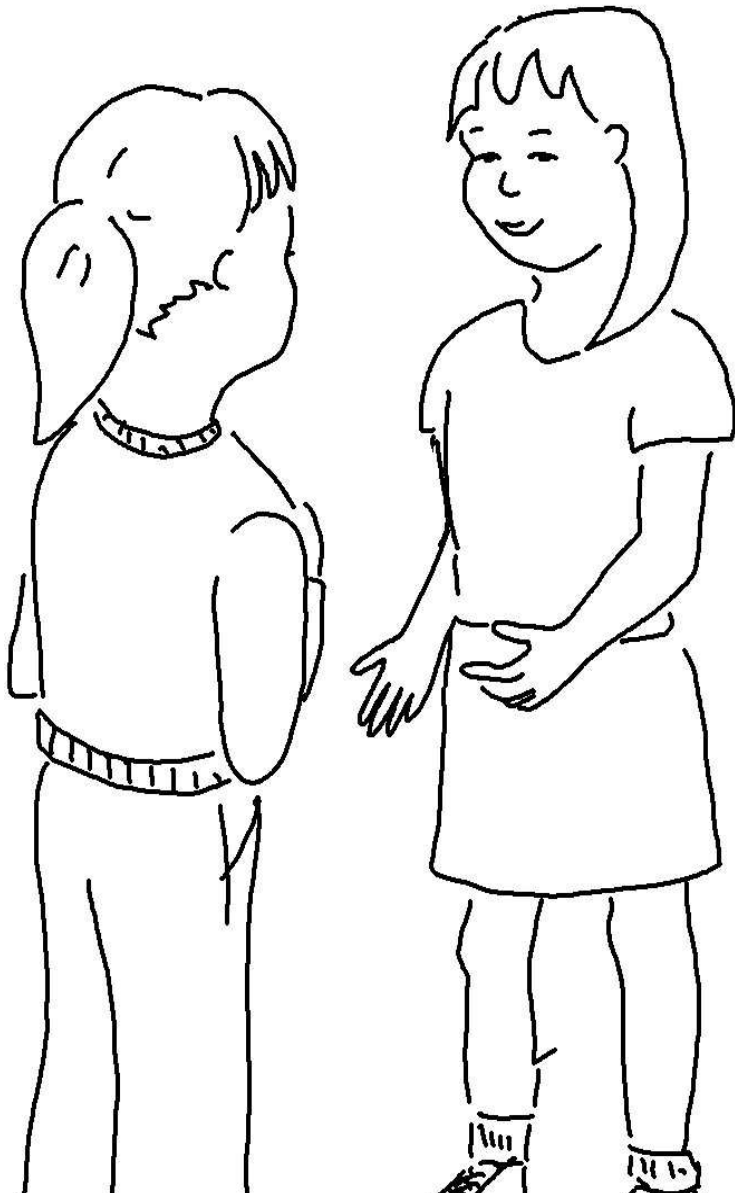


Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father... I was \_\_\_\_\_, and you \_\_\_\_\_ me. I was \_\_\_\_\_, and you gave me a \_\_\_\_\_." Matthew 25:34, 35<sub>NLT</sub>



# Visitors

## Sabbath

A few weeks ago you studied the story of the Tower of Babel and on the Thursday, you learned how Your DNA contains instructions on how to make every part of your body, both how it should look and how it should work. Everybody has 2 copies of each gene in their DNA – one they get from their mother and one from their father.

You inherit the shape and colouring of all of your body parts from one or both of your parents, although you may look more like a grandparent, aunt or uncle. But since sin entered this world, occasionally, something goes wrong when the DNA is copied. As a result, sometimes, not so desirable traits are also passed down. Things like eye problems, hearing problems, allergies and some diseases and disabilities.

Ask your parents, if any of the following run in your family?

Eye (short/long sighted etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Co-ordination: \_\_\_\_\_

ADHD/ASD/dyslexia etc: \_\_\_\_\_

Broken bones / osteoporosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Asthma or allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (disease etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

## Sunday

One day Abraham was sitting in front of his tent; it was the middle of the day and he looked up to see three men coming. He went to meet them and welcomed them saying, "Please, stop for a while, rest in the



shade and have some food to refresh you before you continue your journey."

They agreed, so Abraham asked his wife Sarah to prepare some food and Abraham served it to the men sitting in the shade of the trees.

"Where is Sarah, your wife?" one of the visitors asked.

Abraham said that she was in the tent and the visitor said, "I will return about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son!"

Sarah was could hear them from inside the tent; but she was an old woman now, too old to have children, so she laughed silently to herself and said, "How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure?"

The visitor said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Is anything too hard for God?" Then Abraham realised his visitor was Jesus.

