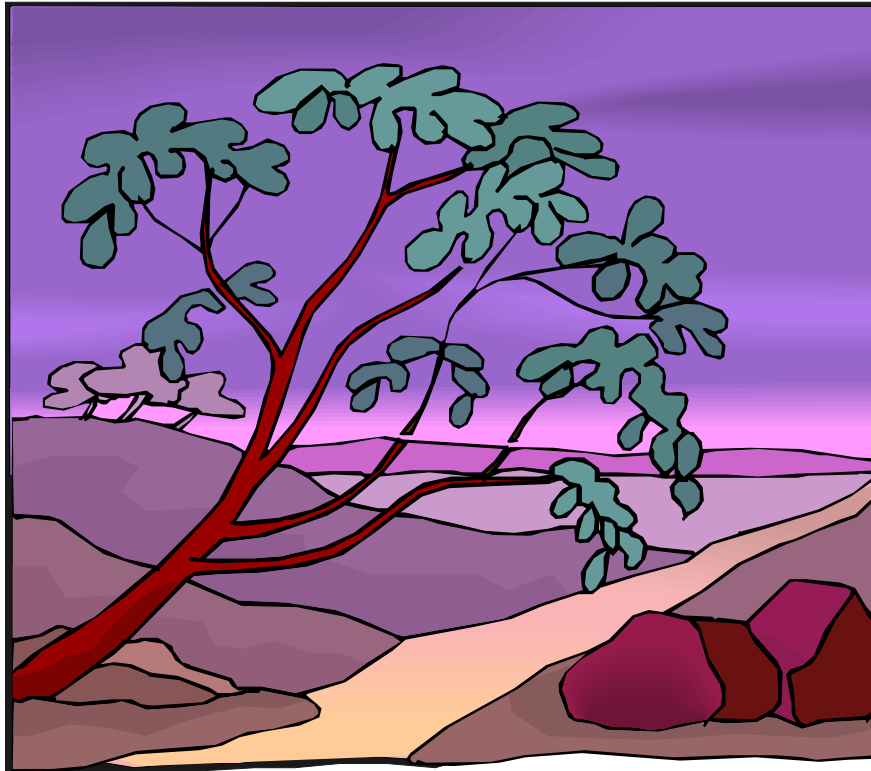


Lesson 19

## Pictures of Jesus

# *The Son of David*



**Matthew 1:1 | “A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham.”**

*When we read that Jesus was the son of David, what it means is that Jesus came from the family of David (the King of Israel). God promised David that one of his family would always be king over Israel. Jesus is the king of not only Israel but of all creation. Just as the branches on the tree in the picture above are “sons” of the main part of the tree, Jesus is the “son” of David although He was born many years after David lived and died.*

A genealogy is a record of a person's family. Just like you would look at a photo album and say to a friend, "This is my father and mother and here is Dad's father and mother and Mom's father and mother," a genealogy tells all about all the fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers in a family.

In the Bible passage above, Jesus is called the son of David and David is called the son of Abraham. This may confuse you for a minute since you know that Jesus is the Son of God whose earthly father and mother were Joseph and Mary. You may also know that Abraham did not have any sons named David. What does this mean?

The answer is that God gave a promise to Abraham and to David which told about Jesus. This promise made a family out of Abraham, David and Jesus.

God promised Abraham that he would have children even though he and his wife Sarah were very old and were not able to have children. God told Abraham that his family would be so big it would not be able to be counted. God's promise came true and Abraham and Sarah had

children. God told Abraham that, "Through your offspring (family) all nations on earth will be blessed." This promise told of Jesus who would come many years later to be a blessing to all people.

David was a member of Abraham's family who was born many years after Abraham died. David became king of Israel and was faithful to God. God promised David that, "Your house and your kingdom will endure (last) forever before me; your throne will be established forever." From that time on, a member of David's family was king in Israel. From this family of kings came the greatest king of all, Jesus. The big difference is that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world but includes everyone in the whole world. Jesus' kingdom is heaven and earth and all of creation, not just one country.

God's promise is what made Abraham, David and Jesus a family; but that is not the end of the story. By God's promise, we are Jesus' brothers and sisters if we believe He is our Savior. As it says in Hebrews 2:11, "Both the one who makes men holy (Jesus) and those who are made holy (all who believe that Jesus is their

Savior) are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers (and sisters)."

What a wonderful family we belong to!

### PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for taking away our sins and making us holy before God the Father. Because of what You did for us, we are Your brothers and sisters and part of Your family. That is a great blessing and honor for us. Amen