

CHAPTER ONE

Before reading Chapter 1, answer the questions below to test your knowledge. Enter your answers in the column marked 1st, read the chapter, then enter your answers in the column marked 2nd.

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1. **Why did God create man in his image and likeness?**
 - a. He wanted us to be little gods.
 - b. He wanted us to look like gods.
 - c. He wanted us to have his character traits.
 - d. He wanted us to rule over creation.
2. **Why did God banish Adam and Eve from the garden?**
 - a. God was angry with them.
 - b. They had lost the privilege of the easy life.
 - c. They could not be allowed to eat from the tree of life.
 - d. God was trying to teach them a lesson about sin.
3. **Why was God not pleased with Cain's offering?**
 - a. Cain did not do what was right.
 - b. Abel had brought a better offering.
 - c. God preferred an offering from the flock.
 - d. Cain's offer was too small.
4. **Why did God send the flood?**
 - a. God regretted making human beings on the earth.
 - b. God wanted to start over with Noah and his family.
 - c. The human race had become evil.
 - d. All of the above.

Several verses begin simply with "God said." In what ways does this impact your view of God and his authority? _____

After reading Chapter 1, what is one question you wish you could ask God about what you have read?

CHAPTER TWO

Before reading Chapter 2, answer the questions below to test your knowledge. Enter your answers in the column marked 1st, read the chapter, then enter your answers in the column marked 2nd.

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- 1. What was the promise God gave Abram?**
 - a. I will give you long life.
 - b. I will give you countless offspring.
 - c. I will give you great health.
 - d. I will make you wealthy beyond measure.
- 2. Why did God choose to spare Isaac's life from sacrifice?**
 - a. Abraham pleaded with God to spare his son.
 - b. Isaac was unwilling to go through with it.
 - c. Another sacrifice was made available.
 - d. Abraham feared God.
- 3. When Jacob wrestled with the man through the night, what did he want from him?**
 - a. He wanted the man to simply let him go.
 - b. He wanted the wealth the man possessed
 - c. He wanted a blessing from him.
 - d. He wanted a promise of safety for this family.
- 4. Why did Jacob send flocks and herds to his brother Esau?**
 - a. He wanted to find favor in Esau's eyes.
 - b. He knew Esau was in need.
 - c. They were Esau's flocks and herds and he was returning them.
 - d. He didn't want to be a shepherd anymore.

If you were in Abram's sandals, what would be the biggest challenge of being asked to move to a new land? _____

What do you learn about God from the way he takes care of Hagar and Ishmael?

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1. **Why did Joseph's brothers want to get rid of him?**
 - a. Because of his coat of many colors.
 - b. Because of his dreams.
 - c. Because he was not a good shepherd.
 - d. Because he cheated them.
2. **What position of authority was Joseph given by Pharaoh?**
 - e. Joseph was made second in command in all of Egypt.
 - f. Joseph was put in charge of the collection grain.
 - g. Joseph was put in charge of the distribution of food.
 - h. All of the above.
3. **When his brothers came to Egypt, what was Joseph's accusation against them?**
 - i. He accused them of being thieves.
 - j. He accused them of being traitors.
 - k. He accused them of being spies.
 - l. He accused them of being murderers.
4. **What was God's promise to Jacob in sending him down to Egypt?**
 - m. I will make you a great nation.
 - n. I will give you plenty of food to eat.
 - o. I will let you see your son before you die.
 - p. I will let you see your great grandchildren.

Potiphar's wife falsely accused Joseph. Describe a time in your life were you were falsely accused. What did you do? How did you handle it? If you could go back in time, what do you wish you could do differently? _____

How did Joseph's understanding of what God was doing to save Israel in the Upper Story help him deal with what his brothers did in the Lower story? _____

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CHAPTER FOUR

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- 1. Why did Pharaoh's daughter agree to keep Moses?**
 - a. She felt sorry for him.
 - b. She was barren and wanted a child.
 - c. She did not know he was a Hebrew child.
 - d. She was trying to hide him from the public.
- 2. According to God, why did Pharaoh let the Hebrews go?**
 - e. Because of their growing numbers.
 - f. Because of their military power.
 - g. Because of God's mighty hand.
 - h. Because of the plagues.
- 3. Why did Pharaoh change his mind and pursue the Israelites to the Red Sea?**
 - i. He was angry that they had escaped in the night.
 - j. He was upset they had taken so much plunder from the Egyptians.
 - k. He saw that the plagues had stopped.
 - l. He was concerned the Egyptians had lost their free labor.
- 4. If the people listened and kept God's commands, what did he promise to do?**
 - a. He promised to give them manna to eat.
 - b. He promised they would not get any Egyptian diseases.
 - c. He promised to provide quail for meat.
 - d. He promised to provide water to drink from a rock.

What do you think was the purpose behind the plagues? How do the different plagues add to the power of the story? _____

How do you wrestle with the idea that it was God who hardened Pharaoh's heart? How does this affect your view of God? What other truths about God do you need to consider as you reflect on this? _____

What do you learn about the character and heart of God from this deliverance of the people of Israel and his provision in the desert? _____

After reading Chapter 4, what is one question you wish you could ask God about what you have read?