As they left, Abraham walked a short distance with them. Then the other two men headed toward the city of Sodom but the Lord stopped to talk to Abraham. "I have heard a great outcry from Sodom and Gomorrah, because their sin is so much; they must be destroyed."

Abraham asked "But what of the righteous people living in the city? Will you not spare it for their sakes?"

The Lord replied, "If I find fifty righteous people in Sodom, I will spare the entire city for their sake."

Then Abraham asked "What about if you find 45?" The Lord agreed. Then Abraham asked "What about if you find 40?" The Lord agreed. "Thirty?" "Yes." "Twenty?" "Yes." "What about if you find only 10?" And the Lord replied, "Then I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten." Then He went on His way, and Abraham returned to his tent.

## Friday

Put an X on the line to show how good or bad each welcome is.

Everybody ignores the new boy at lunch time.

Bad -----Good

Jenny invites the new girl to sit with her and introduces her friends.

Bad -----Good

Raymond and his friends call the new boy names because his clothes look funny.

Bad -----Good

Jennifer and Lucy laugh behind their hands when they hear the girl who just moved from another country from talking.

Bad -----Good

Luke helps the new boy find a seat in Sabbath school and gives him a colouring picture.

Bad -----Good

Betty asks the new girl's name and tells her everyone's names.

Bad -----Good

Mary invites the new girl to sit with her at lunch time.

Bad -----Good

## Thursday

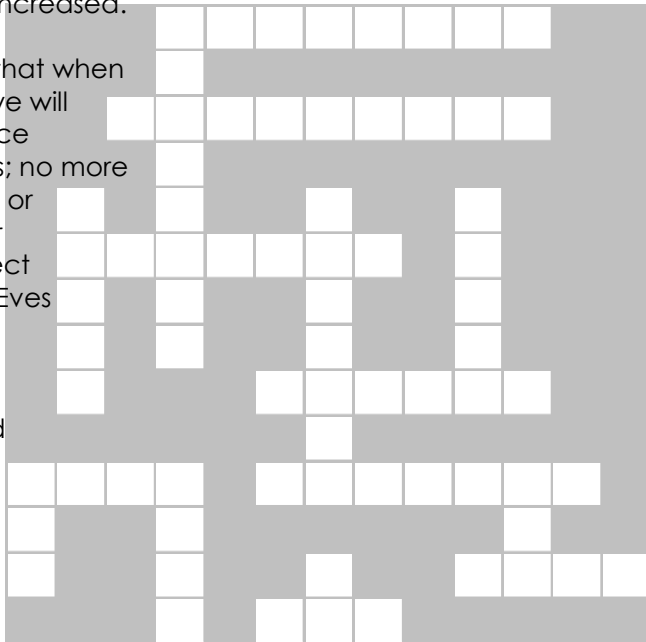
God created Adam and Eve perfect, so Adam's sons could marry his daughters because their DNA was perfect. But, looking at the drop in lifespans, it would seem that after the flood problems started to occur. Perhaps for the first time, they experienced sunburn and the vitamins and minerals previously available to the plants had been buried in the flood so the food may not have been as plentiful or of as good a quality.

After the split from Babel, the people didn't have any choice but to marry someone from their family and so the chance of marrying someone with the same or similar DNA, including any problems, was greatly increased. This of course, led to the common racial features, but was probably also a factor in the significant drop in ages. Those born before Babel lived more than 400 years but those born after lived less than 240 years and it kept dropping.

It was in the time of Moses that God commanded the Israelites not marry immediate family members and even today laws are in place, to make it illegal to marry a brother, sister, parent or child because it is known that the chance of children being mentally and physically disabled is greatly increased.

The Bible promises that when we go to heaven we will no longer experience sickness or tiredness; no more allergies, disabilities or DNA damage. Our bodies will be perfect just as Adams and Eves were before they sinned.

Fit the underlined words into the grid.



