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What does it mean to have the abundant life?

Definition: Abundant- present in great quantity, more than adequate; richly supplied; overflowing; plentiful. (Random House College Dictionary)

Related words: profuse, flowing, generous, unlimited, liberal.

Spiritual life is with God and Spiritual death is separation from God.

What makes an abundant life?

Deep Thought: You are only as rich as the things that you have which no one can take from you.

Christ said, "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."
(Luke 12:15b)

Will possessions give one the abundant life?

Can one have life, but not have Life?

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A Study of Matthew

Matthew 1-2

Lesson 1

Assignment for Next Week — Read Matthew 3:1-12

Memory Verse — Matthew 1:23

Throughout time God has used all kinds of people in all kinds of ways to fulfill his will. Today God can use you and me, if we will let him. As we look at the genealogy in Matthew we can see many names. Many may look at this listing and wonder what one could ever learn from such a list, after all it is just a family tree; however, when we look closer we can not help but be amazed at the people through whom the savior came.

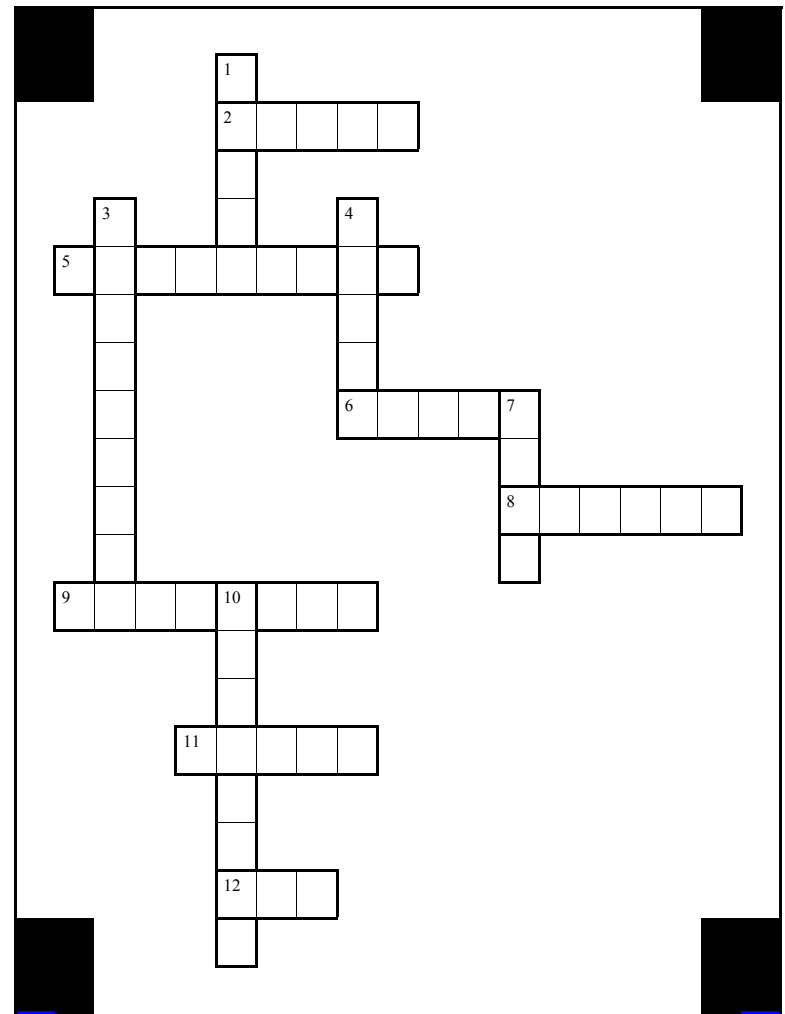
As we look at the genealogy we see the names of Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth. Is it not interesting that our savior would come through these. We read of Tamar in Genesis and how she played the part of a harlot that she might have seed through Judah. We read about Rahab and how she hid the spies in Jericho and most would remember the story of Ruth and her kind words to her mother-in-law Naomi. What a contrast to have these names with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and David. God can use all kinds of People. We also see through this listing that God fulfilled his promise to Abraham by blessing the whole world through his seed. Additionally we see the prophecy of Christ coming through the line of David and the tribe of Judah. Furthermore, in the first two chapters we see other prophecies fulfilled; the virgin birth, the birth in the city of Bethlehem, and Christ coming out of Egypt. In just the first two chapters we see these many prophecies fulfilled.

