** God gave Abram a new name, Abraham, which means “the father of a great nation.” He gave Sarai a new name too. Her new name was Sarah, which means “princess.” Abraham and Sarah were the first of God’s special people.



| Abraham and Isaac

Abraham and Sarah had a child whose name was **Isaac**. Isaac had a child, and his name was Jacob. Jacob had twelve sons. The twelve sons of Jacob had children. Their children had children. For hundreds of years, children were born until the number of Jews were thousands and thousands.

Often the Jews were treated very cruelly by other people. God promised them that someday He would give them a Savior. After hundreds of years went by, many of the Jews forgot about the promise.

Most of the Jews lived in sin and **ignored** God's commandments. They did not act like God's special people.



**Put the sentences in the correct order by numbering the lines in each set.**

**1.1**

- \_\_\_\_\_ God gave Abram many children and grandchildren.
- \_\_\_\_\_ God told Abram and Sarai to leave Ur.
- \_\_\_\_\_ God said, "This land will belong to you and to your children."
- \_\_\_\_\_ God led them to a land called Canaan.

**1.2**

- \_\_\_\_\_ God said, "I will punish those who hurt your family."
- \_\_\_\_\_ God told Abram, "You will have so many children, they will be like the stars—too many to count."
- \_\_\_\_\_ God gave Abram and Sarai new names.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham and Sarah had a child named Isaac.





Fill in this chart.

	My name was	My name is
1.3		God changed my name. My new name means "Father of a great nation."
1.4		The new name God gave me means "Princess."



Write the correct word in each sentence to tell what God promised.

God                      Savior                      people                      Canaan  
 hurt                      children                      Isaac

- 1.5 God promised Abraham many \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.6 God promised the Jewish people a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.7 God promised to punish those who \_\_\_\_\_ the Jewish people.
- 1.8 God promised, "I will be your a. \_\_\_\_\_, and you will be by my b. \_\_\_\_\_."
- 1.9 God promised to give the Jewish people the land of \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Jewish Savior



**Read Matthew 1:18–25.**

Once a little boy was watching some ants running around on the ground. He thought to himself, “If I wanted to talk to those ants, how would I do it? If I shouted at them, they would not hear me or understand me. I could send them a letter, but they probably would not read it.” Then he thought, “If I could become an ant myself, then I could speak to them and they would understand.”

God decided to send His Son to earth. He decided to make a body like ours for His Son. Jesus became one of us so that He could tell us about God’s love.

**Jesus left heaven.** While Jesus was in heaven, He made the world. He made Adam and Eve. He watched Adam and Eve disobey and sin. They had to be judged, but God loved them and sent Jesus to die for them. He also loves us. Jesus came to earth to die for our sins, too.

How much Jesus loved us to be willing to leave heaven and to be born as a baby. How much He must have loved us to die for our sins!

Do you see God’s plan? Jesus is the Jewish Savior! God had promised Him to the Jews hundreds of years ago.

**Jesus came to earth.** Jesus came and was born into a Jewish family, but He had **existed** with His Father in heaven since the beginning of time. He had always been in heaven with God because He is God.

Mary was Jesus’ mother, but her husband, Joseph, was not Jesus’ Father. Jesus did not need an earthly father. God was Jesus’ Father.

Today Jesus is in heaven getting a place ready for us.





**Complete this activity.**

- 1.10** Try to imagine what it was like for Jesus to leave a wonderful place like heaven and come down to earth. How do you feel about Jesus' doing that for you? Write Jesus a note telling Him how you feel.

*Dear Jesus,*

*Love,*

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Date \_\_\_\_\_





**Write the correct answer.**

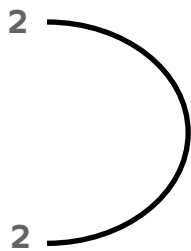
**1.11** Who was Jesus' Father? \_\_\_\_\_

**1.12** Where was Jesus before He came to earth as a baby?  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Connect the matching numerals with a line.**

**1.13** Jesus came to earth to



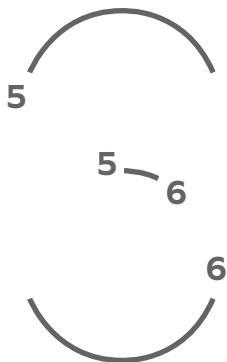
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**1.14** Jesus died for our



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Complete this activity. Unscramble and rearrange the letters to find the name of the land God gave Abraham. Write the word on the line below.

A N V C N A

1.15 \_\_\_\_\_



Complete this puzzle.

Take the first letter of the word ANSWER,  
The second letter from the word ABOUT,  
The third letter from the word STRAIGHT,  
Find the fourth letter in the word SARAH,  
The fifth letter in the word SOUTH,  
Find the sixth letter in the word MOUNTAIN, and  
The seventh letter in the word EXCITEMENT.