## Monday

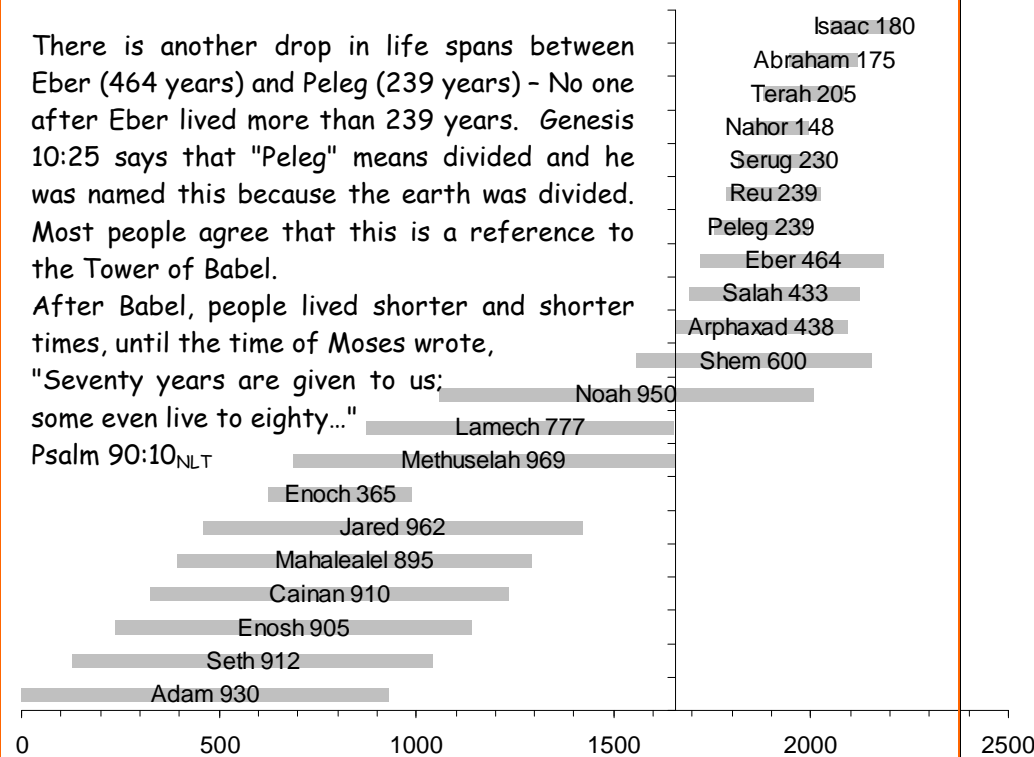
More than one person has looked at the ages given for Noah and the other people who lived before the flood and doubted that they could be correct. In order for it to make sense you have to remember that God intended Adam and Eve to live forever. Adams body was perfect; he didn't have any inherited problems and the world he lived in, although it now had pain, thorns and thistles, was still very beautiful and nearly perfect. But all that changed with the flood; we know that the landscape had been totally changed; perhaps the food was not as nutritious any more.

Some people think there might have been a bubble around the world before the flood, making the earth a nice temperature and protecting the people from the damaging rays of the sun. Genesis 1:6 talks about separating the water with air in between and Genesis 7:11<sub>NIV</sub> says that in the flood, "the floodgates of the heavens were opened." Whatever the reasons, you will notice that no one lived as long after the flood.

There is another drop in life spans between Eber (464 years) and Peleg (239 years) - No one after Eber lived more than 239 years. Genesis 10:25 says that "Peleg" means divided and he was named this because the earth was divided. Most people agree that this is a reference to the Tower of Babel.

After Babel, people lived shorter and shorter times, until the time of Moses wrote, "Seventy years are given to us; some even live to eighty..."

Psalms 90:10<sub>NLT</sub>



## Tuesday

Rewrite these letters backwards to find out how Abraham welcomed his visitors.

EDAHSEHTNITIS \_\_\_\_\_  
TEEFRIETHSAW \_\_\_\_\_  
TAEOTDOOF \_\_\_\_\_  
MEHTOTDEKLAT \_\_\_\_\_

Find the words from Sunday which are under-lined.

In Hebrews 13:2<sup>CEV</sup>, the Bible says we should welcome new people, and without even know it ...

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In Matthew 25:40<sup>NLT</sup>, Jesus says that God will say "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters; you were doing it to me!"

When you welcome someone or don't welcome them, you are welcoming God, or not welcoming Him!

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## Wednesday

Read Genesis 5; Genesis 9:28 and 11:10-19 to fill in this crossword.

The people before the flood lived nearly 1000 years each!

\_\_\_\_\_ (9d) lived 930, \_\_\_\_\_ (10d) lived 912; \_\_\_\_\_ (1a) lived the longest at 969 years. The only unusual one is \_\_\_\_\_ (2d) who loved 300 years on this earth and was then taken to heaven. \_\_\_\_\_ (6d) lived 777 years and died not long before the flood. \_\_\_\_\_ (4a) lived 950 years and \_\_\_\_\_ (10d) lived 100 + 500 years = 600 years.

Those who were born after the flood did not even live half as long as those before. Shem's son \_\_\_\_\_ (3d) lived 35 + 403 years = 438 years.

Genesis 10:25 says that it was in the days of Peleg that the earth was "divided" – probably referring to the spreading out of people after the tower of Babel. After Babel the average age of people again halved. \_\_\_\_\_ (5a) lived 30 + 209 = 239 years. \_\_\_\_\_ (11a) lived 205 years. (Genesis 11:32) \_\_\_\_\_ (8a) lived 175 years. (Genesis 25:7)