One great thing we especially need to remember as we study the book of Matthew is the words in the first

chapter verse 23, "They shall call his name Immanuel, meaning, 'God is with us'." No where else, but in the Bible do we learn about the nature of God, how we need to live in order to be pleasing to him and how to have the abundant life. There is much to be learned about God in the old Testament, and there is also very much to learn about God and how we need to live in the New Testament. In Christ, God came in the flesh and gave us an example of how we should live. Christ demonstrated to us by his life what true love is and furthermore, he demonstrated what life is acceptable to God. We need to carefully study the life of our savior and learn from his example how we can be pleasing to God. Christ said, "I am come that they may have life more abundantly."(John 10:10b)

The fact of Christ being born should be awesome to us. To imagine that the Son of God would leave all the glory of Heaven to come to earth to save us is impressive. He left a beautiful place where we all desire to be someday. He left a place where there is no sorrow or tears, no death, and no decay for a cruel world that contains all of those things – death, pain, suffering, and sorrow. How great a sacrifice our Lord made for us that we might have life in Him. One of the most awesome verses in the Bible is John 1:12 - "He gave the right to become God's Children to everyone who received him, even to the ones who believe on his name" and also I John 3:1, "Behold! How glorious is the love the Father has showered upon us, that we should be called God's children, and we are!". Is it not wonderful that we can be God's children and that Jesus Christ left Heaven, came to earth and suffered that we might have life in Him. Matthew 1:21 said that Christ would save his people from their sins. Jesus came to save us that we might have life. Peter said to Christ, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed and

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previous weeks puzzle.

have known that you are God's Holy One."(John 6:68-69)
We need to be eager in our study of his life. We should want to learn about it so that we can strive our best to follow the example that he has set for us. God has so loved us and we should love him and Christ said "If ye love me, keep my commandments(John 14:15).

Scripture Search

Why did God send his son to die for us?

Your Own Thoughts - Put the most important thought you learned from this lesson in your own words.

Match the Scripture with the incident

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| a. 1:1-17 | b.1:-18-19 | c. 1:20-21 |
| d. 1:23 | e. 2:1 | f. 2:4-5 |
| g. 2:7-8 | h. 2:11 | i. 2:13-15 |
| j. 2:16-18 | k. 2:23 | |

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- _____ 1. Wise men brought Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
 - _____ 2. The Genealogy of Christ
 - _____ 3. When Joseph returned from Egypt with Mary and Jesus they dwelt in Nazareth.
 - _____ 4. Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
 - _____ 5. Herod asked the wisemen to come back and tell him where they found Jesus.
 - _____ 6. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him that the child to be born of Mary was of the Holy Ghost and the child was to be called Jesus for he "shall save his people from their sins."

_____ 7. Herod slew all the children under two years old in Bethlehem and the coast round about hoping to kill Jesus.

_____ 8. When Mary was found with child Joseph thought about putting her away privately.

_____ 9 Herod Called the high priest and scribes together to learn where the Christ would be born.

_____ 10. Joseph fled to Egypt because Herod sought to kill Christ.

_____ 11. Emmanuel means God with us.

Discussion Questions and find related scriptures

1. Who was Tamar?
2. Who was Rahab?
3. Who was Ruth?
4. Who was Abraham?
5. Who was Jacob?
6. Who was David?
7. What are your thoughts about Jesus leaving Heaven to come to earth?

8. What are your thoughts on Jesus name Immanuel?

9. Why did Jesus come to earth(Matthew 1:21)?

Cross Word Fun for Learning

Across

2. The Lord warned Joseph to flee to _____ because Herod sought to kill Jesus.(2:13)
5. Wise men came to what city to find information about the birth place of the King of the Jews.(2:1)
6. God warned the wisemen through a _____ not to return to Herod.(2:12)
8. “_____ weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.(2:18)
9. Means God with Us.(1:23)
11. Joseph was a son of _____.(1:20)
12. All children from and under the age of _____ were killed by Herod in Bethlehem.(2:16)

Down

1. Joseph was told that the child that would be born of Mary should be called?(1:21)
3. Jesus was born in _____.(2:1)
4. Who was king in Judea when Christ was born? (2:1)
7. Jesus mother was _____.(1:18)
10. Joseph went and dwelt in _____ when they returned from Egypt.(2:23)

Look here for the answers each week for the