1.16 Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_



**Underline the homonyms in these sentences.** Homonyms are words that sound alike.

1.17 God used to speak aloud and tell the leaders what they were allowed to do.

1.18 Do not walk in the woods in bare feet. You may see a bear and have to run.

1.19 The whole class saw the hole in the fence.

1.20 We bought a sail for the boat at the boat sale.

1.21 Do you see the dew on the grass?



**Draw a line under the syllable with the schwa sound.**

In some words a vowel has a sound somewhat like a short *u* sound, but the sound is weaker. This sound is called the schwa sound. The schwa vowel sound is often heard in unaccented syllables. Say each of the following words.

**1.22** a lone

**1.23** sci ence

**1.24** eas i ly

**1.25** gal lop

**1.26** e qual



**Write the words from 1.22 through 1.26 in the following sentences.**

**1.27** If you study well, you can do your work \_\_\_\_\_ .

**1.28** Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ is the Savior for sins.

**1.29** Mother will divide the cake into \_\_\_\_\_ pieces.

**1.30** In school the children study \_\_\_\_\_ .

**1.31** The horse moved along the road with a steady \_\_\_\_\_ .



**Review the material in this section to prepare for the Self Test.** The Self Test will check your understanding of this section. Any items you miss on this test will show you what areas you will need to restudy in order to prepare for the unit test.

## SELF TEST 1

**Match these items** (each answer, 3 points).

- |                   |               |                             |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1.01</b> _____ | Abraham       | a. God's special people     |
| <b>1.02</b> _____ | Adam and Eve  | b. princess                 |
| <b>1.03</b> _____ | Sarah         | c. a garden                 |
| <b>1.04</b> _____ | Isaac         | d. Jewish Savior            |
| <b>1.05</b> _____ | Canaan        | e. Jesus' home              |
| <b>1.06</b> _____ | Jesus         | f. land of promise          |
| <b>1.07</b> _____ | God           | g. father of a great nation |
| <b>1.08</b> _____ | heaven        | h. Jesus' Father            |
| <b>1.09</b> _____ | Jewish people | i. Abraham's son            |
|                   |               | j. tempted by Satan         |

**Put the sentences in the correct order by numbering the lines in each set**

(each correct set, 5 points).

- 1.010** \_\_\_\_\_ God led them to a land called Canaan.  
\_\_\_\_\_ God said, "This land will belong to you and to your children."  
\_\_\_\_\_ God told Abram to leave Ur.
- 1.011** \_\_\_\_\_ God promised Abram many children.  
\_\_\_\_\_ God gave Abram and Sarai new names.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Abraham and Sarah had a child named Isaac.

Use the following words to complete the sentences (each answer, 3 points).

children	God	heaven	hurt
Jesus	people	Savior	sins

- 1.012** God promised Abraham many \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.013** God said, "I will be your God and you will be my \_\_\_\_\_ ."
- 1.014** Jesus came to earth to die for our \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.015** Jesus' Father is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.016** Before Jesus came to earth, He was in \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.017** God promised the Jewish people a \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.018** God promised to punish those who \_\_\_\_\_ the Jewish people.

Answer **yes** or **no** (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.019** \_\_\_\_\_ Did the Jews always obey God?
- 1.020** \_\_\_\_\_ Do we always obey God?
- 1.021** \_\_\_\_\_ Do we deserve to be punished by God?
- 1.022** \_\_\_\_\_ Does Jesus love you?
- 1.023** \_\_\_\_\_ Did Jesus take our punishment for sin?
- 1.024** \_\_\_\_\_ Is Jesus the Savior from sin?
- 1.025** \_\_\_\_\_ Does God keep his promises?
- 1.026** \_\_\_\_\_ Can we see the wind?
- 1.027** \_\_\_\_\_ Do we know that wind exists?
- 1.028** \_\_\_\_\_ Can we see God?
- 1.029** \_\_\_\_\_ Do we know that God exists?



**Answer these questions** (each numbered answer, 5 points).

**1.030** If we can't see the wind, how do we know that it is there?

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**1.031** If we can't see God, how do we know He exists?

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**1.032** Why did Jesus come to earth? \_\_\_\_\_

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**1.033** What were two promises God gave to Abram?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

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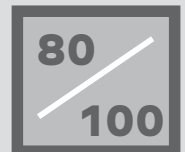


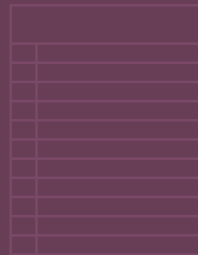
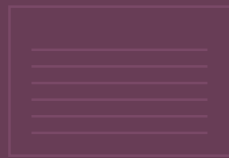
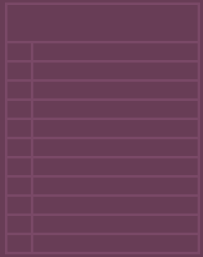
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